



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School – Welcome Home Falcons!

August 26, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

Our building has come alive again with all of our fabulous Falcons! This week we are grateful for air-conditioning in Kane Hall, our new Spanish classroom, live ZOOM announcements, our inaugural Boot Camp and most importantly reconnecting with friends, teachers and staff members! Excitement fills the air as our students and faculty members are beginning to build strong relationships and get used to their new routine. The possibilities for success and growth are endless. This is going to be our best year yet! We cannot wait to see you all on Tuesday, August 30th from 7-8 p.m. for our “Back to School” night event. Please join us in Kane Hall first for a brief video presentation @ 7 p.m. before visiting with your child(ren)’s teacher and seeing his/her learning environment.

Now more than ever, it is a great time to be a St. John Fisher Falcon! We are so grateful for our 300+ SJF Families. The future of our school and community is bright! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **Peace, Love, SJF.** [Here is a video recap of the first week back together!](#)

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

SJF Bootcamp ~ We Need Your Help!

- Over the summer, a team of faculty members met to create a **schoolwide behavior system**.
- This week begins our **inaugural SJF Bootcamp!** All of our classroom rules and school-wide expectations and rules can be tied back to our three mantras: **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe!**
- Every grade level team has identified the most important rules and expectations for their grade level and will be reviewing all of the ways our **Falcons need to be respectful, responsible and safe in the classroom, in the hallway, in the bathroom, in the lunch room, on the playground and in church.**
- **Parents**, please talk to your child(ren) about our bootcamp and feel free to adopt our mantras for your home.
 - Last night’s **skating party** was well-attended and full of an enthusiastic back to school vibe! Thank you for attending and thank you to the FSA Board for organizing this event. Unfortunately, at some point during the night, a water bottle was thrown through one of the church windows, breaking the window. Students were also seen rollerblading in the church. It takes a village to raise good kids and we need your help to ensure all of our kids (I’m right there with you with my own kids) are being respectful, responsible and safe in and out of our school and at our school events. Let’s work together to ensure the rest of our school events are fun and safe! Thank you so much for your help!

Arrival and Uniform Reminders

- Our **staggered arrival times** will continue this year in order to ease the morning traffic flow. Students with the last name beginning with letters **A-L should arrive at 7:45 a.m.** and students with the last name beginning with letters **M-Z should arrive at 7:50.** *Students will be considered late at 7:55.*
- **Students should dress in their school uniforms every day.** No SJF hoodies are allowed Monday - Thursday.

- Students can wear Falcon spirit-wear t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies with their uniform bottoms on Falcon Fridays! (The Peace+Love+SJF t-shirts are for Falcon Fridays ONLY!)
- **Door Assignments:**
 - **Preschool Room 107 & 109**, Door #6 under the bridge on the west side
 - **Preschool Room 108, 110 & 112**, Door #7 on the Fairfield side south door across from the convent
 - **Kindergarten**, Door #8 east side of the church foyer, off of the rectory driveway
 - **1st & 2nd Grade**, Door #9 Fairfield entrance, just north of the main church doors
 - **3rd & 4th Grade**, Door #4 Kane Hall entrance
 - **5th & 6th Grade**, Door #3 Library entrance doors off of 102nd Street
 - **7th & 8th Grade**, Door #1 Main Office Doors, 10200 S. Washtenaw

Important Announcements

- **The Parish Picnic** at Beverly Park is this Sunday, August 28th @ 11 a.m. We will be selling **Peace+Love+SJF T-shirts** at this event.
- Please turn in your child's **medical forms (sports physicals, dental, vision) and your family emergency card** that went home in your folder on packet pick-up night.
- **Extended Day** begins Monday, August 29th. This year, Extended Day **ends at 5 p.m.** [Visit this link to register your child.](#)
- **The Hot Lunch menu** has been updated and is open for September. Reach out to Mrs. Maxwell with questions, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.
- **School Uniforms:** Please see pages 15-16 of our Student Handbook [linked here](#). Uniforms can be purchased at Schools' Are Us, 3146 West 111th Street, Chicago 60655.
- A huge shout out AGAIN to **Comm-Test Electric and Gorman Construction** for doing a flawless job with the Kane Hall air-conditioning installation.
- **THANK YOU Gorman Construction** for our beautiful new concession stand, physical education office, storage room and administrative offices.
- **THANK YOU Gemini Landscaping** for our new mulch and updated landscaping.
- **THANK YOU to all of the VOLUNTEERS** who helped us move furniture, AC units, books, etc. over the summer. You are so very appreciated!

Wilson Reading Update!

- Please join me in congratulating two of our outstanding resource teachers who completed their Wilson Reading Training over the summer and are now **Wilson Dyslexia Practitioners: Ms. Mary Schiavone**, Resource Teacher and Reading Interventionist for grades k-3 and **Mrs. Janet Otto**, Resource Teacher and Reading Interventionist for grades 4-8. We are so lucky to have them on staff!



**Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe.
Be a Falcon.**



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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!

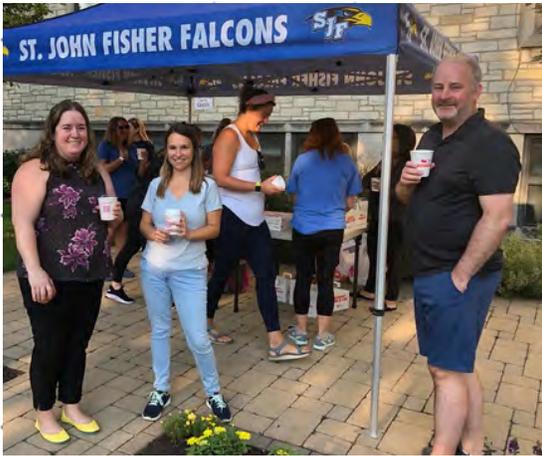
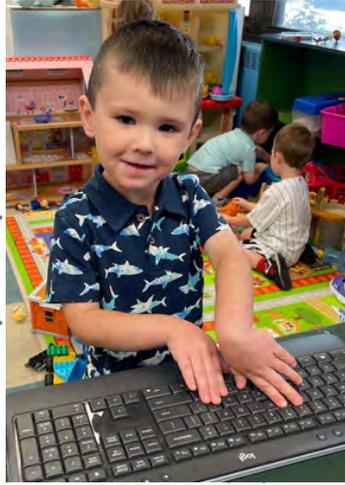
- School Supply Drop-off: **8.23** (*for students in grades pre-k – 3 ONLY*)
- First Day of School: **8.24** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Back to School Open House: **8.30** ~ 7-8 p.m.
- Labor Day – No School: **9.5**
- School Picture Day: **10.4**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.5, 10.6**
- No School: **10.7**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.10**
- School Picture Make-up Day: **11.17**
- **11.23** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.27** *classes resume **11.28**
- **12.21** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.4** *classes resume **1.5**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.16**
- Graduation Picture Day: **2.8**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.16**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **2.17**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.20**
- 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

***1 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **September 28th, October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**

WELCOME BACK FALCONS!!













2022-2023 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 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
- Hot Lunch

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

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

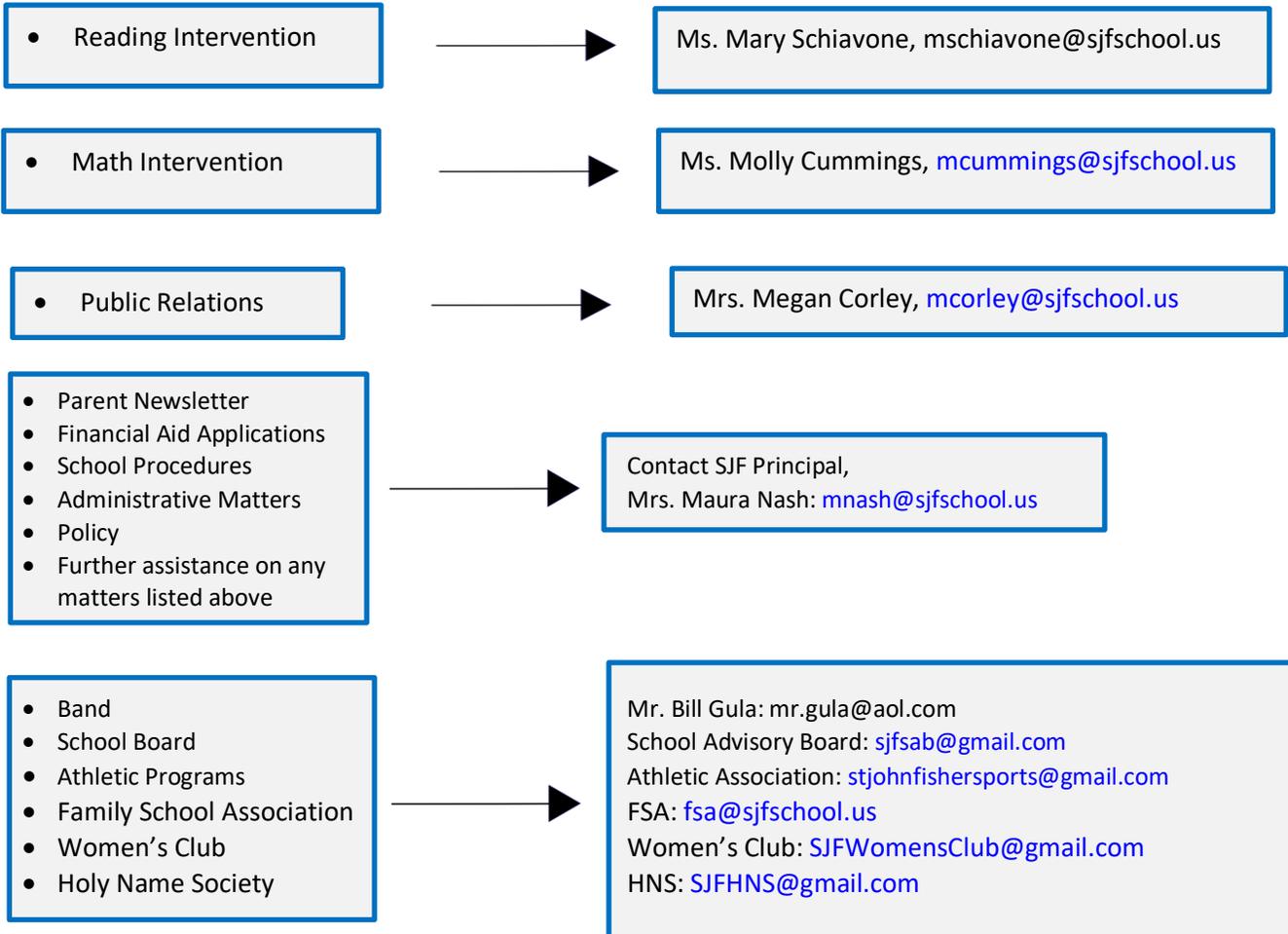
- Student Accommodation Plans

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



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If you have a question or concern...





THE FISHER FALCON EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Established December 2021. Managed by a volunteer Board of Directors that strives To represent a wide spectrum of talents and connections to SJF Parish and School.

What?

An **independent, not-for-profit** 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds in support of St. John Fisher School.

Why?

To preserve, protect, and promote SJF School's mission and resources, so it remains the **vibrant, affordable cornerstone** of our community it has been for nearly 75 years.

How?

By holding **events and campaigns** to direct giving toward one of four distinct endowment funds; then **investing and spending** those funds on behalf of the school and parish.

Who benefits?

There is a **100% return rate** to SJF School; all proceeds directly benefit its **students, teachers, families**, and, in turn, the community at large.

PLANNED FUNDS



Operating Endowment Fund

- To be initially funded by Manna savings
- Set up with primary goal to subsidize annual school operating budget
- Supports continued classroom/curriculum enrichment and faculty retention goals



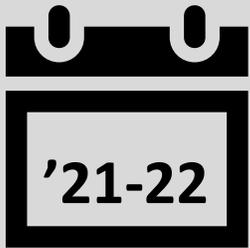
Tuition Assistance & Scholarship Funds

- School & SAB previously reserved funds for tuition assistance
- Ensures SJF can serve families in financial need and/or emergency situations
- Goal to expand reach of Msgr. McElligott awards for graduating 8th graders



Campus Improvement Fund

- Will finance priority plant and building investments (e.g., the recent A/C installation)
- Envisioned to be funded by targeted, episodic fundraisers as building needs are identified



GOALS Reached



ESTABLISH FOUNDATION, RECRUIT BOARD, SET GOALS



RAISE **\$200k** FROM

MANNA, Events like Oktoberfest, DAY OF GIVING, Alumni Outreach, Memorial Donations, ETC.



DISTRIBUTE \$150k TO SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY

To learn more, get involved, donate, or pledge, please visit www.FalconEducationFoundation.org, e-mail info@FalconEducationFoundation.org, or scan the QR code at right.

MAKE A GIFT TODAY:



ST. John Fisher

Parish

Faith • Family • Food

PICNIC

Beverly Park

A colorful illustration of a picnic scene. In the foreground, a picnic table with a red and white checkered tablecloth is set with various food items like a burger, a watermelon slice, and a drink. To the right, a red charcoal grill is open. The background features a wooden fence, green trees, and a blue sky with a few balloons (one blue, one yellow).

Celebrate Back to School
with mass in the park!

AUGUST 28 TH • 11:00 AM MASS

Food served until 2:30 pm
Raffle Prizes, Bounce House, Face Painter

St John Fisher Men's Club
Father-Son
Sox Game



Limited Tickets Available!
To Reserve your seats
E-Mail your Name, Ticket
quantity and if you will be
riding bus to
HNSeventRSVP@gmail.com

White Sox vs.
Detroit Tigers

Sunday September 25th

Noon: Bus Departs from SJF parking lot (beer included)

1:10pm: First Pitch

20 Min. after Final Out: Bus Departs Bus Lot A for SJF

Game Ticket: \$30

Bus and Game Ticket: \$45

ST JOHN FISHER PRESENTS



OKTOBERBEER FEST

\$30 PRESALE

\$35 AT THE DOOR

The Ron Burgundy
Yacht Rock and other 'softcore' Rock

SECONDHAND NEWS

CHICAGO'S FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

*Beverly
Country
Club*



MUSIC

FOOD

BEER

**21
OCT
5-11PM**

Whittingham Meats, Horse Thief & Open Outcry
Oktoberfest Beers, Lederhosen, Bavarian Pretzels,
90+ Seasonal Wines

LOCATED IN ST. JOHN FISHER PARKING LOT



St. John Fisher FSA PIZZA SETUP Fundraiser



Support SJF FSA & Shop Local!

Must be redeemed at 3804 W. 111th Street location

DUE: Friday, September 9th (cash or check to SJF FSA)

Family Name: _____ Contact # (if needed) _____

Please send home with: _____ Teacher/Room# _____

12" thin (3 pizzas)	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	Cheese \$15 each		Sausage \$20 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)		Pepperoni \$20 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)		Total \$
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7" thin (10 pizzas)	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	Cheese \$18 each		Sausage \$22 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)		Pepperoni \$22 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)		Total \$
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10" gluten free (3 pizzas)	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	Cheese \$20 each		Sausage \$23 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)		Pepperoni \$23 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)		Total \$
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Contact Erica Cahill with any questions: ericacahill@gmail.com Total amount \$ _____