



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JANUARY 26, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

Between the launch of our first-ever Falcon Fun Run, the amazing homecoming experience for Sergeant Quinn (7th grade student Ryan's dad) and her family and the upcoming Open House and Catholic Schools Week, the positive energy and excitement in this building are palpable! We cannot wait to have you all in the building on Sunday so you can experience it too! We are excited for you to tour your child(ren)'s classrooms and catch up with friends, faculty and staff! Don't forget to take a peak at our fun bridge display showcasing why we LOVE SJF! If you need directions or guidance, feel free to ask any one of our student leaders in uniform on Sunday. Dr. Chermak has also planned a beautiful Mass to add to our Catholic Schools Week Celebration! We can't wait to welcome each of you on Sunday!

Our Falcons concluded their iReady diagnostic testing this week. The faculty is going to begin their data analysis next week. Our assessment scores look great so far! Our Falcons showed so much growth. We will be sharing more iReady information and reports in February and will be inviting you in to have a data chat with us during our next round of Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 15th. [Visit this link to sign up!](#)

Thank you for supporting our Falcon Fun Run Fundrasier and working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support and look forward to having fun and building community together! We can't wait to welcome and visit with you Sunday. Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **You belong here.** 

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Open Enrollment

- **Now more than ever is the best time to join our Falcon Family!** Open enrollment begins Sunday, January 28th! Please invite your neighbors, family and friends to apply!
- **We are calling all families to be Fisher Family Ambassadors!** What does this mean? **The Fisher Community encourages you to share all of the great happenings about SJF with friends, family, neighbors and others - in conversation or on social media!** If you are active on social media: please share our posts on Facebook, and tag us in any of your SJF posts on Facebook and Instagram; feel free to use **#FalconsNOW**.

Important Announcements

- **Don't forget, 1.31.24 is a 1:30 p.m. dismissal for Faculty and Staff development.**
- **A friendly reminder about SJF's new Tardy Policy:**
 - All students arriving after 7:55 a.m. must enter through the main entrance **with an adult** and report to the School Office. The adult must sign them in at that time.
 - If a child enters school without an adult, a parent/guardian will be called to return to school to sign-in the child.
- Save the date for Holy Name Society's **2nd Annual Fight Night on Saturday, 2.3**. Please see the flyer below.
- **Register for the February Parent-Teacher Conferences** today! Visit this link. We look forward to these opportunities to collaborate with you in person in the very best interest of your child. See you there!
- **Save the Date for SJF's St. Patrick's Day Party: March 9th @ 5 p.m.** in the Conner T. Lowry Gym. Please see the flyer below for additional information. Slainte!
- **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.



Pro Labore Dei Update

So many hands go into making this monthly mission successful. Thank you!

The next lunch making session will be on Feb. 2nd. We still need:

10 loaves of bread

25 bags of chips

3 large jars of mayo

Do you have an hour? We could use 10 volunteers.

For more information, please call or text Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or

Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881)

Athletics Pack the House Update

As we approach “Pack the House” for basketball this weekend, we wanted to send out a few reminders to ensure that all students and families are aware of the expectations while in the gym.

1. Please remind players to clean up after themselves at the end of their game (remove all water bottles and personal items from the bench and locker room).
2. ONLY coaches and players are to be on the bench and warming up. While teams are warming up before a game, there should not be children on the court (this includes the side hoops).
3. Please remind teams that are waiting for the game before them to end that they should not be on the court or shooting baskets on the side hoops. This can be distracting for the teams and refs.
4. Shooting baskets between games and during time outs will be up to the discretion of the refs/coordinators.
5. Please ask your players to clean up after themselves when they are on the stage cheering on their classmates.
6. Children are to be supervised while in the building. There is no running up and down the stairs or sliding down the banister.
7. Children who are on the 2nd floor balcony need to be supervised by an adult/parent.
8. There are no children allowed behind the concession stand counter.
9. The only door that should be used to enter and exit the building is the main entrance.

**If you have any questions or need further assistance with anything, please feel free to reach out to the basketball coordinators or athletic board,
stjohnfishersports@gmail.com.**

The Athletic Board & St. John Fisher School

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



St. John Fisher presents
2024 Boys Basketball
PACK THE HOUSE



Saturday, January 27th

9:00AM 4TH GRADE

9:50AM 4TH GRADE

10:40AM 5TH GRADE

11:30 5TH GRADE

12:20 5TH GRADE

1:10 6TH GRADE A

2:00 6TH GRADE B vs 6TH GRADE B

2:50 7TH GRADE A

3:40 7TH GRADE

4:30 7TH GRADE

5:20 8TH GRADE B

6:00 8TH GRADE A



*8th Grade Mother-Son flower ceremony and reception
to follow the 6:00 game*



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Niamh McNicholas, 6th grade



One of our school themes is “Fly Like a Falcon”. Falcons SOAR above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. We are encouraging our school community to “SOAR above” things that might bring us down, not allowing us to be our best selves. We are on a school-wide crusade to “Fly Like a Falcon”, lifting one another up, celebrating the positive interactions, and kind behavior that our students and staff demonstrate each and every day. **This week, we recognize 6th grader, Niamh McNicholas.**

Niamh is a kind, gentle and wise soul. She is always willing to help her teachers and peers. Niamh has an incredible work ethic and takes pride in everything she does. Niamh is positive, optimistic, thoughtful, friendly, inclusive and always has a smile on her face. She is well rounded, a humble leader and a friend to all. I asked Niamh what her secret is. She shared, that she tries to stay true to who she is and to be confident in her self. That is advice we could all benefit from! St. John Fisher is so lucky to have you, Niamh. Keep flying like a Falcon! You are making a difference and we are so proud of you!



Catholic Schools Week Activities 2024



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Monday, January 29th
Celebrate Community!

Dress Down: Roll out of Bed Day
A special visit from Alderman Matt O'Shea
Ronald McDonald House Collection Begins!



Tuesday, January 30th
Celebrate Students!

Dress Down: Country or Country Club
A special visit from the St. Rita Band,
Mother McAuley A Capella Group &
a Movie Day - Bring in a snack of your choice!



Wednesday, January 31st
Celebrate our Nation!

1:30 Dismissal Today!

Dress Down: Red, White & Blue
A special visit from SJF Alum Staff Sergeant
John LaGiglia, United States Army

1:30 Dismissal Today!



Thursday, February 1st
Vocation

Dress Down: Future You!
A special visit from Fr. Ken,
All-School Rosary w/ prayer partners



Friday, February 2nd
**Celebrate Teachers, Staff
& Volunteers**

Dress Down: Falcon Spiritwear!
Falcon Fun Run in the Gym!
All-School Bingo





Catholic Schools Week Community Outreach SJF's Ronald McDonald House Service Project



PreK: Deodorant

Kindergarten: Kleenex

1st Grade: Kleenex

2nd Grade: Softscrub cleaner (1 per family)

3rd Grade: Stainless steel cleaner or Comet Powder Bleach cleaner (1 per family)

4th Grade: Small cups with lids (10 oz or less)

5th Grade: Microwave-safe disposable entree containers

6th Grade: 30 gallon garbage bags

7th Grade: Laundry detergent

8th Grade: Laundry detergent



Other items needed: Forever stamps, granulated sugar packets, Equal sugar packets.

****Students may bring these items in from Monday, 1/29-Friday, 2/2**



****SOAR will collect these items from homerooms on Friday, 2/2**

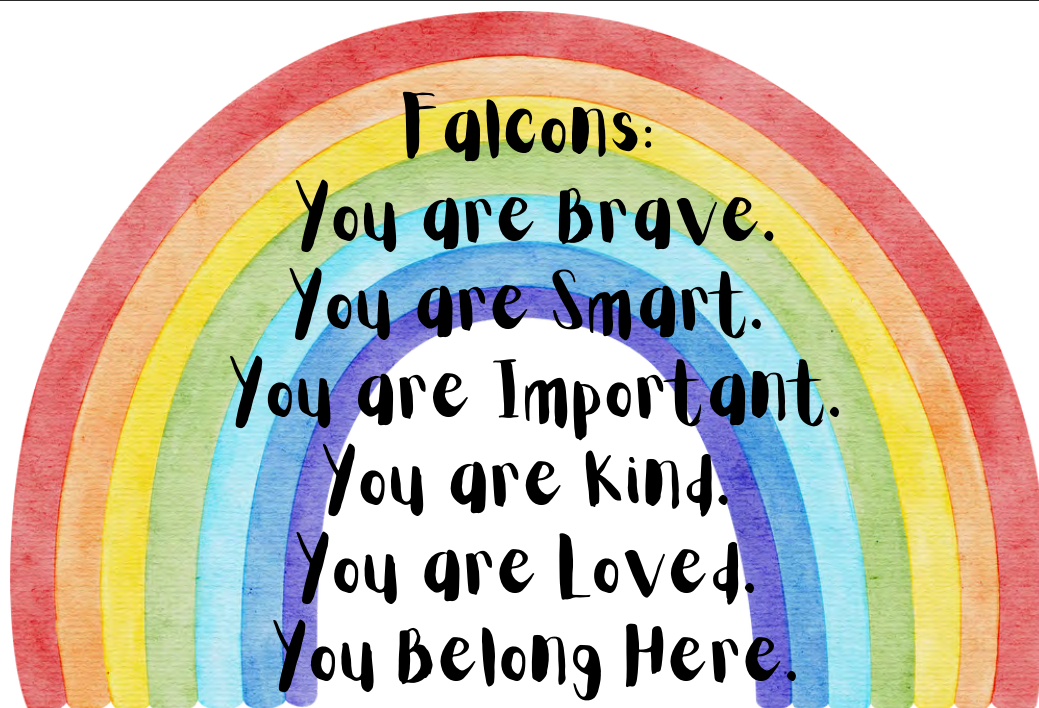


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Looking Ahead

Saturday, January 27th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. 4 p.m. Mass All are welcome!
Sunday, January 28th	Catholic Schools Week OPEN HOUSE 9 - 10:30 11 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Family Mass <i>All are welcome!</i>
Monday, January 29th	<i>Happy Monday Falcons!</i>
Tuesday, January 30th	*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m.
 DON'T FORGET!  Wednesday, January 31st	<u>1:30 Dismissal!</u> <u>Faculty & Staff Professional Development</u> Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 1st	High School Musical Meeting @ 7:15 a.m. in Ms. Hladik's Room
Friday, February 2nd	Falcon Fun Run!





JOIN US

Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S
Catholic Schools
Week Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH @ 11 A.M.

HOSTED BY SJF FAMILIES,
FACULTY & STAFF

You belong here. 



WISHING EVERYONE A WONDERFUL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

*Families & Prospective Families
are welcome to join us for our*

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28th

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration for the
2024-2025 school year begins
January 28th.



10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE.

(773)445-4737

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St. John Fisher by the Numbers

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515
Falcons
44
Faculty &
Aides

12:1
K - 8 Student
Teacher Ratio
10:1
Prek Student
Teacher Ratio



Celebrating
75
years of academic
excellence

iREADY guides small
group instruction in
order to better
individualize students'
learning



Hola!
Expanded
Foreign
Language
experience
for K-8th
grade

Resource Teachers,
Reading Specialist and
Math Specialist
collaborate to **provide**
supportive plans for
students

95
and counting
student led live
morning prayers
together this
year

74 Math-letes in 5th - 7th grade
11 National Winners
All 3 grades ranked in the top
20% in the Catholic Math League

47 altar servers
spanning 6th -
8th grade

Celebrated
weekly Mass
with
classmates
45 times



15 Extra-curricular activities
including sports, theatre,
band and service!



100%
Acceptance Rate
to the HS of
their choice

Class of 2023 earned
\$208,000 in high school
scholarship money

1:1
Technology
allows for
individualized
learning

iREADY
growth exceeds the
national average

25 Faculty Members
hold an advanced
license or degree

**Grades K-8 using Math, Reading
& Writing Curriculum from HMH**
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This cutting-edge program allows our school to utilize
common language and practices when studying,
problem-solving, reading and writing, creating a more
cohesive and seamless transition from grade to grade.

Invested in the
systematic, research-
based **Wilson**
Foundations Phonics
Program for grades
Pre-K-2nd

SMARTboard
Technology in
ALL 30
classrooms



79 Jr. High Students
are members of SJF's
National Junior
Honor Society



**After
school
Intervention
&
Enrichment
Programs**

Falcons participate in
over **3,200 hours** of
service each
school year

Morning and
after care
available for
all students
every day.

**Refreshed Math
Manipulatives,
STEM Resources &
Flex Seating**



ATTENTION ALL ST. JOHN FISHER PARENTS & GUARDIANS!

Catholic Schools Week and New Family Registration is approaching. **We are calling all SJF families to be ambassadors of SJF** and asking you to help us spread the word about all of the amazing things we have to offer! Word of mouth is our very best advertisement! Please share your SJF experience when you are:

- At your child's practice
- In the grocery store line
- At the park
- On social media
- Talking to neighbors
- Wherever else you can squeeze in the good news :-)



Falcon Fight Night

St. John Fisher

10200 S.

Washtenaw

Saturday February



3rd



**USA
BOXING®**

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

FIGHTS START AT 7 PM

Balcon Seating Raffle - \$50 per entry.

Winner receives full access of the balcony in the Fisher gym for Fight Night with 19 of their guests. Winner and their guest will also have food and drinks included, which will be served in the balcony. Also, all raffle entries will receive on ticket for admittance to Falcon Fight Night. Raffle winner will be drawn on the AFC/NFC weekend.

Please Venmo entry fee @Michael-Perry-220 or use the QR code on the right.



The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation
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ST. JOHN FISHER



2024

LUCKY TO BE A FALCON

LIVE
MUSIC

IRISH
DANCING

DAY CELEBRATION

MARCH 9TH @ SJF GYM

\$75 PER
TICKET

Following 4pm mass, join us for a SJF community event including a corned beef dinner and live entertainment. Save the date!

MUSIC • DRINKS • FOOD • DANCING

SAVE THE DATE

For questions or volunteer opportunities please email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
IS COMING!



REGISTRATION
JANUARY 24TH-JANUARY 31ST
SEASON: MARCH 18-MAY 10

Registration is open! Payment due by March 1st



Father Daughter Dance

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 20TH
RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB



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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

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

- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House: **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

You belong here. 

***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



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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

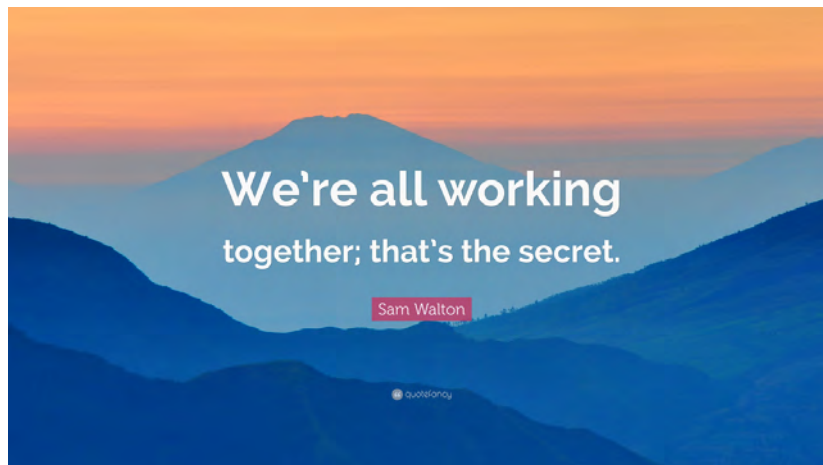
Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- 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



Although no
one can go back
and make a
brand new start,
anyone can
start from now
and make a
brand new
ending.

— — *Carl Bard*