



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

August 5, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

I hope and pray that you are soaking up every second of these last few weeks of summer before school begins! We have been working hard this summer to prepare for the new school year! We are eager to have our Falcons back with us and are thrilled to share with you some of our exciting updates outlined below in our important announcements section and flyers. We are so excited to embark on this normal school year with all of you and we continue to remain so grateful for your constant support and partnership.

Now more than ever, it is a great time to be a Falcon! The future of our school and community is bright! We look forward to seeing you at **Packet Pick-up Night on August 17th from 5-7**. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. Peace, love, SJF.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- Please join the St. John Fisher Community in praying for the health and recovery of one of its own, **Molly Fitzgerald**, who is the mom to three Falcons. If you would like to make a donation toward Molly's recovery, [please click this link](#). **Falcons fight together.**
- **Back to School T-shirts are on sale now until Sunday, August 7th.** [Visit this link](#) to orders yours today. **Peace. Love. SJF.**
- Thank you to the **Women's Club** for making a donation toward purchasing digital memberships and licenses for crucial curriculum this school year. Thank you to all who are members and participate in the events and activities which allowed for this donation!
- **Falcons, we have AIR CONDITIONING in KANE HALL!** Thanks to all who participated in the Tuition Raffle and went to see Pat McGann's shows benefiting SJF this summer helping us off-set the cost of this campus improvement project.
- We are in the final stages of completing construction on our **new and improved concession stand** located just outside of the gym doors!
- We continue to improve our **landscaping and campus grounds** in partnership with our amazing maintenance director, Bob Houston, our facilities committee and **Gemini Landscaping** which is locally owned by one of our school families. This summer we had new concrete poured around the playground area. When dropping your child(ren) off, you no longer will have to dodge enormous puddles when it rains!
- **School Supply drop-off for grades pre-school – 3rd is Tuesday, August 23rd from 4-6pm.** All other students should bring their supplies ([list linked here](#)) on the first day of school.
- This year *we will continue to have Wednesday 1:00 dismissals* on: **September 28th, October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th and May 31st** for faculty and staff professional development, PLC work and faculty council collaboration. Please see other important dates outlined below.

- 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.
- We are thrilled to welcome **45 new families** to SJF!
- We opened up a **5^h pre-school room** and this year our youngest Falcons will be **separated into 3 and 4-year-old classes**.
- This year **Spanish** will be taught weekly in grades **kindergarten – 8th**.
- Please **save the date for our back-to-school skating party on Thursday, August 25th** in the church parking lot.
- Please save the date for the **Back to School Picnic on Sunday, August 28th**; see the flyer below for more information.
- **Summer Math and Reading Packets** for **grades 1st – 8th** are [posted here](#). Please make sure your student completes this summer prep work **prior** to the first day of school which is August 24th.
- **School Uniforms**: Please see pages 15-16 of our Student Handbook [linked here](#). Uniforms can be purchased at Schools' Are Us as well as Packet Pick-Up Night on Wednesday, August 17^h from 5-7 in Kane Hall.
- **Sports Physicals**: The Archdiocese of Chicago REQUIRES a sports physical to be on file for all students in grades 3-8 who wish to compete in athletics.

FACTS Update

- All of the tuition agreements for the 2022-2023 school year have been finalized in FACTs. The first payment, which consists of all of the school fees and the first month of tuition will be deducted on **August 15th, 2022**. 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.net. MANNA credits from the previous school year will be applied to your first payment once you have finalized your agreement.

MANNA Update

- The convent will be open for Manna purchases on **Mondays (8-9 a.m.), Wednesdays (6-7 p.m.) and Saturdays (8:30-9:30 a.m.) ONLY**. You can buy Manna on-the-go, E-CERTIFICATES or request Ship to Home using the Raise Right App or Website. With your support, we hope we can get closer to the \$100,000 school fundraising goal to help balance the school budget and maintain competitive tuition rates.
- Ideas for last minute summer spending through the Manna Program: Airlines, Airbnb, TopGolf, Marriot, Disney, Town Liquors, local restaurants and grocery stores.
- Check out the [Manna website](#) for more info. Email the Manna team at Sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions.



If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.

-Mother Teresa

2022-2023 Abbreviated Calendar



Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

*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!

- First Day of School: **8.24** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- 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.**



SJF FACULTY & STAFF UPDATES 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Currently, our world is experiencing a significant teacher shortage. This trend is impacting many of the schools in our area. We cannot express enough the overwhelming appreciation we have for our incredibly dedicated and talented faculty and staff who sacrifice so much to work at St. John Fisher School. We are excited to announce the below faculty transitions and welcome our new faculty and staff members to the SJF Family!

Faculty Transitions

Mrs. Beth Furlong, 3 year-old part-time Pre-School Aide & Primary Aide

Mrs. Erin Rech, 3 year-old part-time Pre-School Teacher & Resource Teacher

Ms. Lindsey Surin, 3 year-old full-time Pre-School Teacher

Mrs. Katie Ball, 2nd grade

Mrs. Beth Paluch, part-time 2nd grade Aide

Mrs. Phyllis Sullivan, part-time 2nd grade Aide

Mrs. Courtney Namoff, 4th grade Social Studies & Science

Mrs. Margie Sefcik, Physical Education Teacher

Mrs. Janet Otto, Part-time Reading Specialist, grades 4-8

Welcome New Faculty & Staff Members!

Mrs. Moira Garza, 4-year-old full-time Pre-School Aide

Mrs. Maureen Sullivan, Primary Aide

Mrs. Kristin Reyes, 4th grade Math

Ms. Annabelle Hladik, 5th & 6th grade Social Studies

Ms. Sara Russell, 7th & 8th grade Religion and Psychology

Mrs. Kris Houston, Office Staff Support

Together Our Future is Bright!



**JOIN PAT MCGANN & JIM FLANNIGAN
FOR**

GIVE BACK SUNDAYS

**A LIVE EPISODE OF THE
ALL OVER THE PLACE PODCAST
WITH PROCEEDS BENEFITING
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

SUNDAYS @ ZANIES ROSEMONT

*** JUNE 12TH * JULY 24TH * AUGUST 14TH ***

5:00 -Doors open

6:00- Show starts

Get Tickets at rosemont.zanies.com

Your ticket proceeds will benefit St. JOHN FISHER

USE PROMO CODE SJF

"Socks and Skates" Party



Thursday, August 25th

6:00 - 8:00 PM

St. John Fisher Parking Lot

Wear your crazy socks!

Food and snacks will be available to purchase.



Roller skates, roller blades and scooters are welcome.

NO BIKES ALLOWED!

All proceeds will benefit SJF FSA

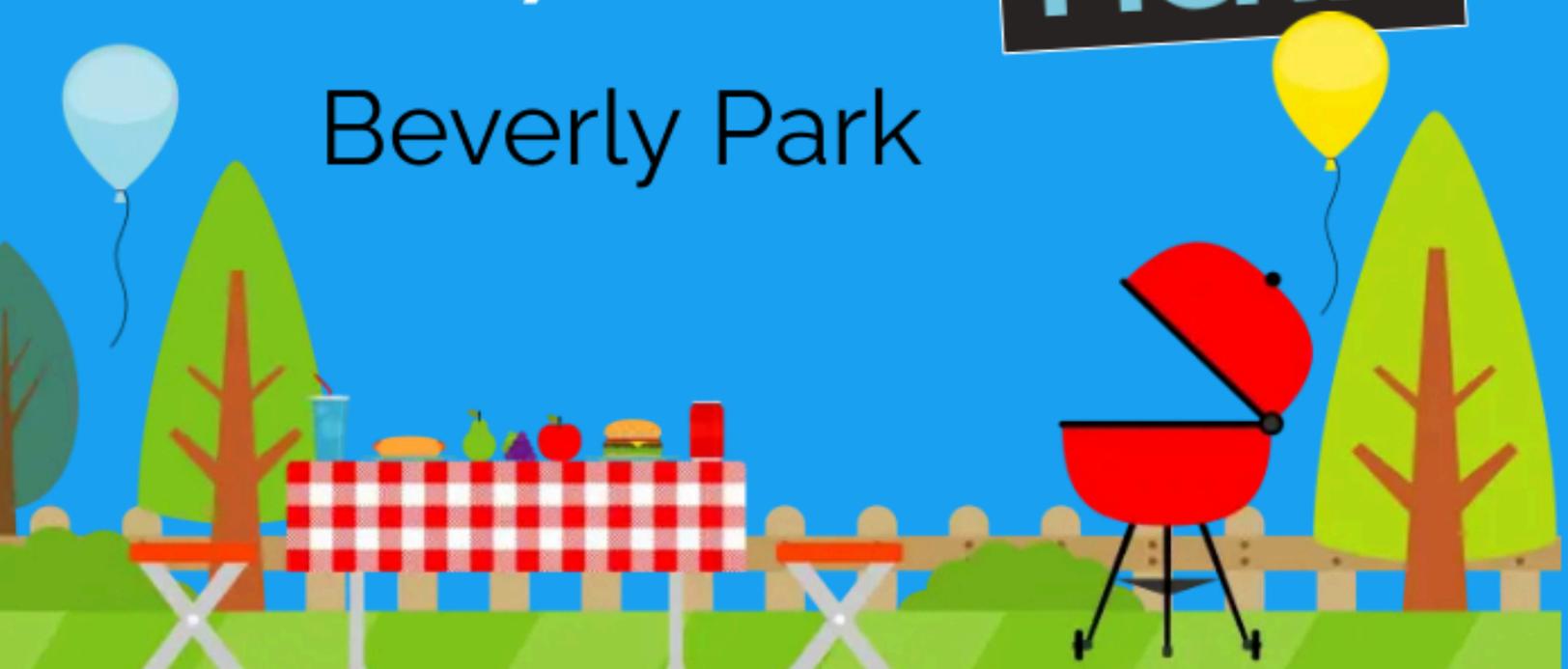
ST. John Fisher

Parish

Faith • Family • Food

PICNIC

Beverly Park



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

Your Children are Our Priority

LET US TAKE CARE OF **LUNCH**



Gilhooley's offers a hot lunch program delivered right to school featuring fresh food made daily!

Kids will enjoy fresh meats, seasonal locally grown produce, homemade sauces.

Healthy choices and kids favorites like chicken tenders, pancakes, pizza and homemade desserts.

MONTHLY SPECIALS!



It's easy to set up an account and order online. Contact for information about full month or full year sign-up discount.

terri@sxu.edu • 773-233-2200

USED HP CHROMEBOOK SALE



HP Chromebook 11 G3/G4/G4 G5
Purchased in 2016-2017
Can no longer be upgraded to
the current OS system but
can still be used to access Google,
video, basic tasks. Sale is final.

\$30
EACH

CONTACT MRS. MAXWELL @
DMAXWELL@SJFSCHOOL.US
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

Capture Your Memories in This Year's St. John Fisher Yearbook



Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

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: **\$25.09**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Jun 15**

TreeRing