

NOTES FROM MRS. NASH SUMMER!

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JUNE 7, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We did it! I hope you all share in our overwhelming sense of accomplishment for successfully completing another school year. I applaud our community. The reason behind our success is that we always work together.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and guardians of our Falcons. There is not a more important, frustrating, challenging and rewarding job than being a good parent. And you are exceptional. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your partnership. It was our great privilege to educate your child(ren) this year. Thank you, parents. You are so appreciated!

Where would we be without the heart of our school, our committed staff and faculty. During a time when teachers all over the country are leaving the profession, our teachers showed up every single day with a thankful heart and an open mind to support your child and help him/her grow academically, spiritually and emotionally. Faculty and staff, we commend you. You gave our children an advantage this year that will last them a lifetime.

An enormous shout-out goes out to our parent and community organizations: School Advisory Board, Family School Association, Athletics, Women's Club and the Holy Name Society. You give so generously of your time and talent, working together to better our school and community. Thank you for motivating us to be our best and for your never-ending support of our school and parish.

Finally, to the glue that holds us all together, thank you FALCONS! We are forever grateful to our Falcons, for arriving to school each day with a positive attitude and a smile on his/her face, for making us laugh and reminding us what life is all about. You are the reason we are all here. We love you, Falcons. Be safe this summer. Make good choices and keep being awesome!

I hope you have a fabulous summer full of all the blessings that life has to bring! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School!

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Mash

Important Announcements

- It is so hard to say good by to 3 phenomenal teachers who are retiring this year. Thank you Mrs. Biernacki, Mrs. Fanjoy and Ms. Power for your over 70 years of service to Catholic education. The world is a better place because of you. You left an indelible mark on our hearts.
- Please see the below flyers regarding ordering school supplies through the FSA.
- Don't forget, Wednesday, June 7th is the last day of school and dismissal is at 10:30!
- Here is the link to our **state of the school and budget letter** and here is the link for the **one** page summary in case you missed it. Thank you!
- Do you want to order an **SJF yearbook**? See the flyer below for more information.
- **Used Chromebooks for sale** \$20! Contact Mrs. Maxwell if you are interested, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.
- 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!
- **Summer Hours**: The School Office will be open T-TH 9 a.m.-12 p.m. We are closed the month of July.
- **Save the Dates**: August 17th Book Day in Kane Hall, August 22nd Supply Drop-off for students in pre-k 3rd ONLY, August 23rd First Day of School, 11:30 dismissal

Employment Opportunities

- Part-time Primary Aide, Please express interest at mnash@sjfschool.us
- Middle School Math Teacher to cover a maternity leave beginning in August and ending in December of 2023. *Please express interest at mnash@sjfschool.us*.
- School Counselor part-time school counselor. Please express interest at mnash@sjfschool.us
- **Development Lead** SJF seeks a candidate to lead school fundraising strategy for the school's 75th Anniversary. This person would work closely with the School Leadership, Foundation, and School Advisory Board on planning, communication, and fundraising execution. This person is not expected to lead all fundraisers and would have the help of parent organizations. The ideal candidate is a self-starter with experience in sales and/or development and a proven track record of building relationships and collaborating across a variety of stakeholders. Alumni of SJF that may be interested in supporting these efforts in as a part-time resource or committee member, please let us know. **Please express interest at sifsab@gmail.com.**

FSA Corner

- We would like to thank all the parents and students who helped make our events this year a success!
 - We sponsored donuts on the lawn, the skating party, trunk or treat, advent wreaths, pictures with Santa, Christmas house decorating contest, teacher treats for Catholic Schools week, walked in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, teacher appreciation week, running club, Father/Daughter dance, Mother/Son White Sox game and Rainbow Cone! None of these events could have happened without parents taking the lead; we truly appreciate you.
 - On a monthly basis, Nora Bansley organized special lunch and Kate Conway organized the teacher breakfasts. Our room parents helped us disseminate information and organize collections when needed. FSA also provides teachers with a Christmas gift, birthday gift, and end of year gift.
- We look forward to seeing you in August at packet pick-up where we will have sign up sheets available for our yearly events. We host meetings a few times a year and are always available to hear new ideas and how they can be implemented. Feel free to email the FSA at siffsa103@gmail.com. Also don't forget to save time shopping and order your school supplies, forms went home this week and there is also a flyer in Nash's Notes. Peace + Love + SJF



Volunteer Opportunities

- School Advisory Board: We are seeking new School Advisory Board Members for next school year. Our top two focus areas we are looking for help with include our 75th Anniversary planning and school enrollment. For the 75th Anniversary Planning, it would be ideal to welcome a board member that is a graduate of SJF and/or has a sales/development background. If you are interested, please fill out this form.
- **Athletic Board**: The SJF Athletic Board is looking to fill the following positions for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - Concession Stand Coordinator
 - JV Cheer Coach
 - JV Cheer Assistant Coordinator
- Reach out to Athletic Board President Steve Scarsella <u>sdscarsella@gmail.com</u> with questions. Go Falcons!

We need your help!





At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. <u>Each month</u> 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONNER T. LOWRY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!





KIERAN MCGARRY



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8TH GRADE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Many of our graduates have received scholarships and awards from the area high schools and organizations.

BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

"BE EXCEPTIONAL" AWARD

Eamon Griffin

James Lotito

Ryan Moonan

Joshua Milakovich

FIRST RESPONDERS AWARD

Eamon Griffin

Owen Manning

James Lotito

Ryan Moonan

Joshua Milakovich

Benjamin Schreiber

LEGACY AWARD

Declan Fitzgerald

James Lotito

CRUSADER AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Joshua Milakovich

ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNI LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Grace Vrablic Barnhouse

LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Brea White

MOTHER MCAULEY HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNAE TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Rose Gilligan

Adeline Moles

MaryClare O'Connor

Erin O'Hara

Caera Nolan

Ryanne Nolan

Brigid O'Malley

Molly McGlynn

Sarah Riley

CATHERINE MCAULEY SERVICE AWARD

Tess Schober

IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP

Molly McGlynn

LOMBARD FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Bridie O'Connor

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP

Caera Nolan

Ryanne Nolan

HOMETOWN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP

Aniela Murphy

SISTERS OF MERCY SCHOLARSHIP

Rose Gilligan

ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL

ANDREW SMIALEK AWARD

Brian Ortell Robert Rusch

Andrew Stodolny

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Jake Roney Robert Rusch

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

John Fennell Jake Roney

Seamus O'Leary

Robert Rusch

Vincent Stubitsch

Brian Ortell

Andrew Stodolny

FOUR STAR SCHOLARSHIP

John Fennell

Jake Roney

Andrew Stodolny

Vincent Stubitsch

BROTHER SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Rusch

Andrew Stodolny

MOUNT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

NICHOLAS A. LOSUE ACADEMIC

SCHOLARSHIP

Gavin McGovern

Terrence O'Connor

JAMES BARDA SCHOLARSHIP

Terrance O'Connor

Daniel Urbon

GILMORE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Nathaniel Killeen

Gavin McGovern

THE PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST RESPONDER

SCHOLARSHIP

Terrence O'Connor

Zachary Smith

ORDER OF THE CARMELITES CATHOLIC

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Colin Harrigan

Terrence O'Connor

Nathaniel Killeen

Zachary Smith

Gavin McGovern

Daniel Urbon

KEVIN KENNELLY AWARD

Colin Harrigan

Terrence O'Connor

Nathaniel Killeen

Zachary Smith

Gavin McGovern

Daniel Urbon

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER SCHOLARSHIP

Nathaniel Killeen

MARIST HIGH SCHOOL

REDHAWK SCHOLARSHIP

Madeline Colander Ryan Rafferty

BROTHERS' SCHOLARSHIP

Jacob Malloy

CHAMPAGNAT SCHOLARSHIP

MaryEileen Canavan

LAVALLE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Olivia Barsch

FIRST RESPONDERS SCHOLARSHIP

Olivia Barsch Caitlin Kinnane

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARD

Nathaniel Killeen

JAMES LESTER TIERNEY SCHOLARSHIP

Terrence O'Connor

HELEN LYON MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLASHIP CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT GOLD BADGE SOCIETY

Joshua Milakovich

BEVERLY ARTS PLANNING ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Andrew Stodolny

DONNA MCCORMICK AWARD

Brigid O'Malley

HOLLAND-MCMAHON AWARD

Vincent Stubitsch

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP AWARD

Brian Ortell Brigid O'Malley

HONORABLE MENTION

Thomas Buker
Madeline Colander

CONNOR LOWRY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Rose Gilligan James Lotito Adeline Moles Terrence O'Connor

KEVIN DOWLING SCHOLARSHIP

Terrence O'Connor

MR. JOE GUINANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Caitlin Kinnane Vincent Stubitsch

MONSIGNOR FRANCIS J. MCELLIGOTT SCHOLARSHIP

Madeline Colander Jacon Malloy Brigid O'Malley Ryan Rafferty

SISTER JEAN ANNE MCGRATH, C.S.J. KINDNESS SCHOLARSHIP

Gabrielle Fahy Rose Gilligan Caitlin Kinnane MaryClare O'Connor

OUTSTANDING STUDENT

Madeline Colander

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

- Maternity Leave for the '23-'24 School Year
- August 15th December 22nd
- Team-oriented, nurturing, warm and friendly work environment

Qualifications:

- College Degree Required
- Math competency
- Highly organized and energetic
- · Team oriented
- · Strong communication skills
- Reliable







For more information about SJF www.sjfschool.net

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Order Deadline:

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Our School ID:

STJ139



www.EducationalProducts.com/ShopPacks



Proudly presents

Celebration of KINDNESS



Sunday, June 11th 2023 12:30 pm Ridge Country Club

Event & Scholarship organized by the SDF Women's Club Buffer Lunch Beer & Wine Split the Por Raffle \$100/person

> Tickets & scholarship details can be found at SJFkindnessgivesmart.com

St. John Fisher School Tutor/SEL Support

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@sjfschool.us	773-837-6954	Summer	in person	K-4	All subjects
Kristy Condon	kcondon@sjfschool.us	708-262-8836	Spring/Summer	both	3-8:	All subjects + HS Placement Test prep
					high school:	English, math, ACT and SAT prep
Colleen Dunlavy	cdunlavy@sjfschool.us	708-207-1558	Spring/Summer		K-8:	All subjects
				both	high school:	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@sjfschool.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 or

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 <u>www.getepic.com</u>

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 <u>camps for kids at the Center in Palos Park</u>

last update: 3/23/23

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

- Sports, arts, theater and music camps at <u>Mother McAuley</u>
- Academic, athletic and other activities at <u>Brother Rice</u>
- Wide variety of athletics, arts, activities camps at <u>Marist</u>
- Athletic, cooking, art and robotics camps at <u>St. Rita</u>
- 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 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. <u>Typing.com</u> 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: <u>Race Now 100% Free | Nitro Type</u>

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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL "GUIDE"

Children/Preteen Social Emotional Skills Groups

The guide concept is designed by Julie Schultz. tutoring with a "twist"

"Guide" is a unique approach and targets social emotional skills that are often left out in the traditional classroom.

Julie is a school counselor with 21 years experience working with children ages 3-15.

Sessions may include...

Confidence building, self control, conflict resolution, self esteem, anxious thinking fixed/growth mindset

the "Guide" approach combines areas of need and parent feedback to determine attainable goals

Session Location will be determined by Julie and Parent.

Individual or group sessions provided.

Summer Sessions forming now!

Reach out for more information

Julieharris80@hotmail.com

Text 708-267-8116



SJF Summer Enrichment Camp Grades 2-8



Want to prevent learning loss over the summer? Want to get your student's math packet done? Ready for some STEM activities and group learning activities?

Then...Summer Enrichment Camp is for you!

Mrs. Ade and Ms. Dunlavy will be running an exciting new camp this summer. We will have fun doing science experiments, math enrichment, and ELA games. There will even be time for some fun, outdoor sports activities.

Vho:	Students entering grades 2nd through 8th	STEM
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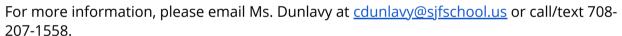
When: Week 1- July 25th, 26th, 27th 9:00-12:00

Week 2- Aug 8th, 9th, 10th 9:00-12:00



Cost: One week - \$150

Two weeks - \$250



SJF Summer Enrichment Camp	
Student's Name: Grade in Fall 2023:	
Parent's Name:	
Parent Email: Parent Phone:	
Week 1 - July 25th, 26th, 27th 9:00-12:00	
Week 2 - Aug 8th, 9th, 10th 9:00-12:00	
Amount enclosed: \$150 (one week) \$225 (two weeks) **Please return by June 6th	

Symmer Reading 2023

I hope everyone has a looong list of books to read this summer, I know I do! Besides any required reading for the next school year, here are some fun programs to keep kids reading this summer. Did I mention incentives??

If you buy Kelloggs products, be sure to check out this offer, you can get up to 10 free books from now until November by buying qualifying items.

https://www.kelloggspromotions.com/en_US/feeding-reading-2023/home.html

Talk about a summer reading challenge! It is MENSA after all. Check out their website for some really great book lists and a chance to earn an official t-shirt.

https://www.mensaforkids.org/achieve/excellence-in-reading/

Any free pizza fans out there? Pizza Hut has created a camp version of their Bookit program. Register on their website for access to some fun resources and a chance to earn free pizza! https://www.bookitprogram.com/programs/camp-book-it

Half Price books (I think Orland Park is the closest) has an online summer reading camp that runs from Jun 1, 2023 to Jul 31, 2023. Register for online and printable activities and to earn coupons toward future purchases.

https://b.halfpricebooks.com/summer-reading/

Barnes and Noble bookstores have a summer reading program where kids can earn a free book (from their list) after reading 8 books and completing their summer reading journal. https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/bnstores/kids/misc/2023/BNKidsSummer Reading85x11.pdf

Not sure what to read? Here are some book lists with suggestions by age:

https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/summer-reading-list/

https://www.readbrightly.com/search/?s=SUMMER+READING+2023

https://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/summer-2023

If you live in Chicago, don't forget The Chicago Public Library - Happy 150th Birthday to one of my favorite places (any branch!).

The Library's website has lots of resources for kids. Be sure to register for their summer reading program at your favorite branch!

CPL kids.

List of Chicago Public Library activities at Beverly, Mt. Greenwood, Walker and Woodson branches:

CPL Summer Programs

Student Authors

SJF students have checked out over 12,000 books this year - WOW!

In addition to their love of reading, some students have even written their own stories which I have cataloged for check out in the school library and they are circulated frequently.

Have your kids take a cue from these young authors and give them a stack of blank paper to create their own summer story to share in the library when they return to school in the fall.

This not a requirement but I am already excited to see what the kids write!!

Summer Story Challenge:

Write a story about summer. Your story can be fiction or nonfiction, funny or sad, wild or calm, possible or impossible - it's up to you. *Illustrations are awesome but not necessary.* Here's what it should include:

- Location: Where does your story take place? What might have happened there so far?
- Characters: Who are the main characters? Are they heroes, villains or a mixture of both? Your characters might just be ordinary folks; the main character could be you! Use lots of description, the more interesting your characters are, the more exciting your story will be.
- Setting: Where does your story take place? Think about what the weather is like, what you might see, hear or even smell there. Use a lot of adjectives and adverbs; be descriptive!
- The Problem: Anything can happen, anytime! What kind of problem or problems do your characters have to solve? Keep your story interesting; unexpected events or situations that are difficult make for good reading.
- The Resolution: (the fix, the solution, the happily ever after) What happens? How does the problem get solved? What happens to your main characters (or you)? Wrap it up with a good ending!

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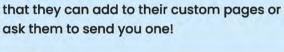
Add Photos

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.



Design Your Page

Sign Books

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!

Make your friends smile by sending them a

message (can include a photo or sticker)

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

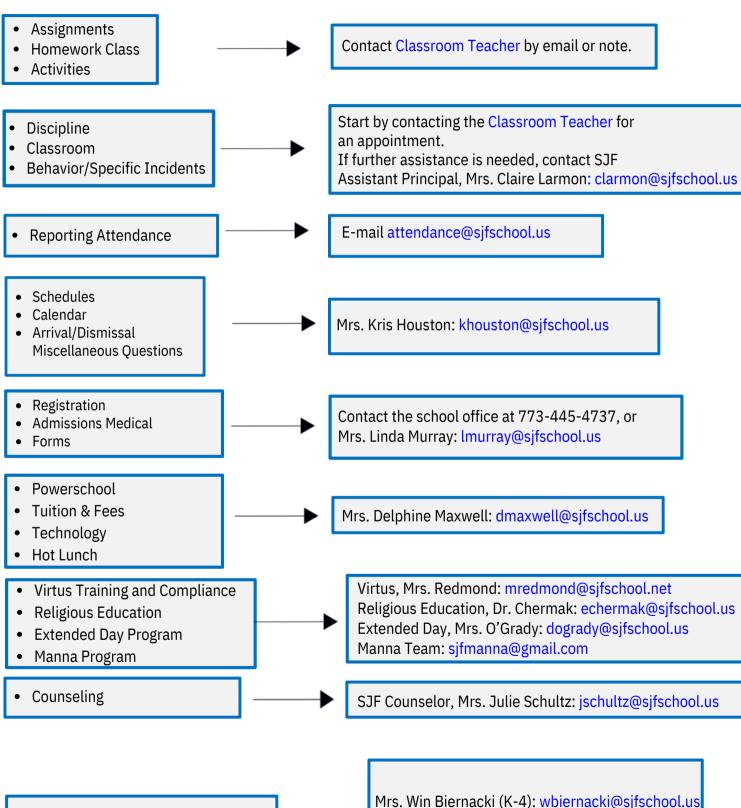




Student Accommodation Plans

2022-2023 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...



Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us



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