

Overview Information

Prospective Fisher Falcons,

Below are links to a few documents, videos, and forms to make it convenient for you to see all that SJF has to offer your child. We hope this helps you to get a good feel for our school in absence of a traditional open house this year. We look forward to sharing more details as we are committed to achieving high standards Now and For the Future.

Please join us for our Prospective Family Open House on January 30th from 9-10:30 or watch our [Open House Video](#). Please let Linda Murray at LMurray@sjfschool.us know if you have questions in regard to placement, registration or if you would like to request additional information. If you would like to schedule a tour or connect with a parent or teacher in an effort to gain their perspective surrounding St. John Fisher, we would be happy to coordinate that as well.

A few other links to key info to get to know St. John Fisher School:

- Interested in More info: [Prospective Family Form](#); Ready to enroll: [2022-2023 Registration Form](#)
- Tuition and Fees (new year to be set shortly): <https://www.sjfschool.net/admission/tuition-fees/>
- [Catholic Schools Video](#): Celebrating Faith, Excellence, and Service
- **Preschool**: Three- and Four-Year-Old Preschool offered across four classrooms each with Teacher and Aide offering a great learning environment with a 9:1 Teacher to Student ratio. Preschool options:
 - **5 day full time preschool**: is M-F 7:55 a.m. - 2:55 p.m
 - **3 day full time** is T-W-TH 7:55 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.
 - **5 day AM** is 7:55 a.m. -11:15 a.m.
 - **3 day AM** is T-W-TH 7:55 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (3 yr. olds only)
- Preschoolers attend Art, Gym, Library, Computers, and Social Emotional Learning. Before and After School Care Available. Preschoolers have access to fenced in playground.
- **Highlights of Our [Strategic Plan](#) and our School (2019 – 2024)**: In order to learn about our strengths and weaknesses, together with our School Board we met and talked with over 200 parents, parish members, organizational heads and staff and faculty members in 2019. As we embark upon SJF's Drive to 75, we look forward to our continued commitment to work together for our oh so bright future!
- **School Highlights**: SJF appreciates the value of in-person learning now more than ever and we have proudly invested in the future of our students. A few recent investments include: 1:1 technology 1st thru 8th Grade, Classrooms equipped with New SMART boards, Foundations Phonics + our new Reading Curriculum: *Into Reading and Into Literature (K – 8)*, i-Ready online assessments and data-driven learning to complement our small group instruction. It's working! 86% of our students scored above grade level. We are finalizing plans for next school year as well.
- **Our Leadership**: Meet our [Leadership Team](#) and [Early Learning Faculty](#).
 - Please see the profiles of our dedicated and caring leadership. We are so proud of our teachers especially this year. Your children are in great hands! Our teachers engage in professional development and curriculum training regularly. 35% percent of our faculty hold a master's degree or higher. Together we strive to keep learning and our teacher mentor program allows for growth and frequent collaboration.

- Our teachers work together as a team including curriculum mapping to align our goals, content, and assessments. Our classroom teachers are supported by a team of Special Area teachers offering enriching experiences in Physical Education, Technology, Music, Art, Social Emotional Learning and Spanish. Our early education and primary teams offer enrichment courses after school and on weekends called ETC.
- Our Full Time Resource Room is staffed with 2 experienced special education teachers plus part time teachers to support the individual needs of students with learning differences. Resource staff provides support within the classroom as well as in a designated Resource classroom. Additionally, we have a homework club and academic eligibility club for additional support. Meet a few members of our esteemed resource team:
 - Mrs. Win Biernacki, **Special Education teacher** provides individualized support to students and their families in grades Pre-K-4. Mrs. Biernacki has been an integral part of St. John Fisher for the past 7 years. She has cultivated a school-wide inclusion effort as Resource has evolved into a comprehensive program that enables SJF to support all students, regardless of their abilities and differences. Prior to her tenure at SJF Mrs. Biernacki worked at St. Gerald and engaged in community work with senior citizens. Mrs. Biernacki has a master's degree in special education and is a certified Learning Behavioral Specialist (LBS1).
 - Mrs. Karen Brogan, **Special Education teacher** provides individualized support to resource students and their families in grades 5-8. Mrs. Brogan lives in Oak Lawn with her husband and three children who attend St. Catherine's. Karen most recently stayed home for five years to raise her children, however, prior to that she taught in CPS for ten years both in the regular education and special education setting. Karen has a Master's in Special Education and is a certified Learning Behavioral Specialist (LBS1).
 - Ms. Mary Schiavone, **Reading Specialist**, taught 3rd grade for 8 years at St. John Fisher until deciding to specialize in reading intervention. She recently earned her master's degree in Literacy Curriculum and is an invaluable asset to the St. John Fisher student community. Ms. Schiavone is dedicated to ensuring all SJF students are reading at or above grade level. Ms. Schiavone meets with students individually and in small groups, providing direct reading instruction utilizing the Fountas and Pinnell reading intervention curriculum.
- St. John Fisher's curriculum and programming is designed to ensure students matriculate as academically prepared, compassionate leaders ready to collaborate with their peers and engage in their communities. A large part of this success culminates in high school placement.
 - SJF Faculty members offer a High School Placement Test Prep Class to assist our students to prepare for the exam. The Instructors, Mrs. Condon, Mrs. Folliard and Ms. Dunlavy, have a combined 35 years of formal test prep experience at Huntington Learning Center, Academic Tutoring Center, Excel Edge and Sylvan.
 - 100% of the class of 2020 was accepted to their first-choice high school.
 - The class of 2020 earned over \$180,000 in merit-based scholarships.
- [MANNA](#), Start saving now thru our tuition reimbursement program: SJF prides itself on offering competitive tuition rates for families of all sizes. We understand it is a sacrifice. Some families start preschool with significant savings by consistently using this program for everyday spending.



**Embracing Curious Minds.
Nurturing Compassionate Hearts.
Now and in the future.**



St. John Fisher School - We set our sights high

- **600** students enrolled
- **19:1** average student teacher ratio
- **9:1** average student teacher ratio in pre-k
- School Counselor, Reading Specialist, Robust Resource Program
- **100%** Graduate admittance to high school of their choice
- **1/3** of the Class of 2020 earned merit-based high school scholarships
- **Exceed National Average** standardized test scores consistently out perform regional, state and national results in all grades and subjects tested
- **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN - It is a great time to be a falcon!**

Thanks for considering St. John Fisher School

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