



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a relaxing break! Now, on to Christmas! We have a busy month of activities on the calendar as we dive head first into the holiday season! We look forward to celebrating all of the magic with our Falcons and sharing in this beautiful season with all of you!

Please join us in praying for our exceptional 8th graders who will be taking their high school entrance exam on Saturday. We are excited for our Falcons to take this next step toward the very bright future! A huge shout out to all of the parents, grandparents and teachers who helped them succeed along the way.

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

Important Announcements

- Are you interested in planning **SJF's St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser**? Come on out to Kane Hall on December 7th @ 6:30 p.m. for our first planning meeting.
- **Heads up!** There have been several cases of **lice** reported to SJF and I know many neighboring schools are struggling with the same issue.
- **PACK THE PEWS!!!** Out of uniform passes for Mass attendance continues throughout the year. We need your help! **Please sign up here if you can pass out tickets at a weekend Mass.** A healthy attendance is critical to the longevity of our parish. See you there!
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.



MANNA Updates

MANNA HOURS ADDED FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

- **Hours:**
 - **Saturdays:** 8:30-9:30 a.m.
 - **Wednesdays:** 6-7 p.m.
 - **Thursdays:** 8-9 a.m. (added Holidays only)
- Stop in or use the [Raise Right App](#) on-the go!
- **The best way to order physical cards (local too) are in stock is to order using the App by Sundays at 10 and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6.** Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.
- **Since May 1st, the program has raised more than \$18,000 for the school and \$26,000 directly to families to lower tuition.** Thank you!
- Email the Manna team at Sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions. More info [here](#).



Pro Labore Dei Update

- **An enormous thanks** to all those who donated bags of food for the communities we serve. A total of 127 bags were brought to our pantry and were distributed to the communities of Robbins, Posen, and St. Thomas More. Our school kids packed 36 bags and assisted in loading the cars that brought all to our pantry. Wow! You are SO generous.
- **The Christmas gift collection has begun.** We hope you notice the Christmas tree in the rear of church with tags on its branches. Please select a tag with shopping suggestions or do your own. As in the past, we suggest a minimum of \$10 for each gift, wrapped and clearly marked to the recipient. **All gifts are due to the rectory no later than Thursday, December 14th.** Thank you for your continued support.
- **Lunch making is Saturday, December 2nd @ 9:15 in the rectory basement.** We would love to have volunteers. 10 to 15 students would be greatly appreciated!
- We continue our **food pantry collection on Saturday mornings** from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the church parking lot. Diaper sizes 4, 5 and 6 are still in high demand. Your response to all our requests has been incredible. Thank you and please continue to consider this need when shopping.
- For **questions or concerns** please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881).

Looking Ahead

<p>Saturday, December 2nd</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30–9:30 a.m. <p>ETC 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy</p> <p>4 p.m. Mass All are welcome!</p>
<p>Sunday, December 3rd</p>	<p>8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass</p> <p>11 a.m. Mass is hosted by our PreK, Kindergarten and 1st Grade Falcons</p> <p><i>All are welcome!</i></p>
<p>Monday, December 4th</p>	<p>ETC 3-4:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE After 3 w/ Mrs. Sefcik
<p>Tuesday, December 5th</p> 	<p>*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3–3:45 p.m.</p> <p>*Pop's Special Lunch </p>
<p>Wednesday, December 6th</p> <p>Happy St. Nicholas Day</p>	<p>*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3–3:45 p.m.</p> <p>ETC 7-7:40 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Hoops w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy
<p>Thursday, December 7th</p>	<p>St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Planning Meeting in Kane Hall @ 6:30 p.m. </p>
<p>Friday, December 8th</p>	<p>Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear you favorite spirit wear t-shirt or sweatshirt with your uniform bottoms!</p>



PROGRESS POST

We're 51% to our goal just 4 days into our SJF Season of Giving! All funds raised will go to our *incredible teachers* and *state-of-the-art resource program*.

Donate today at www.givecentral.org/FFEF



We're getting closer!

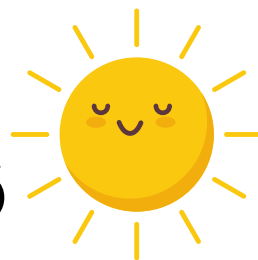
Thank you SJF
Community!



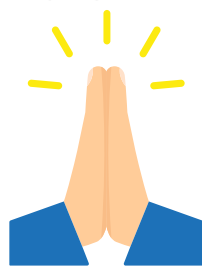
JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

Family Mass



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD @ 11 A.M.



HOSTED BY PRE-K,
KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE









Good luck 8th graders on the high school entrance exam tomorrow. You've got this!



ADVENT WREATH MAKING



St. JohnFisher

Women's Club

VENDOR FAIR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

20+
Vendors

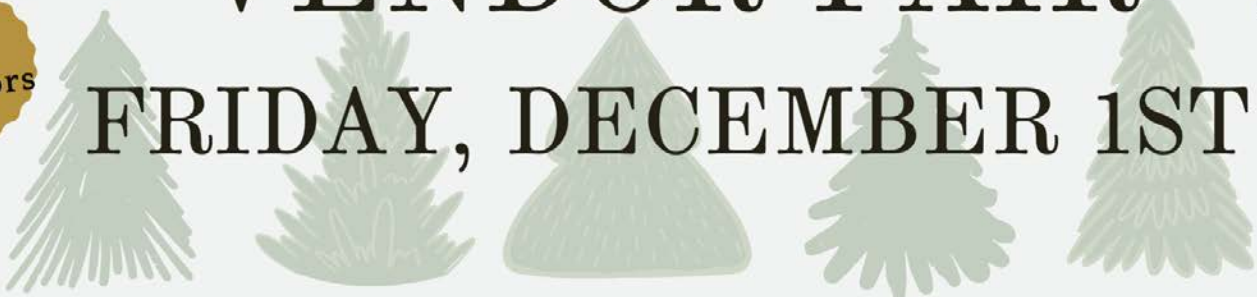
7-10PM

St. John Fisher School Kane Hall

\$10

ATTIRE / JEWELRY / SELF CARE / BAKED GOODS / DECOR

Food & Drink Available for Purchase



Attention SFJ Parents!!!

Back by Popular Demand!!

St. John Fisher

National Junior Honor Society
Presents our 2nd Annual
Falcon Fun Friday Night!!!!



Friday, December 15
6pm-8pm in Kane Hall

Fee: \$10/child
\$25/family

Think of the things you could get accomplished with two kid-free hours!



Wrap Christmas gifts
Grab a quick dinner with friends
Go grocery shopping
Buy that last minute gift



Parents of Falcons in Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to drop their child(ren) off for a small fee, and our National Junior Honor Society students will entertain them for two hours! Our Junior High students will play games and do crafts with your child(ren) while you enjoy some time for yourself!! Space is limited so reserve your spot today by clicking on the link below!!

[Fill out this Google Form to register your child/children!](#)

All questions can be directed to Mrs. Condon kcondon@sjsfchool.us

Adult Faculty members will be present to supervise all activities

FUTURE FALCONS

DECEMBER PLAYGROUP
FEATURING

SANTA!



Experience the Falcon way through play at our monthly playgroup filled with activities, songs and community building. December's playgroup will feature a visit from Santa. All children 0-3 and caregivers are welcome.

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 12

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM
10:00AM - 11:00AM

*\$5 per child
no rsvp necessary, pay at the door*

SANTA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICTURES.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CAMERA.



PRESENTS...

Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



**INFO SESSION
DECEMBER 14TH**

Calling all actors, dancers,
singers in 5th-8th Grade!
We want YOUR talent!

**AUDITIONS
JANUARY
11TH & 12TH
@ 3PM**

**PERFORMANCES
APRIL 25TH &
26TH**

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE
NEEDED!**

**REHEARSALS: TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS
AND FRIDAYS 3-5PM**

ANY QUESTIONS?

Email Ms. Hladik!
ahladik@sjfschool.us

This production is presented through
special arrangement with Music
Theatre International (MTI).

FSA PRESENTS

Christmas CRAFT NIGHT

DECEMBER 14TH

5:30-7:00 PM

KANE HALL

Join us for a night of crafts,
cookies, hot cocoa and meet
the Grinch

\$25 PER FAMILY

FAMILY NAME _____

#OF CHILDREN: _____

OF ADULTS: _____

CIRCLE FORM OF PAYMENT:
CHECK(MADE OUT TO FSA) OR CASH

****FORMS DUE 12/7



Homework Club!

Grades 1-6

**Who do you
contact?**

Mrs. Ade

kade@sjfschool.us

Mrs. Schiller

aschiller@sjfschool.us

Ms. Dunlavy

cdunlavy@sjfschool.us



When is it?

Tuesdays &

Wednesdays

2:55pm-3:45pm

Begins October 10th

**Homework Club is a
great opportunity for
students to...**

- *Begin* their homework
- Study for tests or quizzes
- Review math facts
- Receive help with iReady
- Get organized
- Develop friendships and community with older SJF students!



**Our dedicated 7th and 8th grade
helpers will work one-on-one with your
student(s) to complete homework in an
accurate and timely manner!**



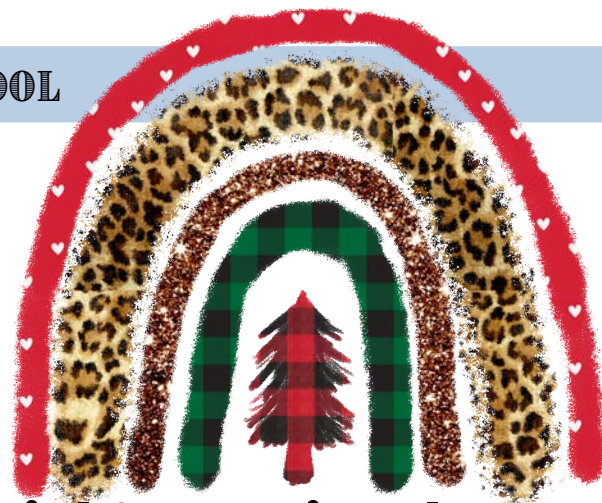
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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

*Below is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

- **12.22** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.7** *classes resume **1.8**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.15**
- Graduation Pictures: **1.23**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass: **1.28**
- Confirmation: **2.10** ~ 11 a.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.15**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **2.16**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.19**
- First Reconciliation: **2.27 & 2.28**
- All-Staff Professional Development and Planning Day: **3.4**
- Graduation Picture Make-up: **3.5**
- All-Staff Religious Professional Development – No School: **3.27**
- Spring Break: **3.28 – 4.7** *classes resume **4.8**
- First Holy Communion: **5.4** ~ 1 p.m.
- May Crowning: **5.10** ~ 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. All-School Early Dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.27**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.31**, 10:45 a.m. “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.2** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.6** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **January 31st, February 28th, March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**

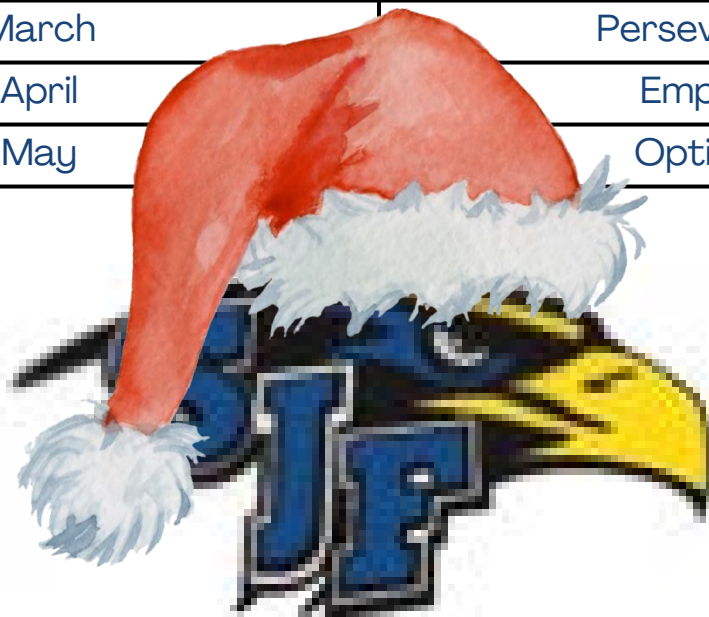


Social & Emotional Learning

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.

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



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

**PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT OUR SCHOOL
TRANSITIONED TO GMAIL 3 YEARS AGO. WE NO
LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO OUR .NET ACCOUNTS. OUR
CONTACT INFO & CHAIN OF COMMAND IS ALWAYS
POSTED IN THE WEEKLY NOTES BELOW AND CAN BE
FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE
OUR SJFSCHOOL.US EMAIL ADDRESS. WE DON'T WANT
TO MISS ANY OF YOUR IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION!**

THANK YOU!



You Are Important!



2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...

- 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



2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

- 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
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com

