



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the very end of the second trimester! This last week is crucial for our Falcons to solidify those good grades. Join us in giving our Falcons the needed motivation to push through and do the very best they can to rock the end of this trimester! Working together will help our Falcons succeed. Let's go Falcons!

Registration is upon us. ***Three year old and four year old pre-k families, please submit your registration form for pre-k and kindergarten as soon as you can!***

Kindergarten through 8th grade families, please submit your intent to return forms. Now more than ever is a great time to be a Falcon! Enrollment for next year is a crucial piece of our budgeting process for next year which is currently underway. Thank you!

Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Our Falcons are Lucky and Loved

Important Announcements

- **8th GRADERS!** Please return your graduation picture orders by March 2nd. Graduation picture retakes are March 3rd!
- Please save the date for **SJF's Family Night on Thursday, March 9th**. See the flyer below for more details and [click here to RSVP!](#)
- **The Book Fair is coming!** Save the date for Sunday, March 5th to shop with your family after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Book Fair will be open during the week for students to shop with their class and at SJF's Family Night on March 9th. ***If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Mrs. Keller, kkeller@sjfschool.us***.
- **SJF is starting a running club!** Thank you to Mrs. Kerry McNicholas and Mrs. Cathaleen Novak for organizing this club! Here are the links to [register your Falcon](#) and [volunteer to help](#). See the flyer below for more details.
- **Extended Day:** Visit [this link](#) to register your child. Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- **ART CLUB MEMBERS:** Please add your name to [this list](#) if you plan to attend our meeting on **Thursday, March 2nd**. For more information, see flyer below.
- **ATTENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADERS:** Looking for volunteer hours? Mrs. Corley is looking for consistent volunteers to help with Art Club once a month. You can receive up to 4 volunteer hours. Please add your name to [this list](#) if interested.

FSA Corner

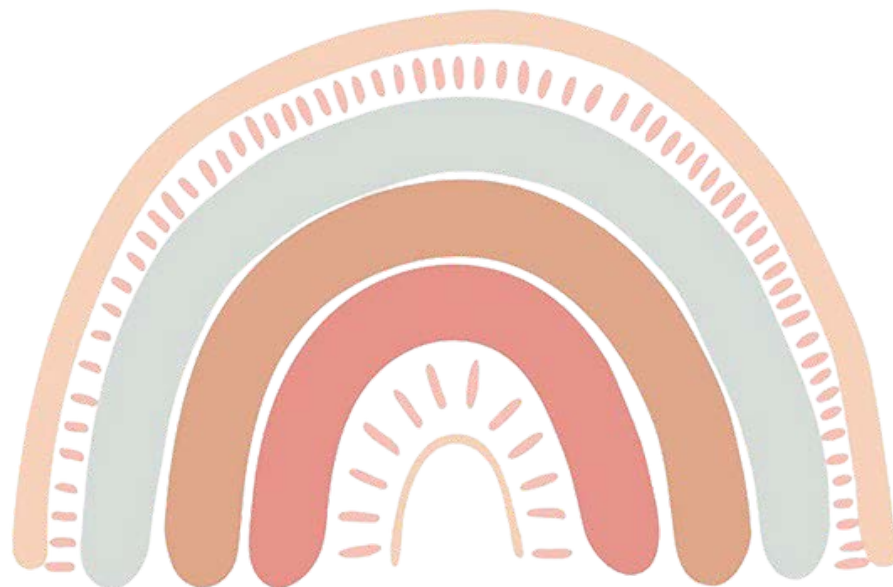
- **[St. Baldrick's Info:](#)**
 - Don't forget to sign-up to be a Shavee at our St. Baldrick's Event on March 4th! **There are NO WALK-INS THIS YEAR!** [Visit this link to register to be a shavee.](#)
 - ***The St. Baldrick's Committee NEEDS YOU!*** [To volunteer please use this link.](#) THANK YOU!
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The FSA will be organizing a Mother Son White Sox Game Sunday, May 21st. We will share more details in the coming months.
- How do you feel about ordering your school supplies through SchoolKitz? Please share your opinion by filling out a survey linked here. Thank you!

Athletic Update

- **GOLF:** Any 8th grade girl or boy interested in competing in the **Southside Catholic Golf League**, please **register by March 10th**. The 8th grade Golf League runs on Sundays from April 16th through May 21st from approximately 12:00-4:00 p.m. at The Meadows of Blue Island. [Click here to register, SCC 8th Grade Golf Registration.](#)

Pro Labore Dei Update

- Our next lunch making session is on **March 4th at 9:15 a.m.**, location is tbd. For now, our needs for March 4th are: 150 chips, 150 treats (granola bars, Rice Krispie treats...)
- Please note that we still collect meal fixings for Robbins, Posen and Blue Island on the parking lot from 9:30 to 10 a.m. each Saturday morning. Donations are down throughout the entire city and surrounding areas. Items like cereal, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, desserts are all needed to keep our pantry operational.
- Again, thanks for making the mission so successful and fun! Any questions or concerns contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428)

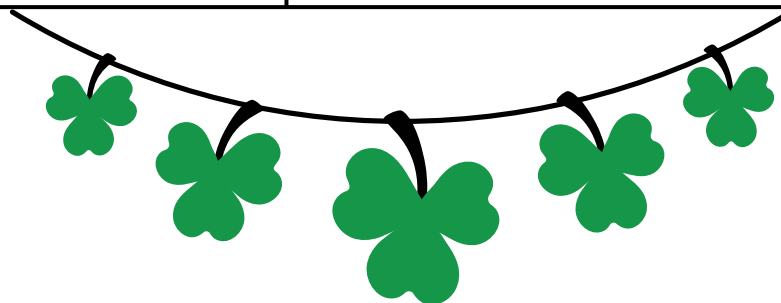


Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.

-Maya Angelou

Looking Ahead

<p>Weekend Mass</p> 	<p><i>4 p.m. on Saturday, 8 & 11 a.m. on Sunday All are welcome!</i></p> <p>2nd Grade Girl Scouts are selling cookies after the 4 p.m., 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses!</p>
<p>Monday, February 27th</p>	<p><i>ETC Open Gym 3-4 w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy</i></p> <p><i>ETC Valentine Stem Lab 3-4 w/ Mrs. Altman</i></p> <p><i>ETC Who Would Win? 3-4 w/ Mrs. Garza</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, February 28th School Board Meeting in Kane Hall @ 7 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, March 1st</p>	<p><i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy</i></p>

**Important Upcoming Dates!**

March 4th: 4 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Mass hosted by our 3rd Graders

March 4th: 5 p.m. St. Baldrick's Night @ The Conner T. Lowry Gym

March 5th: 12 p.m. Shop our school's Book Fair

March 9th: 6-8 p.m. SJF's Innaugural Parent Night

March 12th: March in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with us!

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

ART CLUB

MEMBERS:

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO [THIS LIST](#)
IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING OUR NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND

WE WILL MEET IN KANE HALL.
PICK UP WITH BE AT THE OFFICE DOORS
@ 4:00PM.

7th & 8th Graders!

PLEASE [SIGN UP HERE](#) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH ART CLUB.
YOU CAN EARN 1 SERVICE HOUR EACH MONTH



Please join us for a night of fundraising & shenanigans!

St. John Fisher's St. Baldrick's Night Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:00 - 10:00

Following the 4:00 Irish mass hosted by the 3rd Graders

Conner T. Lowry Gym

Featuring...

Face Painting & Kids' Games

Cash Food from Swanson's & Bar

Entertainment

6:00 p.m. Dennehy Irish Dancers

6:30 p.m. Cross Keys Irish Dancers

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Music by Joe McShane



To Register as a shavee or make a donation use the QR code to the right. Donations also accepted at the event. Must pre-register as a shavee, there will be NO WALK-INS.





St. John Fisher Family Night

HOSTED BY THE SJF FACULTY

Lucky to be a Falcon

Where: St. John Fisher School

ENTER THROUGH THE KANE HALL DOORS FOR CHECK-IN

When: Thursday, March 9, 2023

6:00- 8:00 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY WITH YOUR FAMILY!

-  VISIT THE BOOK FAIR, GRAB A SNACK, AND HELP CREATE OUR PARADE BANNER.
-  TEACHER-LED ACTIVITIES
-  CRAFTS, GAMES, AND FAMILY FEUD
-  BUY YOUR ST. BALDRICK'S SHIRTS.
-  RSVP BY FEBRUARY 17, 2023 USING THE QR CODE.



SJF FAMILY NIGHT - March 9th 6-8 PM

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FALCON FITNESS

Running Club



***Begins the week of April 17th ***

Calling ALL 3rd-8th Graders!

Join us for the "Couch to 5k" Challenge!



To register your child(ren) please scan here and complete the Google form. More information will follow!



Parent Runner Volunteers:
Scan Here to sign up to help
with practices.

DETAILS:

- Running club will meet TWICE a week: **Fridays and Sundays**
- We will meet at Kane Hall doors and run around the perimeter of the school campus.
- Runners will be placed in groups based on grade level: 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
- The **GOAL** is to be able to run a 5k at the end of the 6 weeks!
- The Falcon Fitness Running Club members will sign up to run the Ridge Run 5k on 5/29!



cathaleen.novak@gmail.com

Kerry McNicholas @ 708-525-0705

Congratulations to our Volleyball teams who played in the Marist Valentine's Tournament over the weekend!



8th grade won the Gold Championship



7th grade won the Gold Championship



6th grade won the Silver Championship

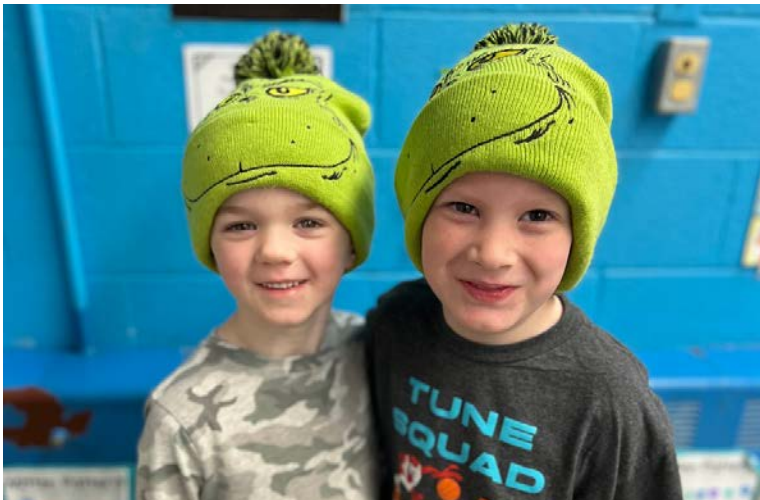


5th grade placed 2nd in the Gold Championship











Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to SJF! Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place *Monday, March 6 to Friday, March 10 in the School Library*

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account.

Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/sjf>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Mrs. Maura Nash

Principal

Saint John Fisher School





March ETC

The St. John Fisher Enrichment and Tutorial Center (ETC) is an after-school program designed to offer students a wide variety of classes not normally covered in the regular curriculum. Classes are a fun way for friends to explore areas of interest. The December session runs from March 6th – March 27th. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School. Payment should be in an envelope marked E.T.C and returned to the Main Office by **Thursday March 2nd. Any questions-- email kaltman@sjfschool.us.**

Monday Class March 6th, 20th and 27th 3:00-4:00

MARCH MADNESS MINIS: We will meet in Mrs. Altman's room and head over to the GYM for some March Madness Fun! We will play balloon basketball, bucket basketball and set up some stations in the gym. We will have fun with a free throw contest and much more! **Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman & Mrs. Sefcik

Grades Pre K-2nd Room 107

SCIENCE CLUB: Come check out some excellent science experiments as we explore how cool Science can be. Be ready to get messy! We will spend time working programming robots and getting them through a maze. If you love Science, you will love this after school club. **Class will be dismissed from the Office doors.**

Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Ade

Grades Pre 2nd – 8th Room 206

Tuesday Class March 7th, 14th and 21st 3:00-4:00

LEPRECHAUN TRAINING CAMP: We will have so much fun celebrating all things St. Patrick's Day! We will learn to play tricks like leprechauns, paint rainbows and shamrocks as well as make some shamrock shakes and learn to dance the Irish jig with our friends. **Class will be dismissed from the Preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman

Grades Pre K-2nd Room 107



YOGA: Our class is filled with games, songs, stories, imaginative play, and activities that engage children and give them the tools to feel calmer, happier, and more peaceful inside! During this ETC we will not only be doing yoga, but learning why yoga and breathing can be so good for our bodies. Namaste! **Class will be dismissed from the Preschool doors.**

Mrs. Garza

Grades Pre K-2nd Room 109

Wednesday March 8th, 15th & 22nd 3:00-4:00

LEPRECHAUN LAB: We will make some Leprechaun slime and we will explore rainbows & colors. We will make walking water a rainbow and a color explosion experiment! We will even make our own Shamrock shakes! Join the fun in our Science lab/ Leprechaun style! **Class will be dismissed from the Preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman

Grades Pre K-2nd Room 107

Thursday March 9th, 16th and 23rd 3:00-4:00

SHAMROCK AND ROLL: Join the fun as we get ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style! We will play games like Roll a Rainbow, Blarney Stone Bounce and the Shamrock Shake! If you're feeling lucky join the shenanigans and Shamrock and roll with us! **Class will be dismissed from the Preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman

Grades Pre K-2nd Room 107

SPRING TRAINING: Calling all baseball/softball players. Spring is coming! Come to the Spring Training ETC to practice your skills. Play a game of whiffle ball against your friends. We will have a Home Run Derby, too! Find out who can run the bases the fastest. We'll also have contests for fielding and pitching. Thursdays in the gym (maybe outside if it is nice!) **Class will be dismissed from the Office doors.**

Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Ade

Grades Pre 2nd – 8th GYM



Registration

Please return the completed registration form in an envelope marked **ETC to the Main Office** by Thursday, March 2nd.

Students Name _____ Grade and Room _____

Allergies (please list all and if child carries an EPI Pen and or/inhaler) _____

*If your child has a food allergy. Please send him/her with his/her own snack.

Parent Signature _____ Emergency Contact # _____

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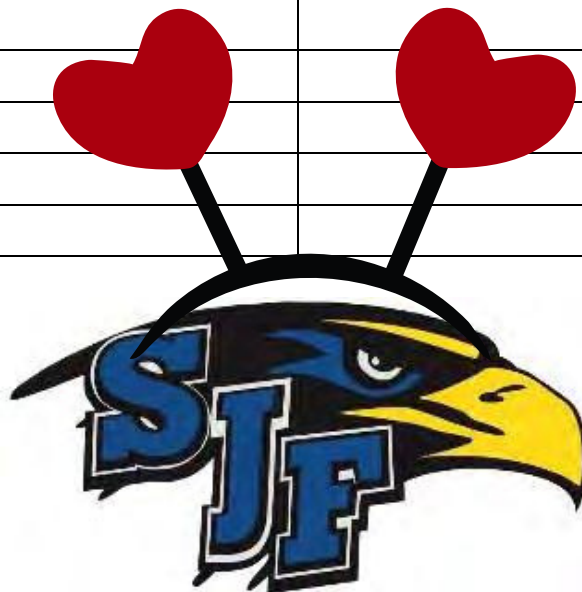




Social & Emotional Learning

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.

YAY!



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MANNA UPDATE

Manna participation has increased significantly! Thank You! May thru December of this year totals \$83,000 of rebate earnings directly benefiting SJF families and the school. Almost half of school families have already accrued \$300 in total rebates. If you want to know where you stand, just ask the Manna team when you stop in or email sjfmanna@gmail.com.

The school office will be sending out a usage report to all families in the next couple weeks. Many more families are finding the **RaiseRight App and Website** to be an easy way to use the program regularly. Gift cards can even be sent home in your child's folder for no hassle.

Tip: Set a reminder on your phone before 10AM Sunday to place a weekly order on the app for everyday purchases. To request gift cards be sent home with our child, **PLEASE SUBMIT:** the **Manna Waiver Form** - Agreement for Gift Cards to be sent home through school. Submitting this form will signal to the Manna team that you'd like ALL orders to be sent home from school.

Want more information: Manna Overview. Quick videos to make it easy: Video demo for the app or Video to help understand the rebates. At SJF 40% of the rebate goes to the school and 60% goes to family. ***The Goal is for this program to help SJF maintain competitive tuition rates.*** Any questions or ideas: Email sjfmanna@gmail.com or School Board at sjfsab@gmail.com

Manna Hours:

Mondays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Thursdays: 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Fridays: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Saturdays: 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Sundays: 10:30 AM - 11:30 PM



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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!

- Family Night: **3.9**
- No School: **3.13**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **3.24**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **4.5**
- Spring Break: **4.6 – 4.16** *classes resume **4.17**
- First Holy Communion: **4.29**
- 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: **6.8** - 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

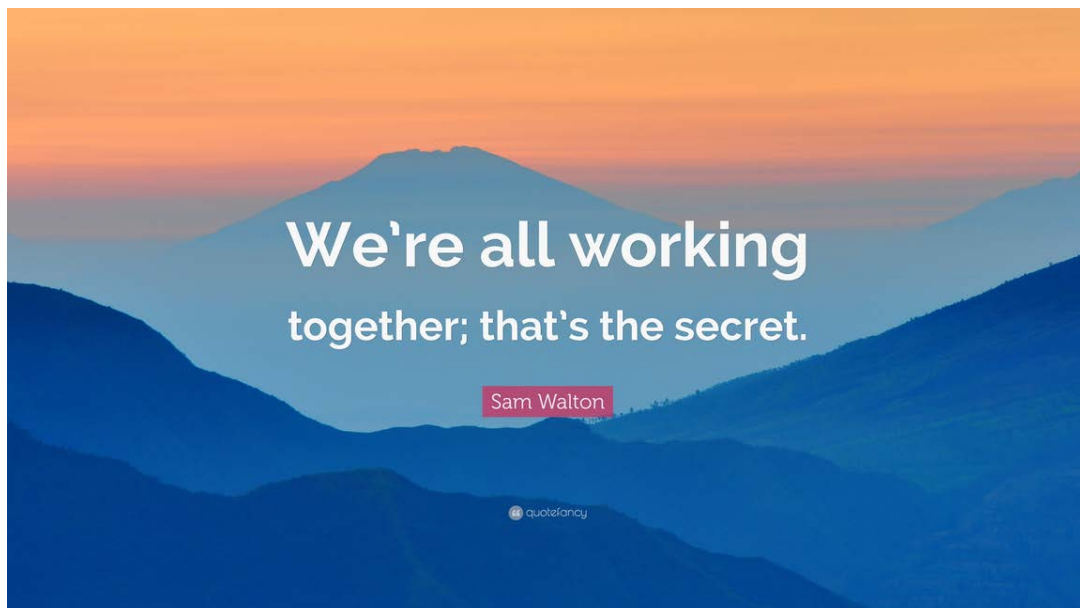
Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- 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

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





Save the date

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St. John Fisher

2023 Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, April 1, 2023





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