

## NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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#### ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2023** 

Dear SJF Families,

We are really getting into the groove of things as we just completed our 3rd week of school. Our Falcons are working hard at adapting to their schedules and getting used to their routines and expectations. We are so proud of how hard they are working and how far they have come in such a short amount of time!

Well, our community is certainly not lacking for events! Please be sure to take a look at the below flyers outlining all of the wonderful opportunities we have to be together! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to plan and organize these events. SJF is alive and well thanks to all of you!

One of the most important *parent* events on the horizon is our Technology Speaker on Thursday, September 21st at 7 p.m. in the church. Please join us (adults only!) to hear a representative from the FBI speak to us regarding the importance of our children's safety with technology. <u>Technology is ever-changing and we can never be too informed when it comes to our kids' well-being and safety</u>. We believe this will be a very helpful and informative evening for all! It takes a village to raise good kids and we are so grateful to be in this village together with you!

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,





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!

#### **Important Announcements**

- **Forgotten Items**: As a gentle reminder, SJF cannot accept forgotten assignments, supplies or Chromebooks before school. <u>SJF will accept medication, lunches and</u> water bottles.
- **Medical Forms**: Please fill out and return the medicine authorization form and send any medicine you would want your child to take at school (Motrin, Tylenol). Please turn in your dental, vision and physical forms as well. Thank you!
- **Extended Day**: Don't forget to <u>sign-up your child here</u>. 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 <u>linked here</u>. Students can wear shorts until October 1st.
- Falcon Fridays continue this year! Students can wear Falcon spirit-wear t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies with their uniform bottoms on Falcon Fridays!
- Say Cheese! **School Picture day is Tuesday, 9.19!** Please bring your payment and order form on Tuesday if you'd like to order your pictures Tuesday.
- The October Hot Lunch Menu is posted and ready for ordering!
- 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. All are welcome!
- Oktobterfest is BAAAACCKK! Save the day for 10.21. See the below flyer for more detail!
- Future Falcon Playdates for kids 0-3 yrs. are back! Stay tuned for more info!
- Don't forget to also follow all of our celebrations and happenings on **Instagram** and **Facebook**.

#### Holy Name Society

• September 30th is our **2nd Annual Father-Son Sox Game**. Please see the flyer below for more information.

#### Pro Labore Dei

- The **next lunch making** is **Saturday, 10.7** @ **9:15** in the rectory basement. Please join us.
- We still collect for the PLD pantry every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on the parking lot.
- For questions or concerns please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881)

#### **Looking Ahead**

Saturday, September 16th	<ul> <li>Manna Hours @ The Convent</li> <li>8:30-9:30 a.m.</li> <li>4 p.m. Mass All are welcome!</li> </ul>
Sunday, September 17th	8 a.m. & 11 a.m. on Sunday     11 a.m. is Girl Basketball and Cheer Mass
Monday, September 18th	Homecoming Week Begins! *Wear your Pajamas
Tuesday, September 19th	Picture Day  Dress in your SJF Finest for Picture Day
Wednesday, September 20th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.  Dress in USA Colors
Thursday, September 21st	FBI Technology Speaker  (a) 7 p.m. in the church.  Parents & Guardians (only) Please attend!  Wear your favorite team's apparel
Friday, September 22nd	Falcon Fri-YAY! SJF BLUE-OUT!
Saturday, September 23rd	SJF Homecoming! See flyers below for itinerary

Save the Date!
Parent-Teacher Conferences:
Oct. 4th & 5th

There are <u>no classes</u> on Oct. 6th & 9th



## Spirit Week 2023 September 18-September 22

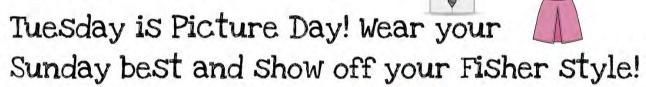


All St. John Fisher Students are invited to participate in Spirit Week Dress Down Days!!!

## Monday-Pajama Day

Come to school in your coziest jammies!

## Tuesday-Fisher's Finest



## Wednesday-USA Day

Sport your favorite patriotic clothes! Dress in Red, White and Blue

## Thursday-

Wear your favorite team's apparel, your favorite HS t-shirt or your favorite jersey!



## Friday-Blue Out!!

Show your Fisher Pride! Wear your favorite Fisher Blue Swag!!!



JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL & CHEER MASS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH** 

11:00am





































































## SJF HOMECOMING



SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 GAMES START AT 12:00 BEVERLY PARK



## Bring Cash For:

- Split the Pot!
- Taco Truck 2-6pm!
- Fisher Merch for sale!
- Football square fundraiser!

North Endzone tent reserved for 8th Grade Parents!



Parade kicks off from Bilecki Field @ 10:50 am!

# M E HI Saturday, September 23rd

8:00 am Mass at SJF Church 9:00-10:00 am Breakfast 10:15 am Meet at Bilecki Field **10:30 am Line Up** 10:50 am Parade to Beverly Park

4th Grade Noon JV 1:30pm

**Varsity 3:00 pm** 



Meet @ Bilecki at 10:15 am
Line-up at 10:30 am
Parade Kicks Off at 10:50 am!

St. John Fisher Men's Club 2nd Annual Father-Son Sox Game

Saturday September 30th 6:10pm

#### White Sox vs. Padres

4:45pm: Buses Depart SJF at (Beer/Water Included) 6:10: First Pitch

20 Minutes after Last Pitch: Buses Depart Bus Lot A Game Tickets \$35 | Bus and Game Ticket \$50

Limited Tickets Available! Email your Name, Ticket Quantity, and if you will be riding the bus to HNSeventRSVP@gmail.com





The
Fisher Falcon
Education
Foundation
Presents:





Legendary Musical Acts Feat.

Anthony Massaro

Roundhouser



Saturday 10/21



@ St. John Fisher 6-11p

SJFOktoberfest.givesmart.com



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







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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.



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### All are welcome!

#### 2023-2024

Sunday Grade Level, Extracurricular & Special Event Masses
\*Sunday Masses: (All Masses on Sundays at 11 a.m.,
except for Thanksgiving Mass & Saint Patrick's Mass)

- August 27<sup>th</sup> Parish picnic Mass at Beverly Park
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Grandparents' & Special Person Mass
- September 17th Girls' Basketball and Cheer
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Football and Golf
- October 1<sup>st</sup> First Communion Enrollment
- October 15<sup>th</sup> Leadership Mass celebrating National Junior Honor Society students and members of S.O.A.R.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- November 5<sup>th</sup> (Time Change Sunday) Confirmation Enrollment
- Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Thanksgiving Mass
- November 19<sup>th</sup> 1st Grade
- **December 3**<sup>rd</sup> Preschool and Kindergarten
- **December 10**<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- January 21st Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Basketball
- January 28<sup>th</sup> Catholic Schools Week
- February 25<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at <u>4 p.m.</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> grade's Saint Patrick's Mass
- April 21st Spring Sports

Come as you are. You are loved.





At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. <u>Each month</u> 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.



## Save the Date Service Day 2023 October 14th 2023

Small Groups will participate in service opportunities at 9 community locations.

Watch the bulletin and parish websites for details!

Questions? Contact:
Dan Roth (CK) danieljroth9222@gmail.com
Karen Rugai Moran (SB) krugai@r4services.com
Kim Kiely (SC) k\_kiely@comcast.net/815 600-3712
Jennifer Serpe (SJF) jserpe25@sbcglobal.net/773-575-7227

SSPR SERVING OTHERS!



## 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.

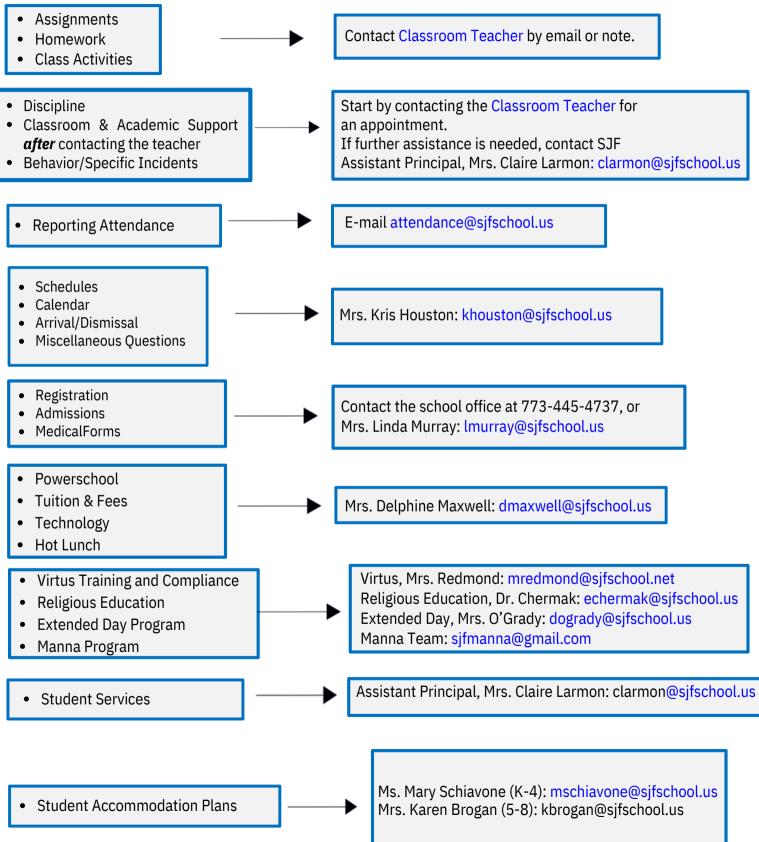






#### 2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

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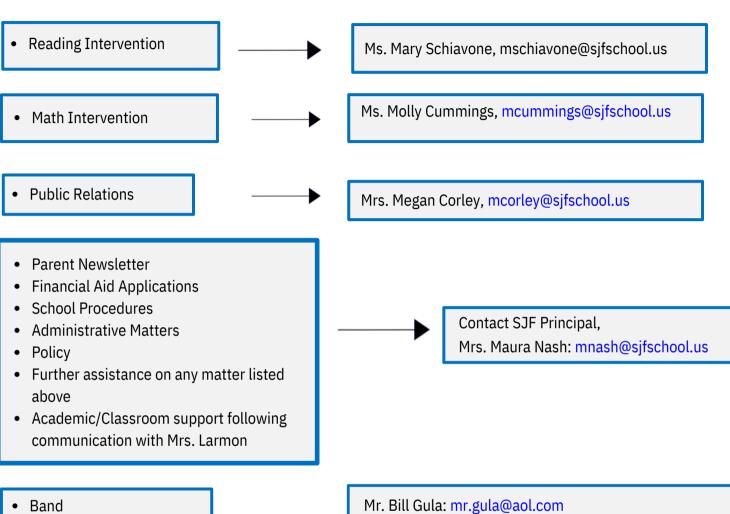


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#### 2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...



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

School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com

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