



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 5, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

This was a short, but very productive week! We are grateful for your attendance and collaboration at parent-teacher conferences. Our Falcons are working so hard and have accomplished so much. Let's keep partnering together to ensure our Falcons have a great first trimester marking period! Let's Go Falcons!

We hope the four-day weekend consists of the perfect Fall weather and lots of quality time with your family and loved ones doing something Fall-ish! Now more than ever, it is a great time to be a Falcon! The future of our school and community is bright! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **You Belong Here.** 

In unity and hope,
-Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- **Out of uniform passes** for Mass attendance in October are back! We need your help! Please sign up here if you can pass out tickets at a weekend Mass. ***A healthy attendance is critical to the longevity of our parish.*** See you there!
- FYI: ***hot lunches will be voided on October 25th*** because lunch will be provided at the Walk-a-Thon.
- Please spread the word about our **Future Falcon Playdates** for kids 0-3 yrs. See the flyer below for more details.
- **Forgotten Items:** As a gentle reminder, SJF cannot accept forgotten assignments, supplies or Chromebooks before school. SJF will accept medication, lunches and water bottles.
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us. ***We close @ 5 p.m. again this year.***
- **Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade** should dress in their school uniforms every day. No SJF hoodies or spirit wear are allowed Monday - Thursday. Please see pages 15-16 of our Student Handbook linked here.
- **Falcon Fridays continue this year!** Students can wear Falcon spirit-wear t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies with their uniform bottoms on Falcon Fridays!
- Don't forget to also follow all of our celebrations and happenings on **Instagram and Facebook**.
- Do you receive our **parish newsletter**? If not, click here to sign-up so you never miss an SJF beat!



SJF SICK POLICY

Parents are required to keep children home from school the following day if they have been sent home with vomiting, fever (100 degrees), rash or diarrhea. Students must be fever free without the use of fever reducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school. If there are symptoms of a communicable disease (reddened eyes, sore throat, fever, headache, rash), please do not expose other children to the possibility of sickness.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Looking Ahead

Friday, October 6th	No School
Saturday, October 7th  Pack the Pews in October!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro Labore Dei Lunch Making @ 9:15 in the Rectory • Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. • 4 p.m. Mass <i>All are welcome!</i> • Girls Basketball Pack the Gym! See the flyer below for game details 
 Sunday, October 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. on Sunday <i>All are welcome!</i>
Monday, October 9th	No School
Tuesday, October 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Falcon Playdates @ 10 a.m. ETC 3-4 p.m. • Halloween STEAM w/ Mrs. Garza 
Wednesday, October 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m. • ETC 7-7:40 a.m. • Morning Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy
Thursday, October 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETC 3-4 p.m. • Calling All Swifties w/ Mrs. Brogan & Ms. Schiavone 
Friday, October 13th	<p>Falcon Fri-YAY!</p> <p>Wear your SJF Spiritwear t-shirts/sweatshirts w/ your uniform bottoms</p>



Walk-tober-fest!



Dear SJF Families,



As discussed in our financial update from the spring ([linked here](#)), fundraising is critical for our school's success. We are so fortunate that two of our faculty members organized a walk-a-thon for our students to help raise necessary funds for our school! This event is taking place during the school day and is going to be a great day for our kids and St. John Fisher! Thank you for your participation and your continued support of St. John Fisher School! **Please visit this link if you can volunteer on this day.**



Athletics Update

- Come on out and cheer on the Lady Falcons on October 7th @ the Conner T. Lowry Gym as they Pack The House! See flyer below for game times. Let's Go Falcons!



Autumn
SHOWS US HOW
beautiful
IT IS TO LET THINGS GO









St. John Fisher presents

2023 Girls Basketball

PACK THE HOUSE

Saturday, October 7th

9:00am 4th Grade White

9:50am 4th Grade Blue

10:40am 5th Grade White

11:30am 5th Grade Blue

12:20pm 6th Grade A

1:10pm 6th Grade Blue

2:00pm 6th Grade White

3:00pm 7th Grade A

3:50pm 7th Grade B

5:00pm 8th Grade Blue

6:00pm 8th Grade White

7:00pm 8th Grade A

* The 8th grade Mother-Daughter flower ceremony and reception will follow the 7:00 game. *

COME CHEER ON OUR LADY FALCONS!





SPLIT THE POT HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE
SIGN UP USING [THIS LINK](#)
AND TURN IN \$20 ENTRY FEE
TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 6TH.

Houses must be decorated by
Friday, October 27th.

Voting takes place
Saturday, October 28th thru
Friday, November 3rd.

**WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE.
MONEY RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.**



TRUNK

OR

TREAT

Come and Join Us!

October 27th

5 - 7 PM

SJF Parking Lot

**save the date
&
sign up to host
a trunk**



**Contact Lynn O'Brien (708) 420-5469 or
Corey O'Malley (708) 989-9145
with any questions**

The
Fisher Falcon
Education
Foundation
Presents:

Live Music



*Legendary
Musical Acts
Feat.*

*Anthony
Massaro*

Roundhouser

Oktoberfest

Saturday 10/21

@ St. John Fisher

6-11p



SJFOktoberfest.givesmart.com

BYOB



Tickets
\$35 Pre-Sale
\$40 at the Door

21+
EVENT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF LIVE MUSIC AND FUN.

- Food Truck
- NCAA Game of the week streaming
- Raffles



 SCAN ME



Homework Club!

Grades 1-6

**Who do you
contact?**

Mrs. Ade

kade@sjfschool.us

Mrs. Schiller

aschiller@sjfschool.us

Ms. Dunlavy

cdunlavy@sjfschool.us



When is it?

Tuesdays &

Wednesdays

2:55pm-3:45pm

Begins October 10th

**Homework Club is a
great opportunity for
students to...**

- *Begin* their homework
- Study for tests or quizzes
- Review math facts
- Receive help with iReady
- Get organized
- Develop friendships and community with older SJF students!



**Our dedicated 7th and 8th grade
helpers will work one-on-one with your
student(s) to complete homework in an
accurate and timely manner!**

ST. JOHN FISHER PROUDLY HOSTS



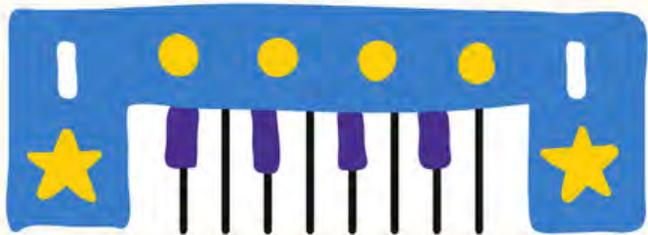
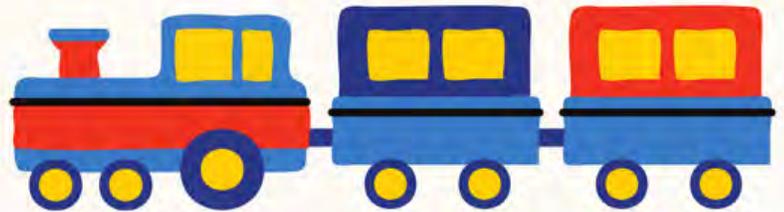
FUTURE FALCONS PLAYGROUP

OCTOBER 10TH, NOVEMBER 14TH AND DECEMBER 12TH FROM 10-11.

Experience the Falcon way through play at our weekly playgroup sessions filled with activities, songs, and community building.

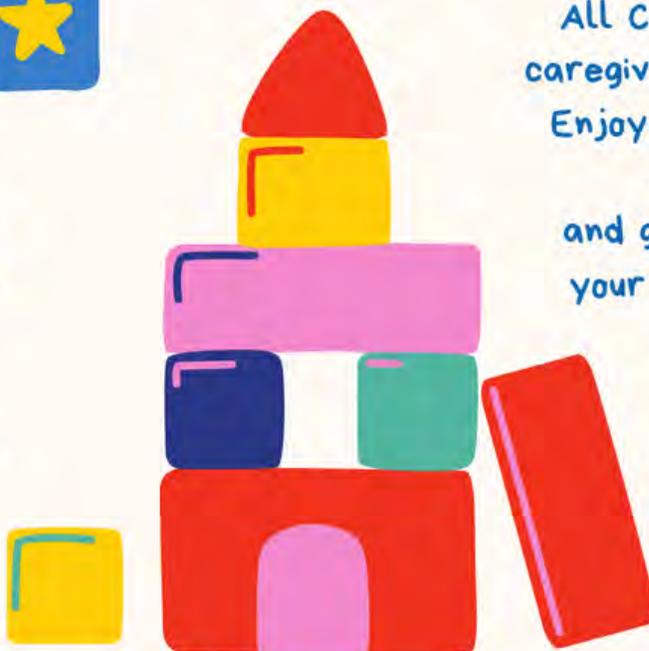
WHERE AND WHEN?

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM
10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE.
FRIST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
10 AM - 11 AM
\$5 PER CHILD/ \$15 PER FAMILY MAX



WHY PLAY?

At SJF, we value intellectual, academic, social and emotional growth. Through play, children are able to develop these skills while building relationships within their community.



WHO AND WHAT?

All Children 0-3 and caregivers are welcome! Enjoy a range of fun activities and getting to know your fellow Future Falcons.

OCTOBER ETC

The St. John Fisher Enrichment and Tutorial Center (ETC) is an after-school program designed to offer students a wide variety of classes not normally covered in the regular curriculum. Classes are a fun way for friends to explore areas of interest.

The October session runs from October 10th - October 30th. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School. Payment should be in an envelope marked E.T.C and returned to the Main Office by **Thursday, October 5th!**

Monday Class: October 16th, 23rd & 30th 3:00-4:00

P.E. AFTER 3: Meet outside the gym and we'll build a spooky fort on the stage, have Halloween themed relays, and play our favorite gym games. Get ready to have a "spooktacular" time! **Class will be dismissed from the school office doors.**

Mrs. Sefcik

GYM

Grades Pre-K -3rd

GAME NIGHT: Let the fun begin! Come hang out with friends and compete against each other in some of your favorite games. Bring a game from home or choose one of the classics like Checkers, Connect Four, or Jenga. We will have tournaments in each class. **Class will be dismissed from the school office doors**

Mrs. Ade

Room 202

Grades 2nd- 6th

Tuesday Class: October 10th, 17th & 24th 3:00-4:00

HALLOWEEN S.T.E.A.M.: Children will work in teams or pairs each week. Each week the children will build Halloween themed designs including; a gate to hold pumpkins, a Franken-bridge, and a skeleton bone tower! **Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Garza

Room 108

Grades Pre-K -3rd



Wednesday Class: October 11th, 18th & 25th 7:00-7:40 AM

MORNING BASKETBALL: Want to get some extra reps in or work on your shot during the season? Join us in the morning before school to improve your game. **Enter through the main office.**

Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy

Gym

Grades 4th-8th

Thursday Class: October 12th, 19th & 26th 3:00-4:00

CALLING ALL SWIFTIES: Are you in your Taylor Swift ERA? Come join Mrs. Brogan and Ms. Schiavone in our Taylor Swift ETC! We will have fun dancing, singing, making crafts and playing games all incorporating Taylor Swift! **Class dismissed from preschool doors under the bridge.**

Mrs. Brogan & Ms. Schiavone

Room 215

Grades 1st-8th

Saturday Class: October 21st 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA: Come dressed in your Halloween costume or orange and black. We will play our favorite Halloween games, create goulish crafts, and make a spooktacular treat. **Class dismissed from preschool doors under the bridge.**

Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy

Room 107

Grades PreK-2nd



Please return the completed registration form in an envelope marked ETC to the Main Office by Thursday, October 5th.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____

Allergies (please list all and if child carries an EPI Pen and or/inhaler) _____

*If your child has a food allergy please send him/her with his/her own snack

Parent Signature: _____ Emergency Contact #: _____

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___ MORNING HOOPS

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___ Taylor Swift

Saturday Class October 21st 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

___ HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA





SPR Service Day

October 14th 2023

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Feed My Starving Children

15 volunteers ages 7+ needed to go to 555 Exchange Court, Aurora from 9-10:45am to package food for distribution.

Share Your Soles

25-30 Volunteers ages 10+ needed to go to 11201 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago to sort shoes by gender and size. (Watch for Shoe Drive flyers in each parish for shoe/boot collection in advance.) 10am-Noon

Precious Blood

10 Volunteers ages 10+ needed at 51114 S. Elizabeth, Chicago for an art project and gardening. 11am-1pm

Greater Chicago Food Depository

15 Volunteers 10+ needed at 4100 W. Anne Lurie Place, Chicago to package food for distribution 8:30-11:15am

Missionaries of Charity

6 Volunteers needed 12+ to go to 115 N. Oakley, Chicago from 9am-noon to prepare and serve a meal and clean up.

Pro Labore Dei

20 Volunteers 10+ needed to meet at Christ the King and assemble 450 bag lunches for distribution at St. Thomas Moore, Robbins PLD., and St. Stan's Parish. (6 of the volunteers will deliver lunches.) 7:45-10am

Moses the Black Parish

10 Volunteers 10+ needed to go to 331 E. 71st to serve an outdoor hamburger and hot dog lunch to community members 11am-1pm

Bellhaven

10 Volunteers 13+ needed to go to 11401 S. Oakley, Chicago to visit residents and participate in activity 10am-Noon.

22nd District

10 Volunteers all ages needed at 1900 W. Monterey Ave., Chicago for lunch and games with immigrants. 11am-1pm.

** Group leaders for each event will reach out with details to volunteers after signup for driving instructions, carpooling, and specific event details.

Signup links and details can be found on parish and SPR websites, using the QR code here or contacting:

Dan Roth (CK) danielroth9222@gmail.com

Karen Rugai Moran (SB) krugai@r4services.com/312-339-6227

Kim Kiely (SC) k_kiely@comcast.net/815-600-3712

Jennifer Serpe (SJF) jserpe25@sbcglobal.net/773-575-7227

Volunteers are encouraged to meet at SJF at 7:45am for a kickoff prayer and group meetups.





SPR Service Day Project 2023
SHOE COLLECTION
September 30 – October 10



Share Your Soles provides the opportunity for people to share new or gently worn shoes to those most in need. Individuals you may never know, meet, or see, will have been given hope and the chance for a better quality of life because of your care, love, and generosity.

As part of the **Share Your Soles** SPR Service Day project – our community of parishes will sponsor a shoe collection. Collection bins will be in the back of each church September 30 - October 10.

- Shoes of all sizes and types are welcome.
- No old or worn out shoes
- No high-heels
- Do NOT rubber band, zip-tie or bag shoes individually

The collection bins will be checked and unloaded 3x throughout the 11-day period. The volunteers for the **October 14, 2023, 10 am – 12 pm – Share Your Soles project** will deliver and sort the shoes at the Processing Facility - 11201 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago.

Types of shoes needed:

- Warm winter boots
- Rain boots (Wellies)
- All other boots in good condition
- Gym shoes
- Dress shoes (low heels if for women/girls)
- New Slippers only
- School shoes
- Athletic footwear (especially soccer & basketball)
- Sandals
- Crocs
- Flip flops

Shoes serve as transportation, health insurance and opportunity. Shoes matter!



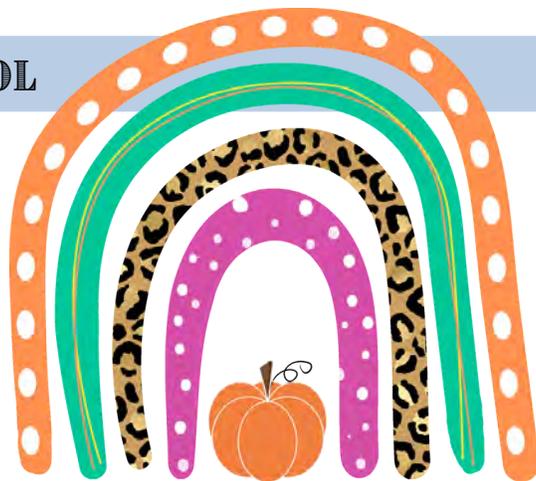
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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

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

- 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.**

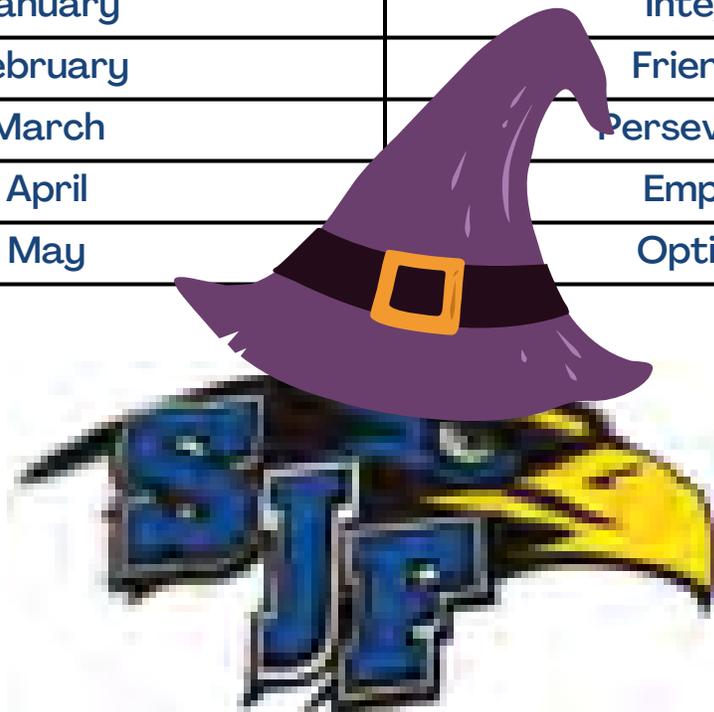


Social & Emotional Learning

At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to your children about these traits at home for a consistent message and focus. The trait of the month program is building upon this year's behavior system and school mantra:

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.

September	Responsibility
October	Respect
November	Gratitude
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



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

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

LUNCH PROGRAM

WE SERVE DELICIOUS
HOT LUNCHES
EVERYDAY



Mac-n-cheese



Pancakes



Wraps



Nuggets



Pizza



Salads



All meals include daily choice of



White milk, Chocolate milk or water.



Desserts or Fruit.



**PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT OUR SCHOOL
TRANSITIONED TO GMAIL 3 YEARS AGO. WE NO
LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO OUR .NET ACCOUNTS. OUR
CONTACT INFO & CHAIN OF COMMAND IS ALWAYS
POSTED IN THE WEEKLY NOTES BELOW AND CAN BE
FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE
OUR SJFSCHOOL.US EMAIL ADDRESS. WE DON'T WANT
TO MISS ANY OF YOUR IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION!**

THANK YOU!



You Are Important!



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 & Academic Support *after* contacting the teacher
- 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
- MedicalForms

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



2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

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
- Academic/Classroom support following communication with Mrs. Larmon

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

