



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We had our first All-School Mass of the school year today led by our 8th graders. They did a tremendous job! We are motivated and inspired by their positivity, creativity, intelligence and talent! They have truly “stepped into their power” as remarkable leaders and role models of our school.

This upcoming week is Spirit Week in celebration of all things SJF as well as our 8th graders! We love this week as it includes themed dress down days, a student pep rally on Friday, and a weekend of sporting events. Please see the below flyers outlining all of our spirit days and events!

PLEASE, PLEASE JOIN US! Liz Repking, renowned internet safety consultant, author, and founder of the CASE program, Cyber Awareness and Safety Education, which is implemented in middle schools nationwide will be on campus on Monday, September 9th at 7p.m. in Kane Hall for an adult conversation. Ms. Repking will be speaking to our older Falcons during the day. This parent/guardian only event will be an overview of what our kids learned as well as important details for us to know to ensure your child(ren)’s safety. **Your child(ren) are too important to miss this!** It takes a village to raise good kids and we are so grateful to be in this village together with you! Please feel free to bring adult relatives and friends from other schools and parishes. All are welcome!

Now more than ever, it is a great time to be a Falcon! The future of our school and community is bright! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **You Belong Here.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

*It takes a village to raise a good kid. ♡
We are so thankful to be a part of yours.*

School Advisory Board

- Our first School Advisory Board meeting is this **Tuesday, 9.10 @ 7 p.m.** in Kane Hall. This first meeting is a great one to listen in on to see how the School Board supports the school's goals. The focus of the meeting is setting goals and assigning committees for this school year. All are welcome.

Important Announcements

- **LOCATION CHANGE:** *Liz Repking* will be joining us for an adult conversation discussing our kid's safety and the use of technology in Kane Hall @ 7 p.m. on 9.9.
- **Americano's Up In Smoke Festival** is today and tomorrow! Americano's is giving a portion of the tickets purchased using our code back to SJF! Please see the flyer below for our code and more information.
- Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade should dress in their school uniforms every day. **No SJF hoodies or spirit wear are allowed Monday - Thursday.** Students can wear Falcon spirit-wear t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies with their uniform bottoms on Falcon Fri-YAYS!
- **Forgetful Falcons!** We **can** accept a student's lunch, water bottle, glasses or prescription at the office. We **cannot** accept chrome books, homework, projects and/or classwork. Let's emphasize this month's trait of the month, **Responsibility**,
- **Tardy policy:** any student arriving after the 7:55 bell is tardy and will need to be signed in by an adult.
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us
- Do you have a **new neighbor or a new baby on your block?** Let us know! We'd love to welcome them to our SJF Community! Email Mrs. Houston with the details: khouston@sjfschool.us. Thank you!
- **Back to School T-Shirts:** we have a few back to school t-shirts for sale. If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us.





OUR FALCONS ARE BRAVE, STRONG, IMPORTANT, SMART, KIND AND LOVED.

After School Gym Behavior

- Please refer to the email from the athletic association that was sent out earlier today. We need your help to keep our campus clean and safe! Please talk to your children about their behavior when they are at school to watch a game after hours. We appreciate your support!

Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <i>All are welcome!</i>
Saturday, September 7th	<i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</i>
Sunday, September 8th	Chess Club in Kane Hall after 11 a.m. Mass
	FALCON SPIRIT WEEK! SEE BELOW FLYER FOR STUDENT DRESS DOWN THEMES AND ACTIVITIES. LET'S GO FALCONS!
Monday, September 9th	HAPPY MONDAY! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liz Repking (adult only) Internet Safety Talk @ 7p.m. in Kane Hall
Tuesday, September 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Advisory Board Meeting @ 7p.m. in Kane Hall
Wednesday, September 11th HOMECOMING APPAREL PICK-UP IN KANE HALL, 5-7 P.M.	<i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7:00 p.m.</i> <i>9/11 Never Forget</i> 
Thursday, September 12th	
Friday, September 13th	HAPPY FALCON FRI-YAY! SJF Student Pep Rally ~ Let's Go Falcons!



Do you ever wonder what our morning Zoom announcements are like?
Now you can see them for yourself! Visit this link to see recordings of our latest and greatest morning moments. ENJOY!

2024 Spirit Week

Show your school spirit the week of September 9 by dressing up in our daily themes!

Monday 9/9

PAJAMA DAY

Roll Out of Bed
Wear your favorite pajamas or sweats!



Tuesday 9/10

Dynamic Duo

Grab a friend and dress alike, or pick a famous duo and dress like them



Wednesday 9/11

Pride in the USA
Wear Red, White and Blue



Thursday 9/12

TEAM

Favorite Team Day
Wear a shirt or jersey that represents your favorite school or team!



Friday 9/13

Blue Out!

Dress in your blue Falcon Spiritwear!



Saturday 9/14

Join your Falcon friends and family at Beverly Park for the football game!
JV is at 1:30
Varsity is at 3:00



Go Falcons!!!



Sponsored by SOAR

FOOTBALL

A portion of the sales to Americanos' Up In Smoke Festival will benefit the FSA.

To purchase tickets, visit

<https://www.upinsmokefest.com/tickets> and enter promo code **SJF24** at checkout to ensure SJF benefits



A vibrant, retro-style poster for the 'Americanos Presents Up In Smoke' festival. The design features a teal background with a yellow and red decorative border. At the top, the word 'AMERICANOS' is written in large, bubbly, yellow-outlined letters with 'PRESENTS' in smaller red letters below it. In the center is a red silhouette of a food truck with 'UP IN SMOKE' written on its side in yellow, and 'TACOS · TEQUILA · LIVE MUSIC' below. The truck is emitting a cloud of smoke. Below the truck, a list of performing bands is displayed in yellow: MOJO THUNDER, CAUTION, BRANDON GOOD, THE LEADFOOT BAND, STEREOTYPES, THE REAL TIME BAND, RAILWAY GAMBLERS, MOES N CO, ROCHAMBEAU, and THE BOURBON BELTS. The dates 'FRIDAY 9/6' and 'SATURDAY 9/7' are shown in large yellow letters. At the bottom, the address '11060 S. Western Ave.' and the website 'www.upinsmokefest.com' are listed. The background of the poster includes a faint city skyline at the bottom.

AMERICANOS
PRESENTS

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THE REAL TIME BAND RAILWAY GAMBLERS
MOES N CO ROCHAMBEAU THE BOURBON BELTS

FRIDAY 9/6
SATURDAY 9/7

11060 S. Western Ave. www.upinsmokefest.com



***September
9th @ 7p.m.!***



Liz Repking

Please join us for a parent workshop hosted by St. John Fisher in partnership with Liz Repking, renowned internet safety consultant and creator of Cyber Safety Consulting. Liz is also an author, and founder of the CASE program, Cyber Awareness and Safety Education, which is implemented in middle schools nationwide.

Liz will be speaking to and working with our Falcons during the school day on Monday, September 9th.

The parent presentation in Kane Hall will be an overview of what our Falcons learn in addition to critical information for parents.

[*Click here for more information.](#)

Your child is too important to miss this event.

Any parent who attends will:

- receive a dress down pass for his or her Falcon to use any day of their choice
- be entered into a raffle for their Falcon to win a free lunch of his/her choice compliments of Mrs. Nash and host the morning ZOOM announcements for a week.



SJF Chess Club

- Monthly gatherings to play games & sharpen our skills.
- All skill levels are welcome!
- **Kane Hall following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, 9.8, 10.20, 11.10, 12.8, 1.12, 2.9, 3.9, 4.13, 5.4**
- Join us when you can.
- Feel free to bring your own chess set!
- All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult!



SJF



HOMECOMING

Saturday, September 14th

8:00am Mass at SJF Church

8:30-9:30am Breakfast

9:30am Meet at Bilecki Field

9:45am Line Up

10:00am Parade to Beverly Park

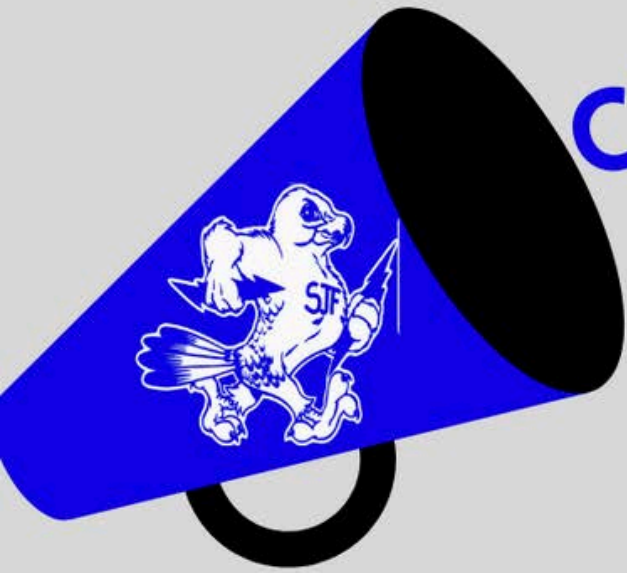
● **4th Grade 11 am**

● **JV B 12:15 pm**

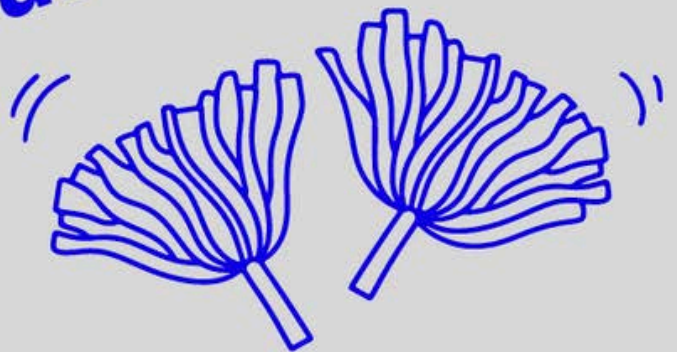
● **JV 1:30 pm**

● **Varsity 3:00 pm**

Future Falcons will perform at 12pm



**Cheerleaders &
Future Falcons**



Homecoming 2024

September 14th



Meet @ Bilecki at 9:30 am

Line-up at 9:45 am

Parade Kicks Off at 10:00 am

SJE HOMECOMING



SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
GAMES START AT 11:00AM
BEVERLY PARK



Bring Cash For:



Split the Pot



Joey's Red Hots 2-6pm



Fisher Merch for sale



Football square fundraiser



8th Grade Fundraiser:

Custom Portable Bar Raffle

Main tent reserved for 8th Grade Parents!

Parade kicks off from Bilecki Field @ 10:00 am!



Social & Emotional Learning

At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to your children about these traits at home for a consistent message and focus. The trait of the month program is building upon this year's behavior system and school mantra:

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.

<i>September</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
October	Respect
November	Gratitude
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



**Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe.
Be a Falcon.**

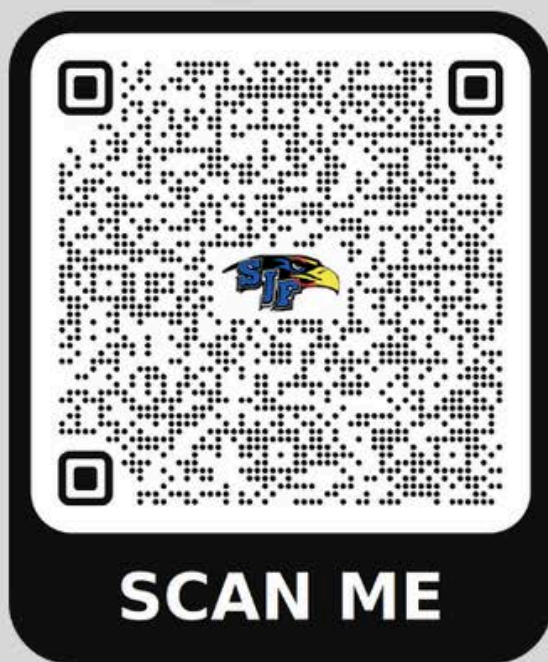






THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Join our team!



FUTURE FALCON CHEERLEADERS



CALLING ALL K- 4TH GRADERS!

**COME AND TRAIN TO BE A FUTURE FALCON CHEERLEADER!
THE STUDENTS WILL LEARN A CHEER AND A DANCE TO BE
PERFORMED AT HALFTIME OF THE HOMECOMING GAME ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14,2024.**

**STUDENTS WILL PRACTICE ON
TUESDAY 9-10-24 AND FRIDAY 9-13-24
AFTER SCHOOL FROM 3-4:15 PM.**

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP ENDS MONDAY, AUGUST 26TH.

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP, THE PARADE , AND GAME DAY
WILL BE SENT OUT CLOSER TO THE DATE!**



ST. JOHN FISHER
SCHOOL & CHURCH PRESENTS



OKTOBER FEST

Saturday, October 5th

ST. JOHN FISHER PARKING LOT

5:00PM - 11:00PM

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD

BEER • 21+

10235 S. FAIRFIELD AVENUE | CHICAGO | 60655



Dear St. John Fisher Families,
Fall 2024

I would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support for our partnership with St. John Fisher and your hot lunch program and for the trust you have put in us to feed your children! This is an endeavor in which we take great pride. We're extremely excited to begin our 7th school year serving the St. John Fisher community.

We're pleased to announce the price of hot lunch will remain at \$6.25 and milk will remain at \$0.85 for the 2024-2025 school year. There will be an added feature to this year's lunch program. You will have the flexibility of ordering a late lunch or milk for your child. Simply send an email to latelunchorder@gmail.com by 4:00am. Indicate your child's school in the subject heading. In the body of the email, please specify your child's name, grade, and the date you are ordering the lunch or milk. In order to utilize this feature, you'll still need to have an active account with myschoolaccount.com and have sufficient funds. Late lunches and milks should only be ordered for dates in which the order window has closed. The price for a "late lunch" is \$7.25 and milk is \$1.00.

This school year our menu will have the addition of more "second option" entrée selections. The selections will include either a salad, wrap, or chicken tenders/nuggets. This will give your child more choices throughout the month. We will continue to specialize in cooking homemade, from scratch meals. Freshness and quality will never be sacrificed. In our kitchen you will always see whole grains, unprocessed meats, and fresh produce. Once again as the year progresses, we will be updating the menu and offering new choices from our home-style recipes.

We aim to keep the children happier than ever with the selection of meals! We are continually striving to improve our service. We value your suggestions and comments and we are always available and happy to work with you. Please feel free to call or email. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Jim Terri
Gilhooley's/Country House Grade School Lunch Program
773-233-2200
terri@sxu.edu



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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- Parent-Teacher Conferences: **10.9, 10.10** *12:00 dismissal **10.10**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **10.11**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.14**
- **11.26** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.27 – 11.29** *classes resume **12.2**
- **12.20** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.20 – 1.5** *classes resume **1.6**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.20**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House: **1.26**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.13** *12:00 dismissal
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **2.14**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.17**
- No School: **3.17**
- All-Staff Professional Development and Planning Day – No School: **3.31**
- All-Staff Religious Professional Development – No School: **4.16**
- Spring Break: **4.16 – 4.27** *classes resume **4.28**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.26**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.30**, 10:45 a.m. “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.1** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.4** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

You belong here. 

**DON'T
FORGET!**

***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **September 25th, October 30th, January 29th, February 26th, April 30th, May 28th.**

*God is good,
all the time.*



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God is good.*

2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

Friday, September 6th at 1 p.m. Opening All School Mass, 8th grade

Sunday, October 6th at 11 a.m. First Communion Enrollment Mass

Friday, October 18th at 1 p.m. All School Mass, 7th grade

Friday, November 1st at 1 p.m. All Saints' Day All School Mass, 6th grade

Sunday, November 3rd at 11 a.m. Confirmation Enrollment Mass

Monday, November 11th at 10 a.m. Veterans Day program, SOAR

Tuesday, November 26th at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Prayer service, 5th grade

Thursday, November 28th at 9 a.m. Parish Mass, 5th grade

Monday, December 9th at 1 p.m. Immaculate Conception All School Mass, 4th grade

Thursday, December 19th at 1 p.m. Christmas Prayer Service, 8th grade

Sunday, December 24th at 4 p.m. 1st & 2nd graders at Christmas Eve Mass

Sunday, January 26th at 11 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Mass

Saturday, March 8th at 11 a.m. Confirmation for 8th graders

Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 24th & 25th at 6 p.m. First Reconciliation for 2nd graders

Wednesday, March 5th at 1 p.m. Ash Wednesday All School Mass, 8th grade

Saturday, March 8th at 4 p.m. Saint Patrick's Mass, 3rd grade

Wednesday, March 26th at 1 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7th grade

Tuesday, April 15th at 1 p.m. Holy Week All School Prayer Service 8th, grade

Wednesday, April 16th - Religious Enrichment for Faculty Professional Day

Saturday, May 3rd at 1 p.m. First Holy Communion

Friday, May 9th at 10:30 a.m. May Crowning, 8th grade

Friday, May 23rd at 8:15 a.m. Ribbon Mass 8th grade

Sunday, June 1st at 1 p.m. Graduation Mass 8th grade

Thursday, June 4th at 9:15 a.m. Last Day of School Mass 7th grade

**All are welcome to attend our School Masses.*

**Parents please enter the southeast doors of the church.*

**Dates are subject to change*



2024-2025 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

CONTACT US



- Assignments
- Homework
- Class Activities

Contact [Classroom Teacher](#) by email or note.

- Discipline
- Classroom & Academic Support **after** contacting the teacher
- Behavior/Specific Incidents

Start by contacting the [Classroom Teacher](#) for an appointment.
If further assistance is needed, contact SJF Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: clarmon@sjfschool.us

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sjfschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@sjfschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions
- MedicalForms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sjfschool.us

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjfschool.us

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sjfschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sjfschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sjfschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: clarmon@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

Ms. Mary Schiavone (K-4): mschiavone@sjfschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us



2024-2025 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

CONTACT US

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, mschiavone@sjfschool.us

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, mcummings@sjfschool.us

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- Parent Newsletter
- Financial Aid Applications
- School Procedures
- Administrative Matters
- Policy
- Further assistance on any matter listed above
- Academic/Classroom support following communication with Mrs. Larmon

Contact SJF Principal,
Mrs. Maura Nash: mnash@sjfschool.us

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
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FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com

