



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JULY 13, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We hope you are having the best summer! I cannot believe how quickly time is flying by! I hope you are enjoying every second of your summer and are finding lots of time to soak in the sun and make wonderful memories with your family and friends.

Below you will find important information regarding the upcoming school year. You can expect a back to school update in mid August as well. We miss our Falcons and are looking ahead to a new and exciting school year! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School!

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Tuition & FACTs Update

- All of the tuition agreements for the 2023-2024 school year are in the process of being finalized in FACTs. You will receive an e-mail Monday, July 17th from FACTs alerting you that this process has begun. 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 that all of your information is correct. Within the next couple of days, your MANNA credits will be reflected on your account. **The first payment, which consists of all of the school fees and the first month of tuition will be deducted on August 15th, 2023.** MANNA credits from the previous school year will be applied to your first payment. *If the initial payment doesn't process through your bank account or credit card, your child will not be considered registered for school.* 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@sjfschool.us.
- **New Families:** You will receive an invitation from our FACTs system to set up your account. This notification may go to your junk email. Please set up your account as soon as possible to begin this process. If you do not receive an email from FACTs by Wednesday, July 19th, please contact SJF's tuition manager, Delphine Maxwell, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.

Summer Enrichment

- **Math Packets:** Please visit this link to find math enrichment assignments for entering 3rd through 8th graders.
- **Summer Reading:** Please visit this link to find reading assignments for entering first through eighth graders.

Important Announcements

- **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 Mathew and of course, our SJF community! Congratulations Mrs. Cummings!
- **SJF's Tuition Raffle is BACK!** Stay tuned on how you can win one free year of tuition! Details regarding the raffle to be shared soon!
- It is time to register for **SJF's Fall Soccer League**. All Falcons in grades kindergarten-5th are welcome! Visit this link to register today.
- **Are you looking for service hours?** Pro Labore Dei needs your help! The next lunch making session is August 5th in the rectory basement from 9:15 a.m. - 10 a.m. If you'd like to help, but can't make it, PLD also needs 16 loaves of bread. Thank you for any support you can provide.
- **Used Chromebooks for sale** - \$20! Contact Mrs. Maxwell, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.
- **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!
- **Summer Hours:** The School Office will be open T-TH 9 a.m.-12 p.m. We are closed the month of July.



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

MANNA Update

- **MANNA Sales Hours** Wednesday 6-7 p.m. and Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m. @ the Convent (Corner of 102nd and Fairfield). Stop In!
- Or **buy e-certificates** on the go using the [RaiseRight App or website](#). For more info, check out SJF's [Manna Overview](#) under "Support Us."
- Manna sales have been consistent so far this summer. **Thank you for your support!**
- **IDEAS FOR SUMMER SPENDING** through the Manna Program: Airlines, Airbnb, TopGolf, Marriot, Disney, Town Liquors, Local Restaurants and Grocery Stores and Many more.
- For school families participating, **look for your Manna credit at Book Day in August** to reduce your tuition bill. 😊

Employment Opportunities

- **Part-time School Counselor**, please express interest at mnash@sjfschool.us
- **Development Lead**, SJF seeks a candidate to lead school fundraising strategy for the school's 75th Anniversary. This person would work closely with the School Leadership, Foundation, and School Advisory Board on planning, communication, and fundraising execution. This person is not expected to lead all fundraisers and would have the help of parent organizations. The ideal candidate is a self-starter with experience in sales and/or development and a proven track record of building relationships and collaborating across a variety of stakeholders. Alumni of SJF that may be interested in supporting these efforts in as a part-time resource or committee member, please let us know. Please express interest at sjfsab@gmail.com.

**YOU BELONG HERE.
YOU MATTER HERE.**





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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.**

Student Authors

SJF students have checked out over 12,000 books this year - WOW!

In addition to their love of reading, some students have even written their own stories which I have cataloged for check out in the school library and they are circulated frequently.

Have your kids take a cue from these young authors and give them a stack of blank paper to create their own summer story to share in the library when they return to school in the fall.

This not a requirement but I am already excited to see what the kids write!!

Summer Story Challenge:

Write a story about summer. Your story can be fiction or nonfiction, funny or sad, wild or calm, possible or impossible - it's up to you. *Illustrations are awesome but not necessary.*

Here's what it should include:

- Location: Where does your story take place? What might have happened there so far?
- Characters: Who are the main characters? Are they heroes, villains or a mixture of both? Your characters might just be ordinary folks; the main character could be you! Use lots of description, the more interesting your characters are, the more exciting your story will be.
- Setting: Where does your story take place? Think about what the weather is like, what you might see, hear or even smell there. Use a lot of adjectives and adverbs; be descriptive!
- The Problem: Anything can happen, anytime! What kind of problem or problems do your characters have to solve? Keep your story interesting; unexpected events or situations that are difficult make for good reading.
- The Resolution: (the fix, the solution, the happily ever after) What happens? How does the problem get solved? What happens to your main characters (or you)? Wrap it up with a good ending!





SJF Alumni

75th Anniversary Montage
Coming 2023-2024



We Are Collecting **Throw-back** SJF Photos

Share your old grade school photos

Please include
caption and year



Email to:
sjfalum@gmail.com



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

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: jschultz@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

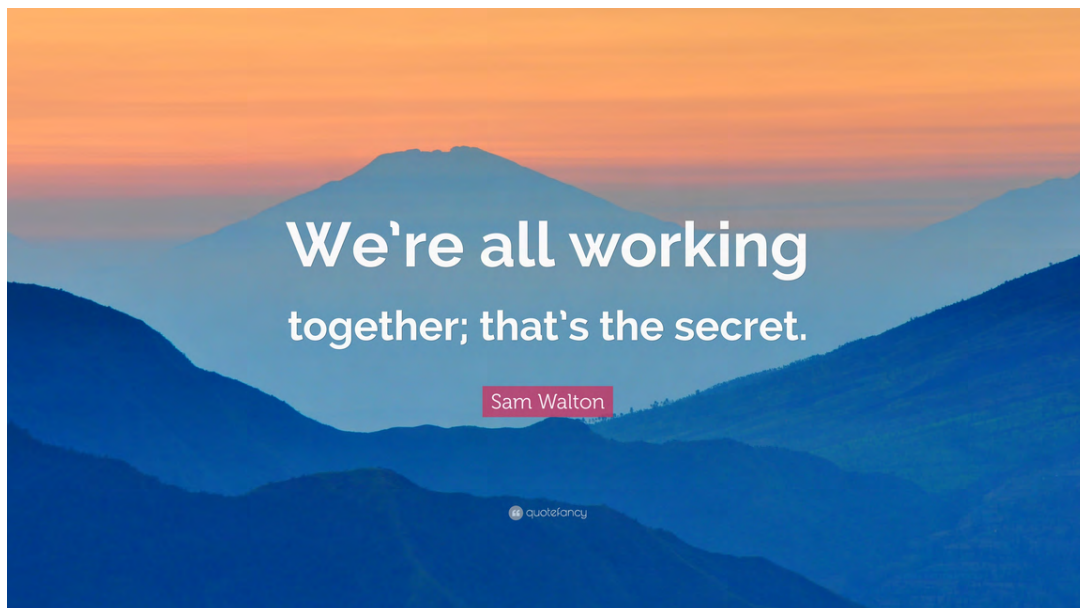
Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- 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
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Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com





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