



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MARCH 15, 2024




Dear SJF Families,

Happy St. Patrick's Day Weekend! Thank you to Joe & Colleen Hurley and the entire St. Pat's Committee for organizing a wonderful fundraiser and event for our whole parish last Saturday! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Saturday and to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket to support our school! From the beautiful Irish Mass hosted by our remarkable third graders, Dr. Chermak, Mrs. Caulfield and Mrs. Regnier to the Irish music and dancers at the party and the delicious food and phenomenal company, last Saturday was an incredible celebration and feel-good night for our whole parish! We are all so lucky to be Falcons!

This week was an outstanding week of learning at SJF! Our teachers and students have discussed and reviewed the importance of following school rules, working hard on assignments, and finishing the school year strong. We know our Falcons will continue to *persevere and march forward with determination* to make this trimester the best yet! The harder we work the luckier we get!

All are welcome to march in the parade with us on Sunday! Even if you can't walk the entire route, feel free to walk as far as you are able! We'd love to see you and celebrate our school and neighborhood together! Meet us in the 7/11 parking lot at 11:15 a.m. We are tenth in line so we will begin marching shortly after 12 p.m.

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

HAPPY 
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY 



**COME WALK IN THE PARADE
WITH ST. JOHN FISHER**

Southside Parade Day

**Wear your SJF
St. Patrick's day attire**

**MARCH 17TH
MEET AT 7-11 (103RD AND
ARTESIAN) AT 11:15**

See you there!

Important Announcements

• Congratulations to our Lucky to be a Falcon Raffle Winners!

- Morgan & Tim Degnan - \$24,000
- Kathy Budewitz - \$4,000
- Rebecca Cooper - \$1,500
- Bill Hawkins - \$500



IMPORTANT

- **OUT OF UNIFORM NEXT WEEK!!! ALL FALCONS** can be out of uniform next week as one of our Fun Run all-school incentives! Thank you, thank you, thank you again!
- **Wednesday is a 1:30 p.m. early dismissal for faculty and staff meetings!**
- The April Hot Lunch Menu is available and open for ordering.
- The 2024 Archdiocese of Chicago **5 Essentials Parent Survey** is open and closes on March 22nd. Please complete the survey linked here. We are grateful for your feedback!
- **Can you share your pop tops?** For the next month, **8th grader Maeve Malloy will be collecting pop tops for The Ronald McDonald House.** The Ronald McDonald House uses pop tabs to pay their electric bill. Please help by bringing your pop tops to school! The homeroom who donates the most pop tops wins an out of uniform day! The collection will end April 12th! Thank you on behalf of The Ronald McDonald House.
- The FSA's **Mother & Son White Sox Event is back!** See the flyer below to purchase your tickets today. A huge THANK YOU to Carrie Erwinski and the FSA for organizing this event again!
- **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.



Looking Ahead

Saturday, March 16th	<i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</i> 4 p.m. Mass *ETC 9-12 w/ Mrs. Garza
Sunday, March 17th	8 a.m. Mass ONLY All are welcome!  Walk in the parade with us!  Meet @ 11:15 @ 7/11
FALCONS! You are out of uniforms ALL WEEK! Thank you for all of your support with the FUN RUN!	
Monday, March 18th	*ETC 3-4 p.m. PE after 3 w/ Mrs. Sefcik *Wear your St. Pat's Swag Mondays in March! 
Tuesday, March 19th	* Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m. High School Musical Practice 3-4:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 20th	 1:30 DISMISSAL! * No Homework Club Stations of the Cross @ 12:15 p.m.  <i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7:00 p.m.</i>
Thursday, March 21st	High School Musical Practice 3-4:15 P.M. *ETC 3-8 p.m. March Madness w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy
Friday, March 22nd	Happy Falcon Fri-YAY!

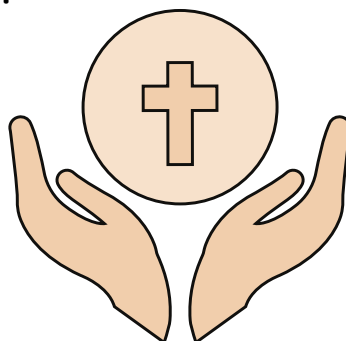


Athletics Update

AS THE WINTER SPORTS SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE, WE WANT TO THANK OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION, CORDIAL COMPETITIVE SPIRITS AND ENTHUSIASM! WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS AND COACHES WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO MOTIVATE, SUPPORT, ENERGIZE AND GUIDE OUR FALCONS. NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU. FINALLY, A SHOUT-OUT TO OUR PARENTS: DRIVING KIDS AROUND EVERY DAY, ENSURING THEY ARE AT EVERY GAME AND PRACTICE WITH ALL OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND CHEERING THEM ON EACH WEEK IS NO SMALL FEAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR CHILD(REN) AND SJF. WAY TO GO FALCONS!

**Pro Labore Dei**

- The next lunch making session is Saturday, April 6th at 9:15. Our current needs are several large jars of mayo and our volunteers.
- Just a reminder that we are collecting Easter baskets for the clients of Pro Labore Dei. We will need them by March 21st.
- As always, thanks for everything. You make our mission run like clockwork.
- Please call Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881) if you have questions.

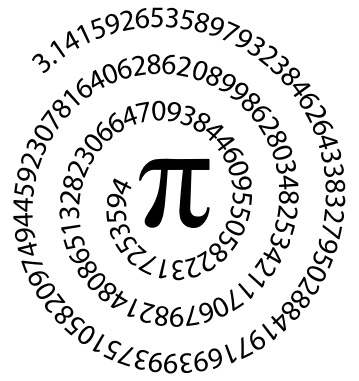
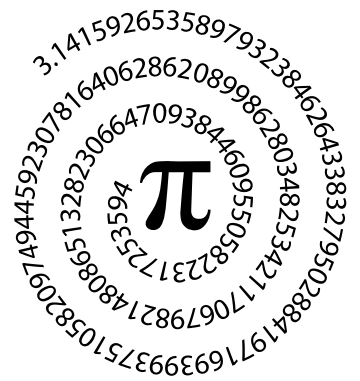
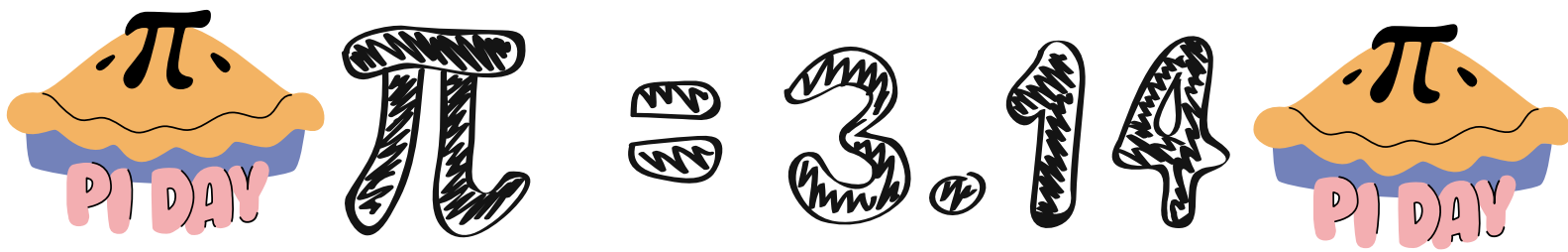




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Falcons!









CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALCONS!



YOU DID IT!



FACULTY VS. STUDENT VOLLEYBALL GAME





MANNA UPDATE: MANNA CLOSED SPRING BREAK MARCH 27TH THRU APRIL 7TH.

Regular Hours:

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m.

Any changes to hours will be posted on FSA
Facebook Page.

Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP](#) on-the go!

The best way to order physical cards (local too) in stock is to order using the App by Sunday at 10 p.m. and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6 p.m. 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 **\$31,000 for the school and \$47,000 directly to families to lower tuition costs.** Thank you!

The deadline to earn the \$300 requirement for this school year is April 30th. To track your earnings, go to www.raiseright.com under Account/Order History. We will not be distributing a letter. If you have questions, stop into the convent during open hours or email the Manna team.

Email the Manna team at Sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions. More info [here](#).

*Thank you for supporting
St. John Fisher!*





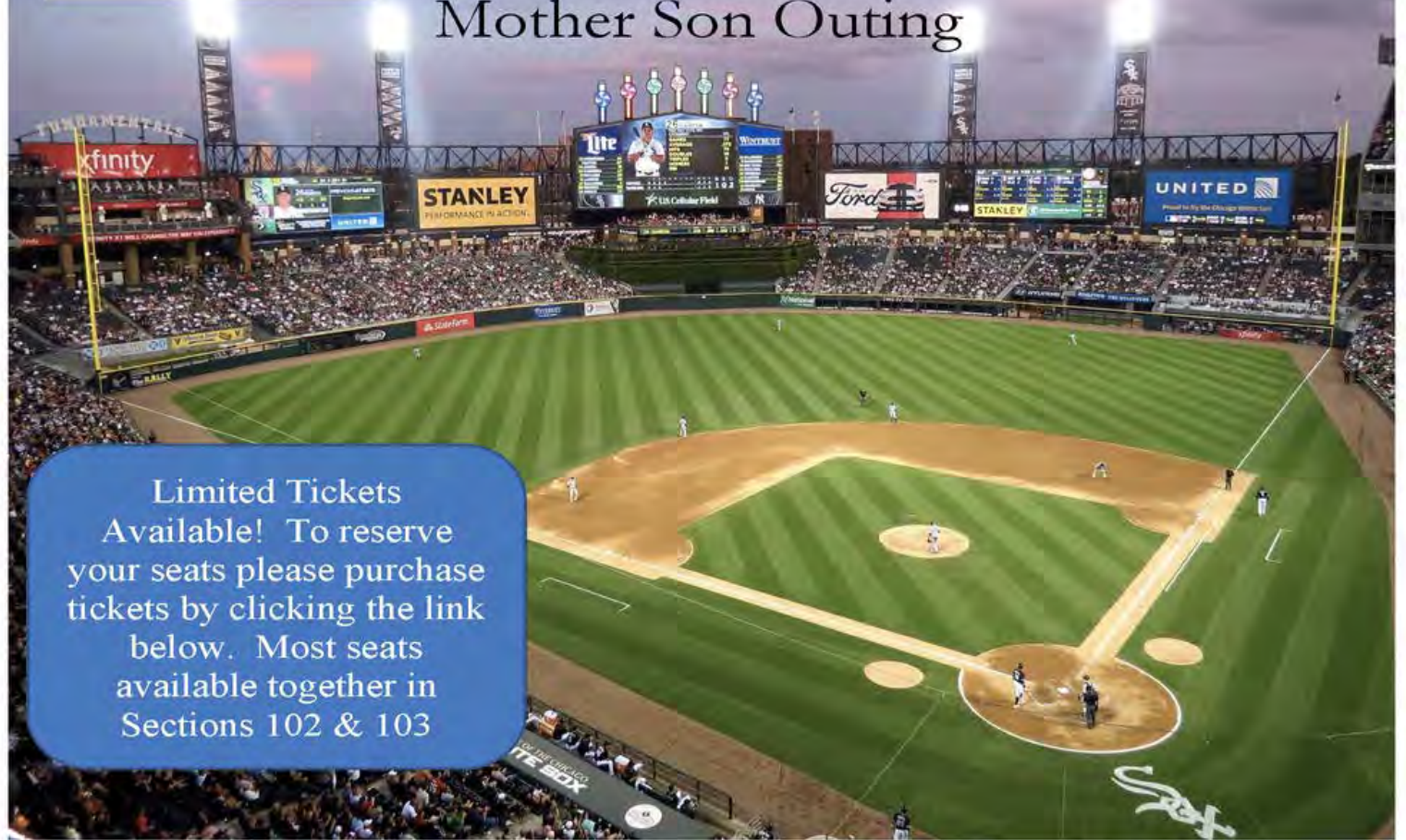
Father Daughter Dance

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 20TH
RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB



Please join us for the
SJF FSA Sponsored
Mother Son Outing

Limited Tickets
Available! To reserve
your seats please purchase
tickets by clicking the link
below. Most seats
available together in
Sections 102 & 103



June 9, 2024 at 1:10 P.M.
White Sox vs. Boston Red Sox
Click the link to purchase tickets:
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Saintjohn8>
Please email Carrie Erwinski at
Carrie726@gmail.com with any questions.
Stay tuned for information on bus transportation.

White Sox

ST. JOHN FISHER



PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

WITH MRS. GARZA, MS. FADDEN, AND MS. SURIN



THIS SUMMER, SJF IS HOSTING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM FOR TOILET-TRAINED CHILDREN AGES 3-5. EACH WEEK WILL BE BASED ON A THEME. THE CHILDREN WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL SKILLS AND COOPERATIVE LEARNING.



9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

\$70 per Week

Please send a small snack and drink daily

STORIES * CRAFTS * SONGS * INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY!

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
June 11, 12, 13 Dinosaurs	June 18, 19, 20 Superheroes	June 25, 26, 27 Fireworks and Fun	July 9, 10, 11 Outer Space
Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
July 16, 17, 18 STEM Week	July 23, 24, 25 Water Fun	July 30, 31, August 1 Under the Sea	August 6, 7, 8 Camping

A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$500 IF YOU SIGN UP FOR ALL 8 WEEKS!

More Information: mgarza@sjfschool.us or text 773-315-0399

Registration and payment is due May 3rd



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PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM IN AN
ENVELOPE MARKED
PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY FRIDAY,
MAY 3RD.

STUDENT NAME: _____ AGE: _____
ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS (PLEASE LIST ALL AND IF CHILD
CARRIES AN EPI PEN AND OR/INHALER): _____

PLEASE SELECT SESSION:

Week 1 _____

Week 5 _____

Week 2 _____

Week 6 _____

Week 3 _____

Week 7 _____

Week 4 _____

Week 8 _____

All 8 Weeks _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

MOM'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

DAD'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE NUMBER: _____



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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

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

- 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: **March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**

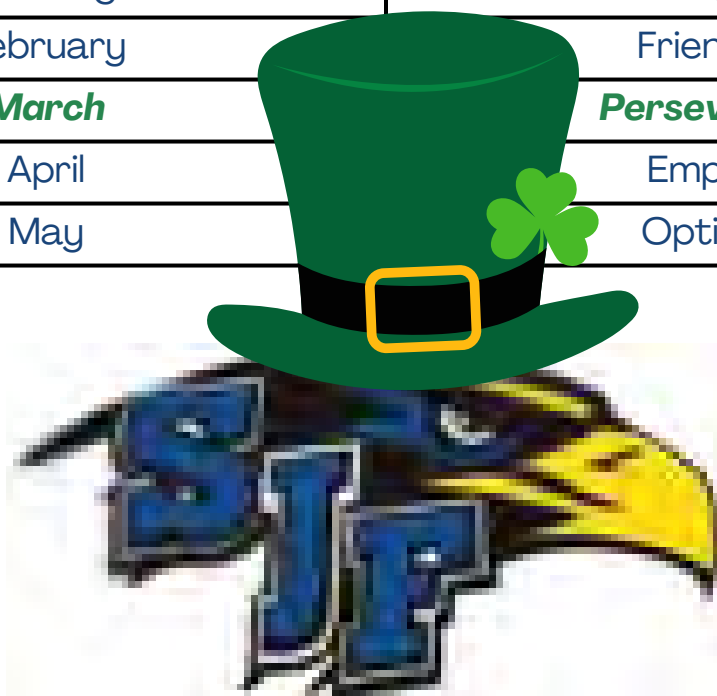


Social & Emotional Learning

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.**



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

