

NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JUNE 11, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We hope you are having the best summer! I cannot believe how quickly time is flying by! I hope you are finding endless time to soak in the sun and make fun and lasting memories with your family and friends!

Though we love the summertime, we sure do miss our Falcons! We are looking ahead to another exciting school year and cannot wait to welcome all of our new Falcons and families to SJF in August! Below you will find important information regarding the 2024-2025 school year. You can expect a back to school update in mid August as well.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School! You belong here.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Marra Mash

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Facts Update

Please be mindful of the following important updates and changes to FACTs for the 2024-2025 school year!

- ALERT
- All of the tuition agreements for the 2024-2025 school year are in the process of being finalized in FACTs. You will receive an email Monday, July 15th, from FACTs alerting you that this year's tuition process has begun.
- All new and existing families will receive an invitation from our FACTs system to set up your account (this notification may go to your junk email).
- All new and existing families are required to set up their payment agreement.

 Please set up your account as soon as possible to begin this process.
- If you do not receive an email from FACTs by Wednesday, July 17th, please contact SJF's tuition manager, Delphine Maxwell, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.
- *MANNA Credits & Preregistration Credits*: Once you have completed setting up your payment plan, MANNA credits and any Preregistration credits <u>will then be applied to your first installment</u>.
- **Additional new feature**: FACTs has a new feature where parents can change the due date of their withdrawal but the date change must remain within the same month. You can utilize this feature up to 3 times a year.
- We have also added on an incidental billing process within FACTs. Specific fees
 charged throughout the year to a family will now be billed directly through your
 FACTs account (i.e. Graduation fees, Communion fees, Extended Day charges,
 field trips, etc.). This will create more efficiencies and streamline our collection
 process.
- The **first payment**, which consists of all of the school fees and the first month of tuition, will be deducted on **August 15th**, **2024**. MANNA credits from the previous school year will be applied to your first payment.
- If the initial payment doesn't process through your bank account or credit card, your child will not be considered registered for school.
- If you have any questions at this time, feel free to reach out to our FACTs customer service team or SJF's tuition administrator, Delphine Maxwell, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.

Summer Enrichment

- Math Packets: <u>Please visit this link</u> to find math enrichment assignments for entering third through eighth graders.
- **Summer Reading**: <u>Please visit this link</u> to find reading assignments for entering first through eighth graders.
- Trying to prevent that summer (academic) slide? <u>Visit this link</u> to see the different options and recommendations to keep our Falcons sharp all summer long! Questions? Reach out to Ms. Schiavone, mschiavone@sjfschool.us or Mrs. Brogan, kbrogan@sjfschool.us.
- Please <u>visit this link</u> to find our school supply list.



Pro Labore Dei

- Our next lunch making session is Aug. 3rd at 9:15 a.m. in the rectory basement.
- Food collection remains critical and continues every Saturday morning from 9:30
 10 a.m. in the SJF parking lot!
- Call Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881) with any questions.



*The School Office is closed the month of July. We are always available via appointment or email. Summer School Office hours are: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on T, W & TH and will resume on Tuesday, August 6th.



- We are in need of a Fall Golf Coordinator for this upcoming season. Please reach out to the Athletic Board at: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com.
- Sports Physicals are required for any student athletes planning on participating in athletics in the 2024-2025 school year. All physicals are due by August 23rd in order for your child to play.
- If your child participates in football, cheer, golf or girls basketball, a parent MUST attend a mandatory parent meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the church on August 15th. August 15th is also packet pick-up day in Kane Hall. The 15th will be a one-stopshop for all of your back to school needs!
- The Athletic Board is ALWAYS looking for volunteer coaches and coordinators. Please reach out to stjohnfishersports@gmail.com if you have any interest in helping. Thank you for your consideration!





September 9th @ 7p.m.!



Liz Repking

Please join us for a parent workshop hosted by St. John Fisher in partnership with Liz Repking, renowned internet safety consultant and creator of Cyber Safety Consulting. Liz is also an author, and founder of the CASE program, Cyber Awareness and Safety Education, which is implemented in middle schools nationwide.

Liz will be speaking to and working with our Falcons during the school day on Monday, September 9th.

The parent presentation will be an overview of what our Falcons learn in addition to critical information for parents.

*Click here for more information.

Your child is too important to miss this event.

Any parent who attends will receive:

- a dress down pass for his or her
 Falcon to use any day of their choice
- will be entered into a raffle to win a free lunch of his or her choice compliments of Mrs. Nash and host the morning ZOOM announcements for a week.





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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- Book Day & Packet Pick-up in Kane Hall: 8.15 ~ 5-7 p.m.
- School Supply Drop-off & Meet the Teacher: 8.20 all grades ~ 4-6 p.m.
- First Day of School: 8.21 ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Labor Day No School: 9.2
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: 10.9, 10.10 *12:00 dismissal 10.10
- All-Staff Professional Development No School: 10.11
- Indigenous Peoples' Day No School: 10.14
- 11.26 ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: 11.27 11.29 *classes resume 12.2
- 12.20 ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: 12.20 1.5 *classes resume 1.6
- Martin Luther King Day No School: 1.20
- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House: 1.26
- Parent Teacher Conferences: 2.13 *12:00 dismissal
- All-Staff Professional Development No School: 2.14
- President's Day No School: 2.17
- No School: 3.17
- All-Staff Professional Development and Planning Day No School: 3.31
- All-Staff Religious Professional Development No School: 4.16
- Spring Break: **4.16 4.27** *classes resume **4.28**
- Memorial Day No School: 5.26
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: 5.30, 10:45 a.m. "Clap-out"

You belong here.

- Graduation: **6.1** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: 6.4 ~ 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: September 25th, October 30th, January 29th, February 26th, April 30th, May 28th.

Yay! We are so excited about the much needed upgrades we made to our playground! Over the summer we installed new turf and a new fence and another climbing apparatus are on its way. Thank you to Mr. Houston and the many volunteers including Gemini Landscaping who helped with this project. A special shout-out to our vendors BeSpoke Fence, Parkreations and Tour Greens Turf of Illinois for their partnership and beautiful work. Thanks to Mrs. Larmon's successful title fund applications and our entire school's successful fundraising efforts, we were able to make these much anticipated and needed changes to our playground a reality! We can't wait to see our Falcons's smiling faces!





2024-2025 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...



- 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@sifschool.us

Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sjfschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Registration
- Admissions
- MedicalForms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or

Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sjfschool.us

Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@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@sifschool.us Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us

(more information on the back page)



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If you have a question or concern about...

CONTACT US

Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, mschiavone@sifschool.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

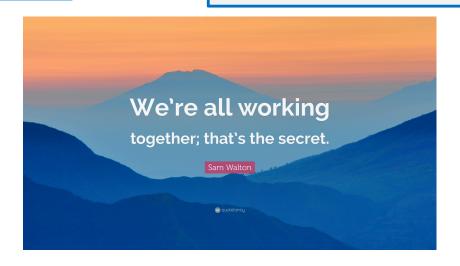
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com

Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com

FSA: siffsa103@gmail.com

Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com

HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com



Congratulations to the 73rd Graduating Class of 2024!

You are Smart,
You are Important,
You are Kind,
You are Loved,
You BELONG here.

We will miss this remarkable class and cannot wait to see what their bright future holds!

Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon.







We love you and miss you Falcons.
See you soon!