



July 21, 2025

Dear St. John Fisher Families,

As we prepare to open our doors for the 2025–2026 school year, I am honored and excited to introduce myself as the new principal of St. John Fisher School. It is a privilege to join this extraordinary community of students, educators, and families who share a deep commitment to faith, learning, and one another.

I have already witnessed what makes St. John Fisher so special—our strong sense of family, our unwavering faith, and our deep pride in our school. I am truly grateful to be a part of it.

This year, our focus will center on academic rigor, a culture of respect, responsibility, and safety, and a renewed commitment to growing in faith. These pillars will guide our goals and shape our daily work with your children.

#### Our Schoolwide Goals for 2025–2026:

- **Strengthen Communication and Partnership:** We believe that a strong home-school connection is key to every student's success. We are committed to open, timely communication and look forward to partnering with you in your child's learning journey.
- **Raise the Bar for Learning:**  
We will challenge students through high expectations, engaging instruction, and meaningful assessments. Our teachers are dedicated to helping each child grow as a confident, curious, and capable learner.
- **Foster a Culture of Respect and Responsibility:**  
We will continue to create a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment where students take ownership of their choices, care for one another, and show pride in their school.
- **Prioritize Safety and Well-Being:**  
From physical safety to emotional wellness, we will remain vigilant in maintaining a safe and supportive school climate for all students.
- **Grow in Faith Together:**  
As a Catholic school, our faith is not just part of what we teach—it is the foundation of who we are. Students will continue to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, service, liturgy, and religious instruction that is relevant, meaningful, and joyful.

We are excited about the year ahead and the many opportunities to grow, serve, and celebrate together. You'll be hearing more in the coming weeks about the start of the school year, upcoming events, and ways you can get involved.



Attached is a school calendar. Please refer to this document for important dates during the school year.

Here is a list of some upcoming important dates:

**Tuesday, August 12th, 8:00-2:00** and **Wednesday, August 13th 5:00-7:00** Paperwork Pick Up in the office. (Optional if you want to complete the paperwork in advance of Packet Pickup Day)

**Thursday, August 14th 5:00-7:00** Packet Pick Up in Kane Hall

**Sunday, August 17th 11:00** SJF Welcome Mass and Picnic at Beverly Park

**Tuesday, August 19th 4:00-6:00** Meet the Teacher/Supply Drop Off

6:00-7:30 8th Grade Mandatory Meeting in Church

**Wednesday, August 20th 11:30** Dismissal First Day of School

**Thursday, August 21st** First Full Day of School

**Monday, September 1st** Labor Day, No School

**Tuesday, September 2nd** Picture Day

**Sunday, September 7th 11:00** SJF Grandparents Mass

**Sunday, September 14th 11:00** Pope Leo Mass

**Friday, September 19th 11:30** Dismissal

**Friday, September 19th - 21st** Fisher Fest

**Friday, September 26th** No School SJF Teacher PD

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. It is a blessing to walk this journey together. Let us pray for a school year filled with joy, discovery, and grace.

In faith and unity,

Colleen Dunlavy