



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

APRIL 28, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We cannot believe that tomorrow is our 2nd graders' First Holy Communion. Join us in praying for all of our 2nd graders; they have worked very hard to prepare for tomorrow and they are ready! We pray for their parents, teachers and all of our Falcons who send their prayers and congratulations to our First Communion Class of 2023. Tomorrow is always such a happy day for our school and parish!

Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gift(s) to us each and every day.

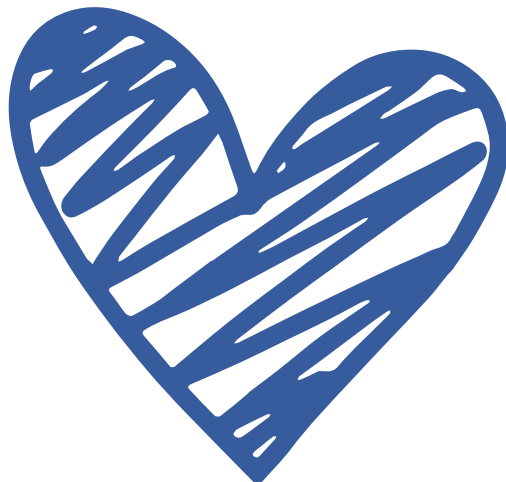
In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash




Important Announcements

- **We are hiring!** Any interested applicants should reach out to Maura Nash, mnash@sjfschool.us.
 - **Middle School Math Teacher** to cover a maternity leave beginning in August and ending in December of 2023.
 - **School Counselor**
- **Let's Grow our Falcon Family!** Do you have a new neighbor or a new baby on your block? Let us know! We'd love to welcome them to our SJF Community! Email Mrs. Houston with the details: khouston@sjfschool.us. Thank you!
- **Hot Lunch: the hot lunch menu** is finalized and open for ordering for the remainder of the school year. **June 2nd will be the last hot lunch** of the school year.
 - *Please be mindful of your child's field trip day when ordering Hot Lunch.*
- The **first day** of the 2023-2024 school year will be Wednesday, **August 23rd** and it will be an 11:30 dismissal.
- Do you want to **order an SJF yearbook**? See the flyer below for more information.
- **Extended Day:** Visit **this link** to register your child. **Attention! Extended Day will close at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5th!** Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.

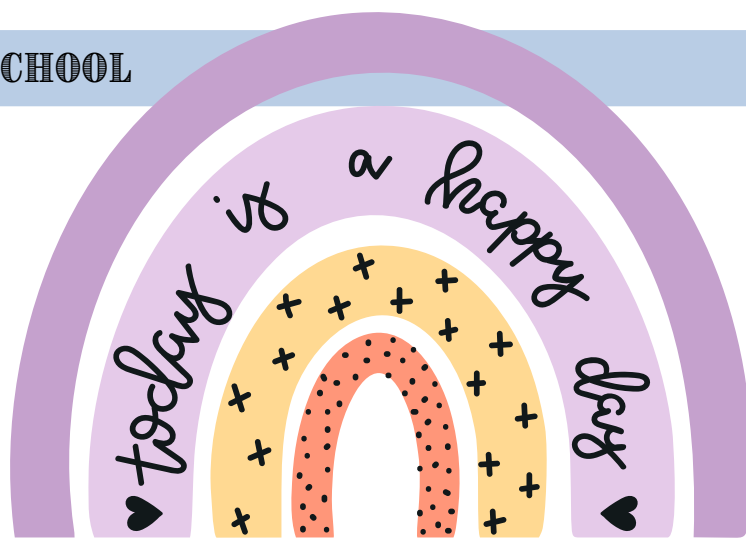


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Looking Ahead

Saturday, April 29nd	<i>First Holy Communion 11 a.m.</i> 
Weekend Mass	<i>4 p.m., Saturday, 8 & 11 a.m. on Sunday</i> <i>All are welcome!</i> 
Monday, May 1st	<i>Academic Study Hall w/ Ms. Dunlavy 3-4 p.m.</i>
Tuesday, May 2nd Barraco's Special Lunch	<i>Homework Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45</i>
Wednesday, May 3rd	<i>Homework Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller 3-3:45</i> <i>Academic Study Hall w/ Ms. Dunlavy 3-4 p.m.</i>
Thursday, May 4th	<i>Art Club w/ Mrs. Corley 3-4 p.m. in Kane Hall</i>
Friday, May 5th 11:30 Dismissal	<i>May Crowning @ 10:45 a.m. All are welcome!</i>

Positive mind.
Positive Vibe.
Positive Life.



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.**



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Frankie Warszalek, Kindergarten



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 Kindergartener, Frankie Warszalek,**

Frankie is working so hard at being a kind and positive leader for his friends. Frankie is thoughtful and goes out of his way to help his classmates and teacher. He consistently asks Mrs. Fanjoy if she needs help with anything. Whenever a classmate needs a supply, he lends his. When someone drops something, he is the first to pick it up. He tries his best to follow all of the rules throughout the day and is always encouraging his friends to do their best too. Frankie is overly polite and greets all of his friends and the adults in the building by name. He also has a great sense of humor! When I asked Frankie what his secret was, he said, "I just love my friends and want everyone to be happy." What a way to approach life! Thank you, Frankie for being so kind and such a good friend to all. You are a role model to us and we are so lucky you are a Falcon. Keep flying like a Falcon, Frankie. You make SJF better every day!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 8TH GRADER TERRY O'CONNOR!



Terry is the inaugural scholarship winner of the Jim Tierney Legacy Scholarship. Jim was an SJF and Mt. Carmel alum, who went on to earn degrees from Harvard & Stanford & served our country as a captain in the US Marine Corps. Most importantly, Jim was a devoted husband and a loving father to 10 children. Jim lost his 16 year battle to cancer in 2022. The Jim Tierney Scholarship is a prestigious award given to an SJF 8th grader who will attend Mt. Carmel High School. The scholarship is a 4 year full financial scholarship. Congratulations to Terry O'Connor. May you live your life as a man of honor, virtue and faith like Jim did. #flylikeafalcon

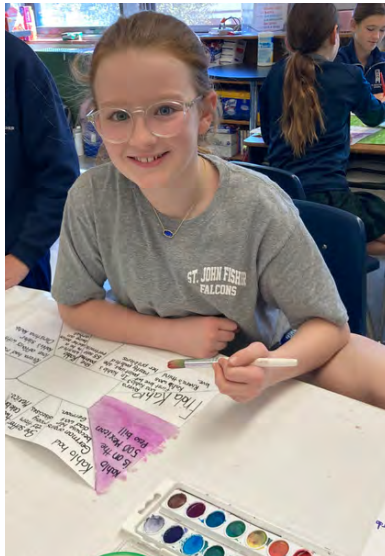
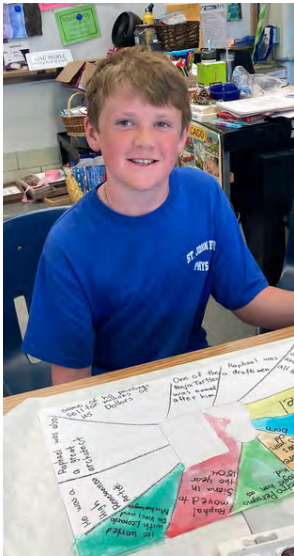
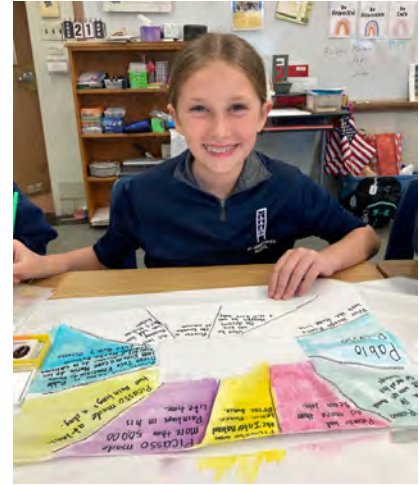






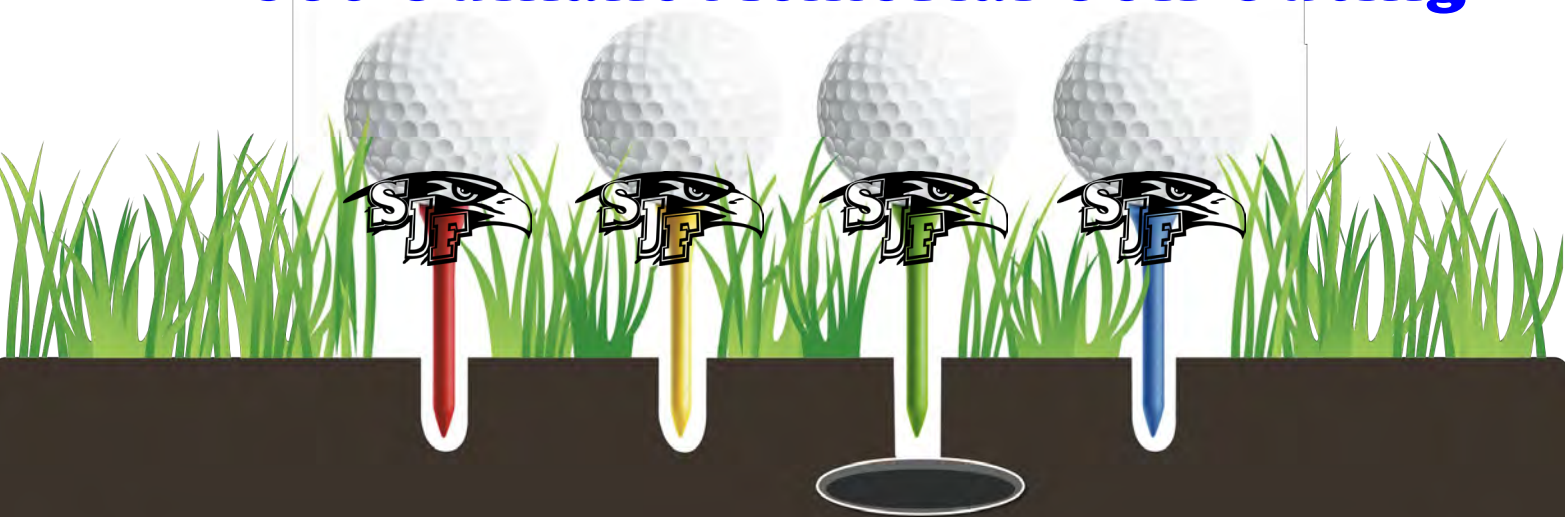






St. John Fisher Holy Name Society 2023

Joe Guinane Memorial Golf Outing



Saturday, May 6th

The Meadows Golf Club of Blue Island

Golf followed by party at Cork and Kerry

10614 S. Western – Non-golfers welcome \$40 per person

Registration: 10:15 a.m. •• **Tee-off:** 11:00 a.m. •• **Cost:** \$125

This includes an 18-hole scramble of golf, riding cart, lunch, beverages on the course, HNS gift, after party at Cork and Kerry and chance to win various prizes! **Proceeds will help fund the Joe Guinane Memorial Scholarship Fund.**

* Longest Drive * Closest to the Pin * Best foursome
Party will be at Cork and Kerry from 4:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To help us properly plan for this event, please register by contacting:

Jim O'Leary – jolearysjf@gmail.com

Hole sponsorships also available:

- Hole Sponsor - \$100 Company name / Family Name / Block name, etc.

**St. John Fisher Holy Name Society 2023
Joe Guinane Memorial Golf Outing**

Hole Sponsorship Form



Name for Tee Sign: _____

Contact's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact's Phone: _____

Blue and White Hole Sponsor: (\$100): _____

Signature/Authorization _____

Make Check Payable to "SJF Holy Name"

You're invited to a
Portillo's®
FUNDRAISER



Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:

Conor's Clan

When:

May 8, 2023

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

at the Portillo's located at:

4020 W. 95th St.

Oak Lawn, IL

20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS26** before checkout in the "Apply Offer" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, curbside, and in restaurant orders.

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For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$200 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.

WE'RE HIRING! APPLY AT PORTILLOS.COM/CAREERS

HELP DONATE TO THOSE IN HUNGER

St. John Fisher Holy Name Society



FOOD DRIVE

THE SJF HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S FOOD DRIVE WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 20TH! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SATURDAY MAY 13 - TEAMS OF ADULT VOLUNTEERS WITH HELP FROM YOUNG VOLUNTEERS (YOUR CHILDREN/SJF STUDENTS/SCOUTS/ETC) WOULD GO DOOR TO DOOR THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD DROPPING OFF A BAG AND LETTER DESCRIBING THE FOOD DRIVE PROCESS AND REQUESTING PARISHIONERS TO LEAVE A BAG WITH FOOD ON THE PORCH THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY (MAY 20). PLEASE COME TO KANE HALL AT 9 AM TO PICK UP YOUR BAGS AND STREET ASSIGNMENTS. TIME COMMITMENT: 9-11 A.M.

SATURDAY MAY 20 - TEAMS WOULD GO THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND COLLECT CANNED GOODS FROM FRONT PORCHES. THESE ITEMS WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO SJF. SEPARATE TEAMS WOULD ASSEMBLE AND FILL BOXES BACK AT SJF. THESE WOULD BE LOADED INTO A TRUCK AND THEN DELIVERED TO FOOD PANTRIES. COME TO KANE HALL AT 9 AM FOR STREET ASSIGNMENTS. TIME COMMITMENT: 9-11 A.M.

THIS DRIVE WILL REQUIRE QUITE A BIT OF VOLUNTEERISM. WE WILL ALWAYS NEED HELP PACKING BOXES AT SJF. PLEASE CONTACT DAVE CAHILL AT SJFHNS@GMAIL.COM OR 1-708-259-2981 WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU CAN HELP.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

ALSO, WE WILL NEED BOXES SO IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A QUANTITY OF STURDY BOXES. PLEASE LET US KNOW.



Proudly presents:

Celebration of
KINDNESS

A St. John Fisher community event in support
of the inaugural Sister Jean McGrath
Kindness Scholarship & SJF School.

Sunday, June 11th 2023

12:30 pm

Ridge Country Club

Event & Scholarship organized by the SJF Women's Club

Buffet Lunch | Beer & Wine | Split the Pot Raffle

\$100/person

Tickets & scholarship details can be found at:

SJFkindnessgivesmart.com

"Remember to be kind because that's the best gift we can give our world."

-Sister Jean McGrath-

St. John Fisher School Tutor/SEL Support

Spring/Summer 2023

Please contact the tutors directly for current availability and further information.

NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	AVAILABILITY	e-tutor? in person?	PREFERRED GRADE LEVELS	PREFERRED SUBJECTS
Jeanne Boyle	Jeanneboyleaie@gmail.com	773-616-0792	Spring/Summer	in person	5-8	All subjects, plus executive functioning and study skills
Sally Caulfield	scaulfield@sjschool.us	773-837-6954	Summer	in person	K-4	All subjects
Kristy Condon	kcondon@sjschool.us	708-262-8836	Spring/Summer	both	3-8: high school:	All subjects + HS Placement Test prep English, math, ACT and SAT prep
Colleen Dunlavy	cdunlavy@sjschool.us	708-207-1558	Spring/Summer	both	K-8: high school:	All subjects Algebra I&II, Geometry, Pre-Calc, Biology, English, ACT and SAT prep
Erin Deering	erin.deering13@gmail.com	708-220-1368	Spring/Summer	both	1-6	English, social studies, reading, writing
Megan Merony	meganmerony@gmail.com	517-449-5356	Spring/Summer	both	K-4 5-6	all subjects math
Meghan Murray	megmurray89@gmail.com	773-710-8584	Spring/Summer	in person	K-4	Certified reading specialist math, reading
Janet Otto	jotto@sjschool.us	773-575-9159	Summer	in person	K-8	Certified Wilson Dyslexia Specialist. Wilson is a phonics-based, structured literacy program.
Julie Schultz	julieharris80@hotmail.com	708-267-8116	Spring/Summer	both	K-8	Social emotional learning support for problem solving, conflict resolution, and self-esteem. Individual or group support for navigating friendships and grasping tools to help students become successful in school and everyday life.
Kayla Spornberger	kspornberger@bhsd228.com	708-954-6110	Spring/Summer	both	any grade level	Math

Summer 2023 Recommendations for Enrichment Activities (and Other Fun Things to Do)

Some of our parents have asked for ideas to keep their children's learning fresh and the body and mind active this summer. Just a heads up - camps do fill quickly. ***This list is being updated frequently - check back often! If you know of a camp or activity we should include, please email Mrs. Karen Brogan at kbrogan@sjfschool.us or Mrs. Win Biernacki at wbiernacki@sjfschool.us***

Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grades:

[Mrs. Altman's Preschool Summer Camp](#) (3 - 5 yrs.) every week with a different theme!
[Sounder and Friends](#) - a PBS-produced series of videos that focus on phonemic awareness. Great practice and review for students learning to read!

All Ages/Grades:

Tutoring: See the **[SJF Spring/Summer Tutor List](#)**

Read, read, read!!! 15-20 minutes each day improves fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Here are some great reading lists for book recommendations:

- **[Time Magazine's 100 Best Children's Books](#)**
- **[Reader's Digest 25 Best Children's Books Ever Written](#)**
- **[Common Sense Media's 50 books All Kids Should Read Before They're 12](#)**
- To check the reading level of your child's book, go to www.arbookfind.com This will also let you know if the book will qualify for Accelerated Reader points.
- **[Chicago Public Library events for kids](#)**

While nothing replaces a parent or sibling reading with a child, **audiobooks** are a great option for car rides, independent reading, etc.:

- Chicago Public Library: <https://www.chipublib.org/browse/audiobooks> FREE
- Audible on Amazon: monthly subscription; free books with Prime membership
- Epic app for iOS or Android: 25,000 books and videos for kids 12 and under www.getepic.com

Camps at park districts and other venues:

- **[Beverly Arts Center – Summer Camps](#)**, for students entering Kindergarten - 8th grade
- **[Chicago Park District](#)**
- **[Evergreen Park's Recreation Department](#)**
- **[Oak Lawn Park District activities](#)**
- Nature-based day and overnight **[camps for kids at the Center in Palos Park](#)**

High Schools offering summer camps (some camps as young as Kindergarten):

- Sports, arts, theater and music camps at [Mother McAuley](#)
- Academic, athletic and other activities at [Brother Rice](#)
- Wide variety of athletics, arts, activities camps at [Marist](#)
- Athletic, cooking, art and robotics camps at [St. Rita](#)
- Academic, arts, pottery, Lego, robotics, cooking, etc. camps at [Morgan Park Academy](#)
- Athletic and enrichment camps at [St. Laurence](#)

Camp Offerings for Students at Local Colleges::

- Moraine Valley Community College offers classes in Arts, Music, Math and Reading for grades 2-7 at their Valley Learning Center. **Dates and times have not yet been announced; check back.**
- [St. Xavier offers baseball, volleyball and basketball camps.](#)
- [SXU Media Camp for incoming high school freshmen through seniors.](#)

Suggestions for academic and other skills practice:

- **Practice math facts** online at the fun, game-based Reflex Math. Your child should have a log-in (**IS THIS STILL TRUE?**) and password; if not, please email their math teacher to get one. Even 5-10 minutes/day makes a difference!
- Students in grades 3-8 should practice their keyboarding skills. [Typing.com](#) 3rd-6th grade students have logins and passwords, but the site can be used without a login as well.
- More typing practice for all ages in a fun, competitive way: [Race Now - 100% Free | Nitro Type](#)

Create your 2 free custom yearbook pages for ST. JOHN FISHER

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Add Photos

Add your favorite photos from your phone, computer, Instagram, Facebook, Google or Dropbox account, and have them printed in your copy of the yearbook.



Add Memories

Answer questions about your year and capture your very best moments. You can even include a photo to go along with them.



Sign Books

Make your friends smile by sending them a message (can include a photo or sticker) that they can add to their custom pages or ask them to send you one!



Design Your Page

Add all of your memories to your two free personal pages that will be printed in your unique copy of the yearbook. Need more room? You can add more pages!

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

1 Go to: www.treering.com/validate

2 Enter your school's passcode:
1015271802074961

Regular price: **\$27.39**

Create Custom Pages by: Jul 10

Need help? Contact

www.treering.com/help





SJF Alumni

75th Anniversary Montage
Coming 2023-2024



We Are Collecting **Throw-back** SJF Photos

Share your old grade school photos

Please include
caption and year



Email to:
sjfalum@gmail.com



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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a very “normal” school year ahead!

- First Holy Communion: **4.29** ~ 11 a.m.
- May Crowning: **5.5** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.29**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **6.2**
- Graduation: **6.4** ~ 1 p.m. in church
- Last Day of School: **6.7** - 10:30 dismissal

Come as you are. You are loved.



***1 p. m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**



2022-2023 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
- 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 Medical
- Forms

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

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: jschultz@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): wbiernacki@sjfschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us



2022-2023 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

Contact SJF Principal,
Mrs. Maura Nash: mnash@sjfschool.us

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

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