



Notes from Mrs. Nash

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St. John Fisher School

September 3, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

Week 2 is check done and in the books! I can't begin to thank all of you for your energy and support as we dive into this new school year. We are grateful for all of the time you have spent at our social events including the parish picnic and the skating party. Our community is alive and vibrant! Things are feeling much more normal around here and it is awesome! We are so excited that we were able to kick-off the new year with our first all-school in-person mass this past Wednesday! Last year we weren't able to partake in an all-school liturgy until the last month of school. On Wednesday, our 8th graders assumed the role of the leaders of the school which is a hallmark of being an SJF Falcon. We are so blessed to have this experience together. Thank you to Fr. Ken, Dr. Chermak, Mrs. Folliard, Ms. Browne, Mrs. Condon and our inspiring 8th graders for making mass so special. Our future is bright!

Now more than ever, is a great time to be a Falcon! We are so grateful for our 300+ SJF Families. **Please view this short video, [linked here](#), in celebration of the new school year!** Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. Wishing you the best long weekend with your family and loved ones.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- REMINDER: there is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, September 6th. Enjoy your long weekend!
- **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** is Monday, September 13th @ 6:30. This is a **parent only event** where you will have an opportunity to see your child's room, meet his or her teacher, learn about your child's day, routine, classroom expectations, etc. We can't wait to welcome our parents in-person!
- **Calling all families to be Fisher Family Ambassadors!** What does this mean? The Fisher Community encourages you to share all of the great happenings about SJF with friends, family, neighbors and others - in conversation or on social media! If you are active on social media: please share our posts on Facebook, and tag us in any of your SJF posts on Facebook and Instagram (+ Twitter)! #FalconsNOW
- Save the date for **School Picture Day**, Tuesday, October 5th. The make-up date is Thursday, November 18th. 8th grade graduation pictures are Wednesday, February 9th.
- **Chess Wizards**: Please see the below informational flyer for Chess Wizards. **All checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School.** The first class is September 20th.
- **Extended Day** has begun! Make sure to [register your child here](#). Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjschool.us.
- **Masks** – parents please help us by **making sure your child has a mask each day**. Students need to arrive each day with their own mask. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Falcon Spirit-wear Fridays!** Students are able to wear **any** Falcon spirit-wear tops on Fridays with their uniform bottoms.
- **Hot Lunch is Back** and we are so excited! Hot lunch begins Tuesday and the calendar is open to order for the month of September.
- The FSA is looking for **room parents** to assist with communication to your child's class and facilitate different activities throughout the school year. If you are able to share your time with us, [please sign up here](#). Thank you!

- This year, **SJF Staff and Faculty has transitioned to gmail.** [Click here for a directory](#) of all updated e-mail addresses.
- **Thank you to the Holy Name Society** and all who volunteered to make our **Parish Picnic** a success – you are appreciated!
- A **huge shout-out to the FSA** for bringing back the **Roller-Skating Party**. All of our Falcons had a ball!
- Save the Date for **SJF's Oktoberfest on Friday, October 15th** in the church parking lot.

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We are in this together...thank you for your cooperation!

- Please review the most recent communication from the archdiocese [linked here](#). These guidelines will be reviewed every two weeks and are subject to change.
- A few details to highlight:
 - All symptomatic individuals must remain home, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If symptoms last longer than 24 hours, individuals must receive a negative COVID-19 test or alternative medical diagnosis prior to returning to school.
 - Masks are required for all students and staff indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Employment Opportunities at SJF

- SJF is seeking a **full-time Maintenance person** to join our team! Maintenance staff is responsible for daily repair tasks, identifying building needs and improvements, projecting necessary resources, providing oversight for minor construction projects, and capital improvement projects. Maintenance hours are 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Interested candidates should e-mail Maura Nash, mnash@sjfschool.us.

Pro Labore Dei

PRO LABORE DEI SATURDAY SANDWICH MAKING will take place on **September 11th from 9-10am**. We are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to make sandwiches and drive the lunches to Posen. We are also asking for donations of supplies listed below that can be dropped at the Rectory before the 11th.

- 12 loaves of bread
- 3-4 large jars of Mayo
- 6 large heads of iceberg lettuce
- 15 tomatoes
- 100 individual bags of chips
- 100 individually wrapped treats
- 4 cases of water
- paper towels
- paper plates

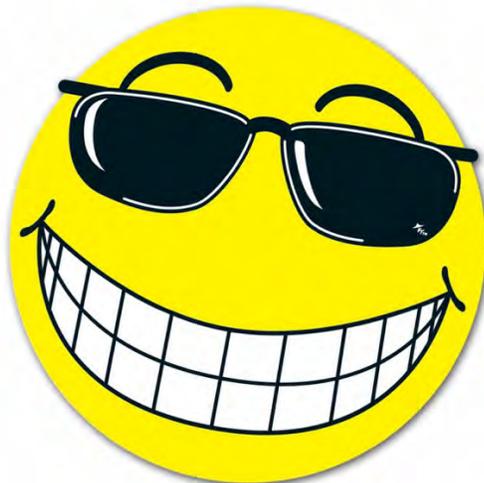
Please consider joining us or donating if you can. You are all always so wonderful and generous! We will still collect groceries in the SJF parking lot every Saturday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. until further notice. If you have any questions at all please call **Pam O'Mara, 773-612-0281** or **Jerry and Pat Hayes, 773-203-7881**.

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Together

Manna Update

- There is a lot of **positive buzz from teachers and students enjoying the recent investment in electrical upgrades and air conditioning. Did you know that past Falcon families actively participating in Manna led to a school savings that paid for the bill?!?!?** Let's continue to build the school's savings to afford key investments. Last year, earnings for the school was \$40,897 while families accrued individual earnings of \$70,756. If all school families participated regularly the school could earn over \$100,000. Reaching this goal together will help the school balance the budget and maintain competitive tuition rates. Manna is our #1 School Fundraiser. **We are off to a great start this year with about 50 new users registering for Manna.** The top gift certificates purchased last year were: Amazon, County Fair, Marianos, Jewel, Shell Gas, Visa and many local businesses with Rosangelas at the top of the list. To get started, check out the [Manna Overview](#). Email sjfsab@gmail.com with any questions.

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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**
- All-School Picture Day: **10.5**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.6, 10.7**
- No School: **10.8**
- Columbus Day – No School: **10.11**
- Make-up School Picture Day: **11.18**
- 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**
- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures: **2.9**
- 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): **3.14**
- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24** *classes resume **4.25**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8th 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 3rd, December 1st, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th.**



2021-2022 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...

- 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@sifschool.us

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sifschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Kate Spadoni: kspadoni@sifschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sifschool.us

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sifschool.us

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sifschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sifschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sifschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- Counseling, pre-k – 4th

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Lauren Lordo: llordo@sifschool.us

- Counseling, 5th – 8th
- iReady

SJF Counselor and Assistant Principal, Student Support
Mrs. Nichole Carey: ncarey@sifschool.us

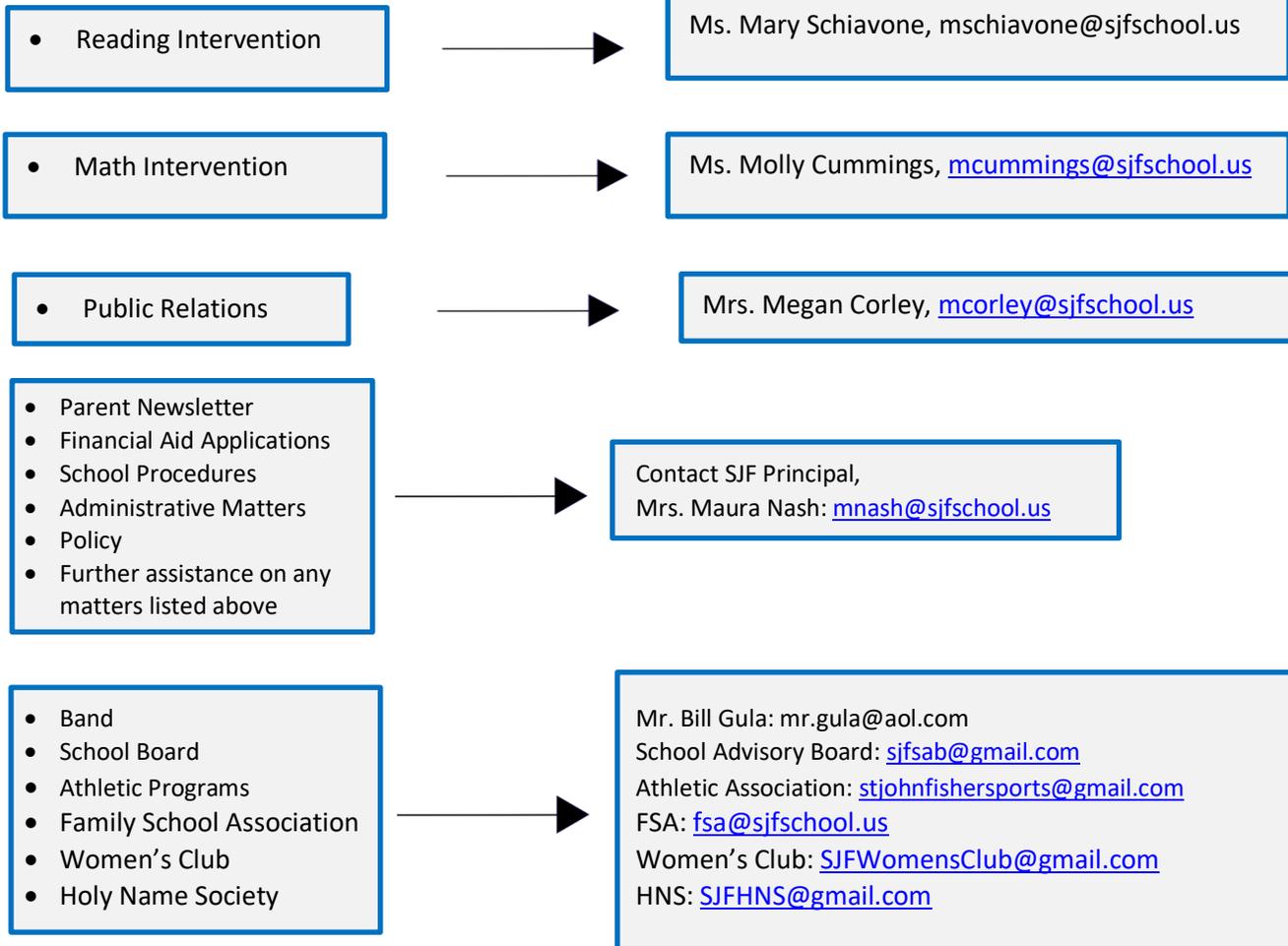
- Student Accommodation Plans

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

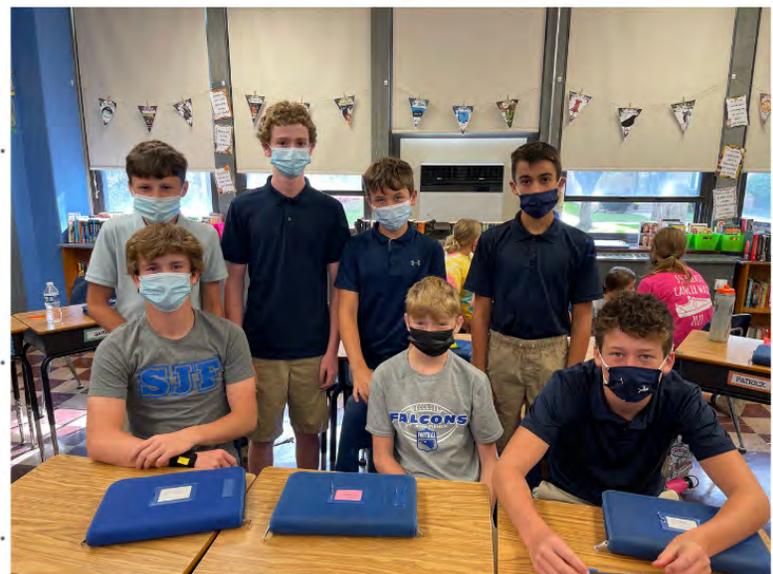


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If you have a question or concern...



BACK TO School!





The Future is Bright!

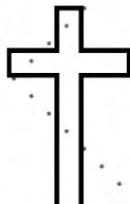
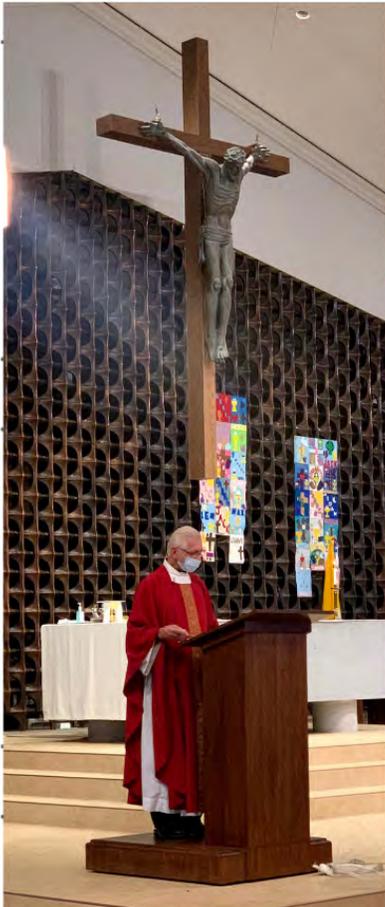


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First All School Mass



FUTURE FALCON CHEER CAMP

Friday, September 10, 2021 3pm-5:30pm
(Additional practice will be held Wednesday Sept. 15th, at 4pm).
(please meet outside the main entrance)

Kindergarten – 4th grade

St. John Fisher School

\$25

Come and train to be a Future Falcon Cheerleader. The girls will learn a cheer and a dance routine to be performed the day of homecoming at Beverly Park on Saturday, September 18th (more info to follow). The fee includes a Cheer Camp t-shirt to be worn on game day. Please have them wear comfortable clothing and gym shoes. They also need to bring a snack and water bottle. Please fill out the attached form and return to school marked *Future Falcon Cheer Camp*. Please make checks payable to SJF athletic club or send money via zelle/venmo (Mark as Future Falcons). Forms are due by Friday, September 3rd. Due to the short time between camp and homecoming we cannot accept any late registrations, we need to get the shirt order in earlier than usual. If you have any questions please feel free to email Katy

Collins at kkcollins27@yahoo.com

Zelle: sjfaatreasurer@gmail.com

Venmo: SJFAA Treasurer (SJFAA-Treasurer)

Name:

Address:

Grade:

Phone: cell/home:

Parents Names:

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Class Information

School Name: St. John Fisher School

Dates: 09/20, 09/27, 10/04, 10/18, 10/25

11/01, 11/08, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29

No Class on: 10/11

Class Day and Time: Mondays at 3:00-4:00PM

Total # of Classes: 10

Price: \$200 Location: TBA

Child Information

Student name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher name: _____

Emergency Contact person: _____

Phone No.: _____

E-mail: _____

Pick up by: Parent Aftercare

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