



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

AUGUST 16, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We hope you are soaking up these last few moments of summer! **Tomorrow is our Packet Pick-up Night from 5-7 p.m. in Kane Hall.** We cannot wait to see all of you and welcome our Falcons back to school!

Below you will find important information regarding Packet Pick-up Night and the upcoming school year. We have missed our Falcons and cannot wait to dive into another fabulous school year of learning and growing together with all of you. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School!

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



REMINDER

PACKET PICK-UP NIGHT TO-DO LIST

- ✓ Parents/guardians must complete and turn in their medical card.
- ✓ Parents/guardians must sign and turn in their acknowledgment of SJF's new tardy policy.
- ✓ Parents/guardians must sign and turn in their acknowledgment of SJF's technology policy.
- ✓ Don't forget to turn in your child's sports physical.
- ✓ If you ordered a school supply kit, you can pick up your order at the FSA table.
- ✓ Don't forget to pick-up your back to school You Belong Here t-shirt!
- ✓ Schools R' Us will be available for uniform purchases.
- ✓ There will also be a uniform exchange in the Convent from 5-7 p.m.
- ✓ Members of the Women's Club, Men's Club, FSA, School Advisory Board and MANNA Team will be present. Please visit their tables to sign up to volunteer and receive other important information!
- ✓ Don't forget to purchase a tuition raffle ticket at the FSA table!

We have noticed a change in some of the habits of our Falcons in our post COVID world. Some of the changes have been positive and some of the changes have been negative. The SJF Faculty and Staff have spent time reflecting on some of the changes in behavior coupled with our policies and have decided it is in the very best interest of our Falcons to make the following changes to our Tardy Policy and Academic Study Hall Policy. We will continue to address these behaviors throughout the year utilizing our traits of the month, but beginning with our Back to School Bootcamp 2.0!

Update: SJF Tardy Policy

Students arriving to school AFTER the 7:55 a.m. bell require an adult to sign them in at the School Office.

- Being on time is an important life skill we strive to reinforce with students. If a student arrives after the 7:55 bell has rung, he/she is late for school and consequently, this disrupts his/her class.
- All students arriving after 7:55 a.m. must enter through the main entrance **with an adult** and report to the School Office. The adult must sign them in at that time.
- If a child enters school without an adult, a parent/guardian will be called to return to school to sign-in the child.
- Students will be marked tardy if they are not in their homeroom by 7:55 a.m.
- Tardy slips will be issued by the School Office.
- Excessive tardiness indicates a lack of effort to improve the behavior and will result in an administrative review.
- Establishing this good habit will be useful not just in academic contexts, but also in their personal and professional life in the future.

Update: Academic Eligibility Study Hall

SJF will no longer host the mandatory academic eligibility study hall.

- All students are to perform to the best of their ability.
- There will now be 2 progress checks per trimester.
- If a student has 2 D's and/or an F average in any class at the progress report check or report card distribution time, that student cannot attend any St. John Fisher sanctioned extra-curricular activities for one week.
- In some cases a parent meeting will be required to determine when a student can return to extra-curricular activities. St. John Fisher reserves the right to determine a student's eligibility.

Important Announcements

- **SJF's Tuition Raffle is BACK!** Please see the flyer below. Tickets can be purchase at the FSA table at Packet Pick-up Night!
- **School Supply Drop-off** for students in pre-k - third is Tuesday, August 22nd from 4-6 p.m.
- **Extended Day** will begin on Monday August 28th. Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us
- 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.
- This year's **Wednesday Early Dismissals will be @ 1:30.**
- Please join us in giving a **heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Katie Altman**. Mrs. Altman was a staple at St. John Fisher for 27 years. She has touched the hearts and minds of thousands of students, families and all of her colleagues over the years. St. John Fisher is forever grateful for Mrs. Altman and the indelible mark she has left on our school and community. Congratulations to Mrs. Altman on her new opportunity. We wish you nothing but the best!
- **SJF Traits of the Month** are back. Please be on the lookout in our school newsletter and teacher communication for ways you can join us in emphasizing these important traits of the month at home.
- **Used Chromebooks for sale** - \$20! Contact Mrs. Maxwell, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.
- **Congratulations to Mrs. Cummings** and her family on the birth of her new son, Brendan! Baby Brendan is welcomed with love by his mom, dad, big brother Matthew and of course, our SJF community! Congratulations Mrs. Cummings!
- **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!



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

Faculty & Staff Updates

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 and staff transitions and welcome our new faculty and staff members to the SJF Family!

FACULTY & STAFF TRANSITIONS

- Mrs. Karen Ade, 5th & 6th grade Social Studies, 6th grade Homeroom Teacher
- Mrs. Molly Cummings, 5th grade Math & Religion, 5th grade Homeroom Teacher
- Mrs. Colleen Dunlavy, 6th grade Math & Religion, 5th grade Homeroom Teacher
- Mrs. Beth Furlong, 3 & 4 year-old part-time Preschool Co-teacher, part-time Preschool Aide
- Mrs. Moira Garza, 4 year old full-time Preschool Teacher
- Mrs. Lisa Healy, 3 year-old full-time Preschool Aide
- Ms. Annabelle Hladik, 5th grade ELA, 5th grade Homeroom Teacher
- Mrs. Annmarie Lindgren, 3 & 4 year-old part-time Preschool Co-teacher, part-time Preschool Aide
- Mrs. Erin Rech, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Diane O'Grady, 4 year-old part-time Preschool Aide, Extended Day Coordinator

WELCOME NEW FACULTY & STAFF

- Mrs. Molly Fitzgerald, part-time Preschool Aide
- Dr. Jean Simpson, 5th grade Math & Religion, 5th grade Homeroom Teacher *taking over for Mrs. Cummings' maternity leave until January.

TOGETHER OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!





St. John Fisher FSA Tuition Raffle

\$50 per ticket or 3 for \$100

August 12th - August 29th

Tickets and money must be returned to school
no later than August 29th

Winner will be announced at Open House on
August 29th

Prizes

These prizes are based on a **minimum of 200 tickets sold.

1st Place - One year tuition credit for one student OR \$5000 cash

2nd Place - \$500 Tuition credit or \$400 cash

3rd Place - \$250 Tuition credit or \$150 cash

**If you need extra tickets please contact
Karen McDonagh 773-852-9605**

Prizes adjusted for **100 - 200 tickets sold:**

1st Place - ½ year tuition credit or \$3000 cash
2nd Place - \$400 tuition credit or \$400 cash
3rd Place - \$200 tuition credit or \$200 cash

Prizes adjusted for **less than 100 tickets sold:**

1st Place - \$1500 tuition credit or \$1500 cash
2nd Place - \$400 tuition credit or \$400 cash
3rd Place - \$200 tuition credit or \$200 cash



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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

*Below is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Book Day & Packet Pick-up in Kane Hall: **8.17** ~ 5-7 p.m.
- School Supply Drop-off: **8.22** (*for students in grades pre-k – 3 ONLY*) ~ 4-6 p.m.
- First Day of School: **8.23** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Back to School Mass & Parish Picnic at Beverly Park: **8.27** ~ 11 a.m.
- Back to School Open House: **8.29** ~ 7-8 p.m.
- Labor Day – No School: **9.4**
- School Picture Day: **9.19**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.4, 10.5**
- No School: **10.6**
- Indigenous Peoples' Day – No School: **10.9**
- Picture Day Make-up: **11.1**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **11.6**
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.22 – 11.26** *classes resume **11.27**
- **12.22** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.7** *classes resume **1.8**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.15**
- Graduation Pictures: **1.23**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass: **1.28**
- Confirmation: **2.10** ~ 11 a.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.15**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **2.16**
- President's Day – No School: **2.19**
- First Reconciliation: **2.27 & 2.28**
- All-Staff Professional Development and Planning Day: **3.4**
- Graduation Picture Make-up: **3.5**
- All-Staff Religious Professional Development – No School: **3.27**
- Spring Break: **3.28 – 4.7** *classes resume **4.8**
- First Holy Communion: **5.4** ~ 1 p.m.
- May Crowning: **5.10** ~ 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. All-School Early Dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.27**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.31**, 10:45 a.m. "Clap-out"
- Graduation: **6.2** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.6** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **September 27th, October 25th, November 29th, January 31st, February 28th, March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**



2023-2024 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@sjfschool.us

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sjfschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

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
- Hot Lunch

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

- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: clarmon@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

Ms. Mary Schiavone (K-4): mschiavone@sjfschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us



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If you have a question or concern about...

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, mschiavone@sjfschool.us

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, mcummings@sjfschool.us

- Public Relations

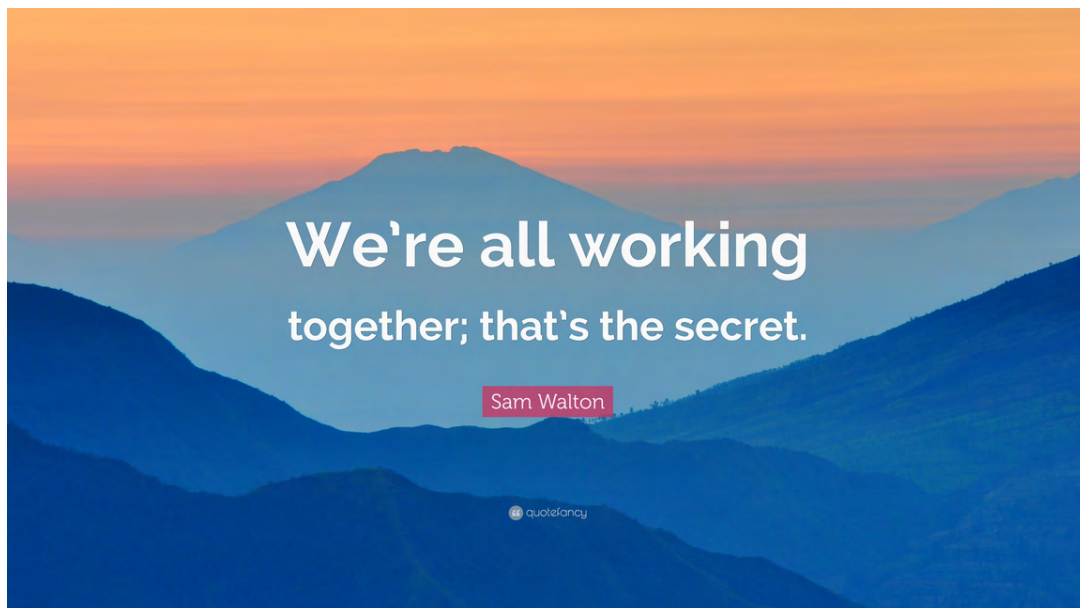
Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- Parent Newsletter
- Financial Aid Applications
- School Procedures
- Administrative Matters
- Policy
- Further assistance on any matter listed above

Contact SJF Principal,
Mrs. Maura Nash: mnash@sjfschool.us

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com



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