



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.


ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

Happy Veteran's Day! Thanks to our incredible S.O.A.R. kids and their fabulous moderators, Ms. Colleen Dunlavy, Mrs. Kristy Condon and Mrs. Carole Scannell, we were able to host a beautiful and moving ceremony to pay tribute to the veterans in our school community. Over 40 veterans related to our students attended our prayer service and breakfast this morning. We are so proud of our Falcons who organized this event and actively participated by sharing their many talents. Today's event also demonstrated to all of our Falcons the importance of pausing to honor those who sacrifice their lives for our freedom. Though every day is a great day to be a Falcon, today was a real high moment for us all. We are so proud of our students and grateful for all of the veterans in our community and world at large!

I cannot believe that we have almost arrived at the end of the first trimester. Please have a conversation with your child and make sure they complete their AR points and turn in any final assignments and projects. Our Falcons have worked so hard all year; let's finish strong!

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



PROTECTING
OUR
Freedom

Important Announcements

- As a reminder, ***next week we are going to conduct an unannounced hard lockdown drill***. Please refer to my email from 11.8 regarding our safety drill updates. Thanks!
- ***Thank you to everyone who volunteered*** to make our South Side Renewal Mass and reception in Kane Hall a success! You are so appreciated!
- ***PACK THE PEWS!!!*** Out of uniform passes for Mass attendance continues through November. 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 (NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER):

- **Hours:**
 - **Saturdays:** 8:30-9:30 a.m.
 - **Wednesdays:** 6-7p.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](#).



Looking Ahead

<p>Saturday, November 11th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. ETC 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Saturday Stem w/ Mrs. Garza 4 p.m. Mass <i>All are welcome!</i>
<p>Sunday, November 12th</p>	<p>8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass <i>All are welcome!</i></p> 
<p>Monday, November 13th</p>	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports after 3 w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy
<p>Tuesday, November 14th SAB Meeting @ 7p.m. in Kane Hall: All are welcome!</p>	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directed Drawing w/ Mrs. Garza *HW Club 3-3:45 p.m. • Future Falcon Playdate @10 a.m. in the Gym <i>*see the below flyer for more details</i> 
<p>Wednesday, November 15th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m. *HW Club 3-3:45 p.m.
<p>Thursday, November 16th</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Holiday Hours @ The Convent 8:00-9:00 a.m. ETC 3-4 p.m. • Calling All Barbies & Kens w/ Ms. Schiavone & Mrs. Brogan *HSPT Class from 3-4:15 p.m. 
<p>Friday, November 17th</p>	<p>**Report Cards Go Home Today!**</p> <p>Falcon Fri-YAY! </p> <p>Wear your SJF Spiritwear t-shirts/sweatshirts w/ your uniform bottoms</p>



Pro Labore Dei Thanksgiving Food Drive

St. John Fisher's Chapter of National Junior Honor Society will be helping to collect food for Pro Labore Dei's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Please donate the following food items if you are able:

Preschool: Large boxes of mashed potatoes

Kindergarten: Non-perishable dessert item

1st & 2nd Grade: Boxes or bags of stuffing

3rd & 4th Grade: Cans of cranberry sauce

5th grade: Gravy (jars or cans are preferred but packets are acceptable)

6th Grade: Sweet potatoes

7th Grade: Cans of corn

8th grade: Cans of green beans

*Thank you in advance
for your generosity!
Meals will go to those in
need this holiday season.*

All donations need to be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher by November 15.

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Condon: kcondon@sjschool.us

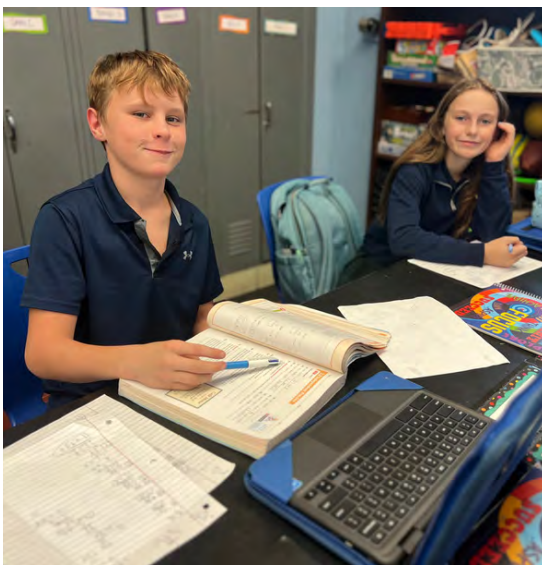
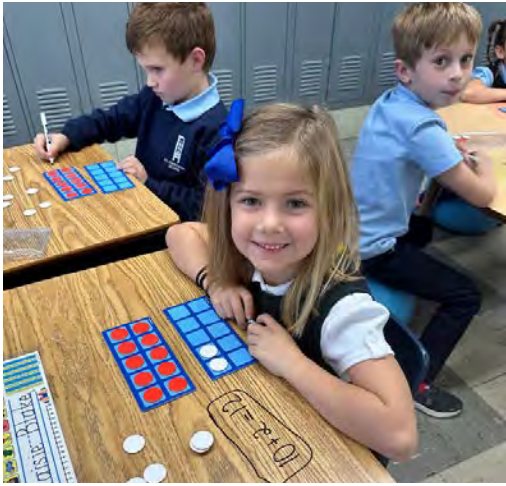




Congratulations Falcons!

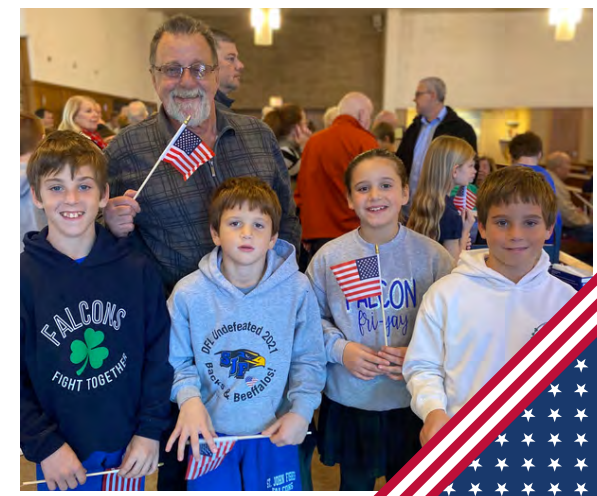
As our Golf, Girls Basketball and Football Seasons come to a close, we would like to **thank our coordinators, Katie Guinane, Dawn Albrecht and Bob Rusch.** We would also like to recognize and thank **Katy Collins** for going above and beyond for our cheerleaders year after year. We are beyond grateful for everything all of you do for our teams! **Thank you to all of our coaches!** Our coordinators and coaches VOLUNTEER countless hours throughout the season for the betterment of our Falcons and we are so grateful. Our sports program would not exist without each of you. A special shout-out goes to our parents and families! Thank you for always being there for our Falcons and cheering them on no matter what! Your commitment does not go unnoticed and is so appreciated!







THANK YOU VETERANS!



THANK YOU!



Thank you to the Oktoberfest committee, sponsors, and ALL of the additional volunteers and families who participated in this critical fundraiser for our school. We were able to raise \$30,000 at our 3rd annual Oktoberfest this year! Every dollar raised goes directly to the Fisher Falcon Education Foundation which helps offset our budget gap, supports school upgrades, scholarships, and helps provide competitive and affordable tuition rates and much, much more!





ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

75th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, November 18, 2023

Theme: Strengthening Our
Joyous
Future

[Saint John Fisher Church](#)

Special Anniversary Mass
4:00 p.m.

[Beverly Country Club](#)

Reception at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Short Program
Music

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW

Table of 10 for \$1,000.00, or

Individual tickets at \$100.00 each

To pay online:

- Go to the Saint John Fisher Parish website at <https://www.stjohnfisherparish.net>
- Click on wording in the center that states "75th Anniversary" under "weekly announcements"
- Go to the bottom of the blue screen, and click on "click here"
- Follow the instructions on the secure online gateway for credit card payments.
- If purchasing tickets, please list the names of the attendees under special instructions.
- If you wish to sponsor a priest who has served, please include that information.

Or pick up a form at the entrances of church, and include the form and payment in the collection basket.

Or purchase tickets and pay at the rectory.

- *Help promote and contribute to a successful 75th anniversary celebration.*
- *Organize or gather a table of family, neighbors, school parents, former parishioners, fellow alums*

**Please drop off any copies of photographs of Saint John Fisher Church and School at the rectory.
They will be helpful in continuing plans for the celebration.**

Thanks, in advance, for your participation and support.

Join the effort in insuring that our church and school continue for our next 75 years.



JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S



Thanksgiving Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD @ 9 A.M.

HOSTED BY 5TH GRADE





St. John Fisher FSA
Advent Wreath Making Event

Please join us
Sunday, November 26th after the 11:00 AM Mass
in Kane Hall

to make an Advent Wreath for your family to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

A limited number of wreaths are available, so please reserve yours by
Sunday, November 12th!

The cost for each wreath is \$45

Please send in cash or check made out to St. John Fisher FSA with information below
or Venmo @Edward-Wiora

If you have any questions, please contact Molly Wiora 773-368-1414.

St. John Fisher FSA Advent Wreath Making Event

Family Name _____ Email _____

Phone Number _____

of Wreaths _____

St. JohnFisher

Women's Club

VENDOR FAIR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

20+
Vendors

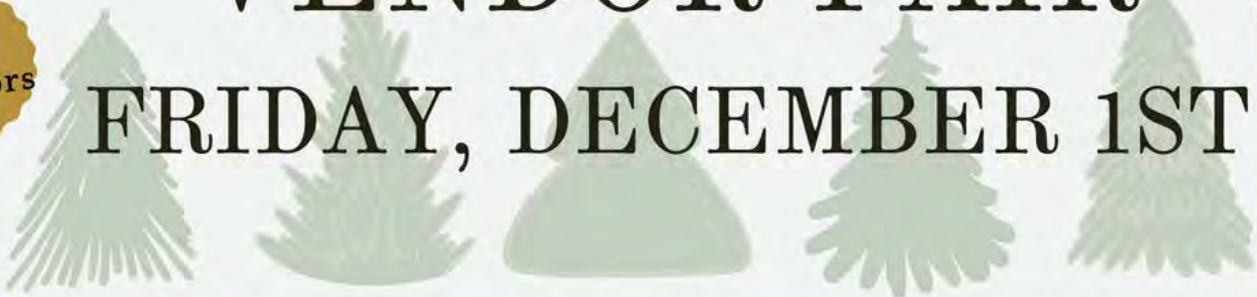
7-10PM

St. John Fisher School Kane Hall

\$10

ATTIRE / JEWELRY / SELF CARE / BAKED GOODS / DECOR

Food & Drink Available for Purchase





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).

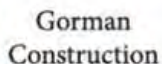
ST. JOHN FISHER OKTOBERFEST THANKS OUR SPONSORS



Thank you to The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation and Oktoberfest Committee and our Sponsors for raising \$30,000 for SJF School. We would especially like to thank Pat Harrigan for stepping up to lead the committee this year as this fundraiser is so important to our school.

Our Fisher Falcons are excited and grateful for the support. Our top goal is Academic Excellence. With these funds SJF can achieve school upgrades, scholarships, and helps provide competitive and affordable tuition rates. Please visit this FalconEducationFoundation.org to learn more about the AMAZING Fisher Falcon Education Foundation. We appreciate your support!

Friends of the Falcons



Please patronize these generous local businesses. They've supported SJF year after year and the event would not be possible without their support.



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!**

ST. JOHN FISHER PROUDLY HOSTS



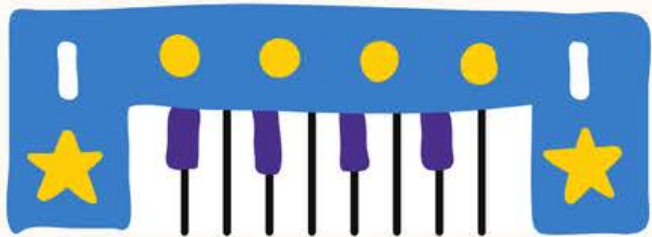
FUTURE FALCONS PLAYGROUP

OCTOBER 10TH, NOVEMBER 14TH AND DECEMBER 12TH FROM 10-11.

Experience the Falcon way through play at our weekly playgroup sessions filled with activities, songs, and community building.

WHERE AND WHEN?

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM
10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE.
FRIST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
10 AM - 11 AM
\$5 PER CHILD/ \$15 PER FAMILY MAX



WHY PLAY?

At SJF, we value intellectual, academic, social and emotional growth. Through play, children are able to develop these skills while building relationships within their community.



WHO AND WHAT?

All Children 0-3 and caregivers are welcome!
Enjoy a range of fun activities and getting to know your fellow Future Falcons.



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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

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

- Thanksgiving Break: **11.22 – 11.26** *classes resume **11.27**
- **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: **November 29th, January 31st, February 28th, March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**

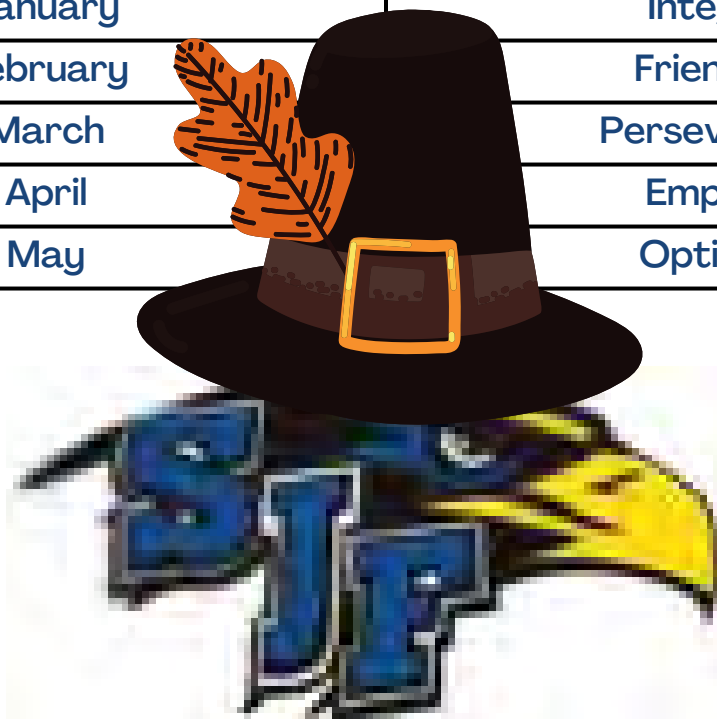


Social & Emotional Learning

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.**

Your Children are Our Priority

LET US TAKE CARE OF
LUNCH



Gilhooley's offers a hot lunch program delivered right to school featuring fresh food made daily!

Kids will enjoy fresh meats, seasonal locally grown produce, homemade sauces.

Healthy choices and kids favorites like chicken tenders, pancakes, pizza and homemade desserts.

MONTHLY SPECIALS!



It's easy to set up an account and order online. Contact for information about full month or full year sign-up discount.

terri@sxu.edu • 773-233-2200

LUNCH PROGRAM

WE SERVE DELICIOUS
HOT LUNCHES
EVERYDAY



Mac-n-cheese



Pancakes



Wraps



Nuggets



Pizza



Salads



All meals include daily choice of



White milk, Chocolate milk or water.



Desserts or Fruit.



**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

