



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

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St. John Fisher School – **Summer Newsletter**

July 16, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

Happy Summer! I hope you are enjoying every second of your well-deserved break! I cannot believe that it is mid-July. Where has the time gone? Though we are all enjoying the much-needed time away and slower pace of life that summer brings, we are also hard at work preparing for this upcoming, more normal, school year. Below are some important announcements and information that you need to be aware of as we slowly inch closer to the start of the school year.

I know the masking policy and other COVID related restrictions weigh heavy on your mind. The archdiocese is planning to share updated guidance regarding these topics in the coming days. However, archdiocesan grammar schools have been instructed to plan for a much more “normal” school year with significantly less restrictions. We are looking forward to many events and details that were absent last year including in-person gatherings and parent nights, extracurricular activities and ETC’s, sporting events and much more! Our faculty cannot wait for the return of flexible seating and tables in their classrooms. As we get closer to the start of the school year, I will keep you abreast with all the necessary COVID related details that will impact us this year.

Have a fabulous remainder to your summer. I hope and pray that you are all experiencing the countless blessings that the warm summer days have to bring! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- **Falcons, WE HAVE AIR CONDITIONING!** I am thrilled to announce that St. John Fisher is in the process of getting air conditioning in EVERY classroom for the 2021-2022 school year! Electricians, carpenters and contractors have been hard at work this summer to ensure we will all be extra cool this school year!
- **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 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Get a **head start on summer enrichment** for your student! Visit SJF’s enrichment support and activity page, [linked here](#), compiled by our resourceful **resource department!**
- **School Supplies:**
  - **School Supply Kits** are available to purchase from EduKit **through July 18<sup>th</sup>**! Please see the below informational flyer.
  - **SJF’s** supply list has also been linked to Target! You can [visit this link](#) to conveniently purchase supplies from Target. You can view the supply list from our website [here](#).
- **School Uniforms:** Please see pages 15-16 of our Student Handbook [linked here](#). Uniforms can be purchased at *Schools Are Us* located at 3146 West 111<sup>th</sup> Street in Chicago, IL. We also offer a uniform exchange program. Please contact the school office for additional information, 773-445-4737.
- **Summer Office Hours:** T, W, TH from 9-12. Regular office hours resume August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- **SUMMER HELP IS NEEDED:** We are in need of high school/college students to assist with moving furniture and text books the first week of August. Please reach out to Mrs. Murray, [lmurray@sjschool.net](mailto:lmurray@sjschool.net), if you can help. Thank you!
- Please save the date – **August 18<sup>th</sup>** – for our **IN-PERSON Packet Pick-Up Night!** You will receive important information for the upcoming school year. Staff members and representatives from all of the organizations will be present to assist you. A detailed agenda will be shared closer to the date. We cannot wait to SEE YOU!
- This year *we will return to our regular Wednesday schedule* and dismiss at 2:55 for grades k-8 with the exception of 1:00 dismissals on: **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup>** for faculty and staff professional development and PLC work. Please see other important dates outlined below.
- Our hot lunch program will be back this year!

## Athletics Update

### **Girls Basketball Evaluation Update:**

Evaluations will take place in the SJF Gym. The dates and times for evaluations will be:

- **4th grade:** Monday, July 26th--5:00 p.m.
- **5th grade:** Monday, July 26th--6:00 p.m.
- **6th grade:** Monday, July 26th--7:00 p.m.
- **7th grade:** Tuesday, July 27th--6:00 p.m.
- **8th grade:** Tuesday, July 27th--7:00 p.m.

Please have your daughter arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to her scheduled time to ensure all girls are checked in and tryout time is maximized. All girls must wear a mask. Also, please have your daughter bring a water bottle.

If you attended the sign-up day at Beverly Park and filled out a registration form, there is no need to send another one. If you did not previously sign your daughter up, please respond to [sjfgirlsbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:sjfgirlsbasketball@gmail.com) to confirm participation in tryouts and complete a registration form. Please send the completed registration form with your daughter on her scheduled tryout date.

The fee will be communicated once we determine how many girls are signed up and how many teams we will have per grade. Most likely, all grades will play in t-shirts. Also, if you are interested in coaching, please respond to [sjfgirlsbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:sjfgirlsbasketball@gmail.com). (We have quite a few volunteers already but can always use more!) Coaches will be assigned after teams are determined. We plan to conduct a coaches meeting the first week of August to communicate practice times to teams. Also, if anyone is interested in helping out on the Girls' Basketball Committee please respond as well. Thanks for your cooperation; we are so excited to be back in the gym!

### **Boys Football Update:**

- Our conference will be meeting at the end of this month and plan on beginning the season Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

# Let's Go Falcons!



## FACTS Update

- All of the tuition agreements for the 2021-2022 school year have been finalized in FACTs. You should have received an e-mail yesterday alerting you to finalize your agreement. All of your past banking information and your payment schedule has been rolled over to the new year. Please log into your account and verify all of your information. The first payment, which consists of all of the school fees and the first month of tuition will be deducted on August 15th, 2021. 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@sjschool.net](mailto:dmaxwell@sjschool.net). MANNA credits from the previous school year will be applied to your first payment once you have finalized your agreement.

## MANNA Update

**SCHOOL FAMILIES RAISED ABOUT \$45,000** that goes directly to SJF School through participation in the Manna Program this school year. Thank You! Many have already started earning towards next year's requirement as the clock restarted May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Manna Selling Hours continue through the summer **except for Fridays**. (M 8-9:30 AM, W 6-7:30PM, TH 8-9:30AM, SAT 8:30-9:30AM, SUN 10:30-11:30AM). Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP ON-THE GO](#).
- Many families are getting used to the App and finding it much easier to meet the requirement without much hassle thru everyday purchases.
- 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.
- Check out the [Manna website](#) for more info. Email the Manna team at [Sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:Sjfmanna@gmail.com) with any questions.

**IDEAS FOR SUMMER SPENDING** through the Manna Program: Airlines, Airbnb, TopGolf, Marriot, Disney, Binny's or Town Liquors, local restaurants and grocery stores and many more. See full list [here](#) or use the search bar on [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) to see if it's available as new brands are always being added.

## Pro Labore Dei Update

- The SJF community can continue to help Pro Labore Dei fight hunger throughout the summer months. Food donations for the weekly PLD food drive can be dropped off at the church parking lot between 10:30 and 11:00 am EVERY Saturday morning, or at the rectory office during the week. If you need a donation picked up please contact Pam O'Mara, 773-612-0981 or Pat Hayes 773-203-7881. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. We have shoppers. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity!



**2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar**

\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2021-2022 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a more “normal” school year ahead!

- First Day of School: **8.25** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Labor Day – No School: **9.6**
- All-Staff Professional Development (no classes): **9.24**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.6, 10.7**
- No School: **10.8**
- Columbus Day – No School: **10.11**
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.28** \*classes resume **11.29**
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.5** \*classes resume **1.6**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.17**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17**
- President’s Day Break: **2.18 – 2.21** \*classes resume **2.22**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.11**
- No School: **3.14**
- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24** \*classes resume **4.25**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes: **6.1**
- Last Day of School: **6.8** ~ 10:30 dismissal

\***Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled earlier next year** with the intent to make a formal connection with parents weeks before the first marking period in an effort to partner and support students’ needs sooner and PRIOR to the end of the first trimester.

\***1 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings and PLC work: **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**



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The Administration will communicate the  
distribution details later this summer.

***Extended ordering is available through  
EduKit's Last Chance program July 19 – July 27, 2021.***

Last Chance orders have a \$12.95 additional fee and will be delivered to your home shortly before school begins.

Any questions?  
Please contact Kate Spadoni,  
[kspadoni@sjfschool.net](mailto:kspadoni@sjfschool.net)

Please see reverse for details and pricing.



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<b>EduKits</b>	<b>Price*</b>
<b>Kindergarten Kit</b> - required Headphones sold separately	\$79.90
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<b>Grade 2 Kit</b> - required Earbuds and (2) Jumbo Book Covers sold separately	\$54.81
<b>Grade 3 Kit</b> - required Earbuds, Multiplication Flash Cards, Division Flash Cards and (2) Jumbo Book Covers sold separately	\$65.89
<b>Grade 4 Kit</b> - required Earbuds, Multiplication Flash Cards, Division Flash Cards and (1) Jumbo Book Covers sold separately	\$61.02
<b>Grade 5 Kit</b> - required Earbuds. (4) Jumbo Book Covers and TI-30X IIS Calculator sold separately	\$75.31
<b>Grade 6 Kit</b> - required Earbuds. (4) Jumbo Book Covers and TI-30X IIS Calculator sold separately	\$72.18
<b>Grade 7 Kit</b> - required Earbuds sold separately	\$64.55
<b>Grade 8 Kit</b> - required Earbuds sold separately	\$60.72
<b>Required Items- bring from home or purchase from EduKit</b>	
<b>Ultra-Light Headphones</b> - required: option #1 for Kindergarten and Grade 1	\$6.50
<b>Cushioned Headphones</b> - required: option #2 for Kindergarten and Grade 1	\$10.50
<b>Earbuds</b> - required for Grades 2-8	\$5.99
<b>Addition Flash Cards</b> - required for Grade 1	\$3.25
<b>Subtraction Flash Cards</b> - required for Grade 1	\$3.25
<b>Multiplication Flash Cards</b> - required for Grades 3-4	\$3.25
<b>Division Flash Cards</b> - required for Grades 3-4	\$3.25
<b>Jumbo Book Covers</b> - required for Grades 2-3 (2), Grade 4 (1) and Grades 5-6 (4)	\$1.75
<b>TI-30x IIS Solar Calculator</b> - required for Grades 5-6	\$15.99
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