



Embracing Curious Minds. Nurturing Compassionate Hearts.

May 2025

Dear St. John Fisher Families,

As we approach the close of another successful school year we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support, partnership, and dedication to St. John Fisher. Education continues to evolve, and it is essential that we reflect on our practices each year to ensure we are meeting the needs of all our Falcons.

Looking Ahead to the 2025–2026 School Year

We are excited to share several enhancements planned for next year:

- **Student-Teacher Ratio:** We remain committed to personalized learning by maintaining small class sizes throughout all grade levels with a 16:1 student-teacher ratio.
- **Grade 4 Relocation:** Our 4th grade students and teachers will move to the 5th and 6th floor to strengthen collaboration and maximize the instructional talents of our upper elementary educators.
- **Expanded Student Support:** We are thrilled to share that Mrs. Karen Brogan will continue her tenure at SJF as the **Director of Student Services**. She will join Ms. Colleen Dunlavy, Principal, and Mrs. Claire Larmon, Assistant Principal, on the leadership team. In this role, Mrs. Brogan will work closely with classroom teachers from preschool through 8th grade, as well as with IDEA staff and outside specialists. She will continue her classroom involvement and also serve as an academic coach to faculty.
- **Middle School Curriculum Update:**
 - 7th and 8th grade students will attend Spanish class once per week (previously twice).
 - 8th graders will benefit from an additional gym period.
 - 7th graders will be introduced to a new “Life Skills” special, focusing on real-world preparedness and social-emotional learning.

- **Smart School Initiative:** We are proud to begin our journey toward becoming a **Smart School**. In partnership with “Smart Families”, this initiative will provide ongoing education and support for students and parents as we navigate the ever-changing and ever-challenging world of technology together.

Finally, while we look forward to the future, we must pause to extend our deepest appreciation to **Mrs. Furlong, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Otto and Ms. Schiavone**. Your contributions have profoundly impacted our school community, and we are forever grateful for the important role you have played in shaping the lives of our Falcons. You will be greatly missed.

Tuition and Financial Update

Each year, we carefully evaluate our performance, identifying strengths and areas for growth to ensure we continue delivering a best-in-class education that meets the needs of all our students and families.

We benchmark against local Catholic schools to ensure our tuition remains both **competitive and responsible**. Our financial decisions are guided by four key principles:

1. **Keep tuition as affordable as possible** to serve the greatest number of families.
2. **Maintain small class sizes** for individualized learning and personal attention.
3. **Provide essential resources** for student and faculty success.
4. **Communicate with transparency**, even when the message is difficult.

These principles help guide our budgeting process and reflect our ongoing commitment to openness and inclusivity.

We are cautiously optimistic that enrollment has stabilized, and we are thrilled to share that this year’s fundraising efforts were a tremendous success once again. Through your generosity, dedicated volunteers, the growth of the **Fisher Falcon Education Foundation**, and enthusiastic participation in our events and campaigns, we raised over **\$240,000** for SJF.

While Oktoberfest and the Tuition Raffle saw slightly lower numbers than in previous years, the overall results were still incredibly strong. With continued momentum, we are hopeful that future tuition and fee increases can remain in line with general inflation—an achievement made possible by your support, trust, and collaboration over the past several years.

Below is the breakdown of the tuition and fee structure for the 2025-2026 school year.



ST. JOHN FISHER TUITION & FEES 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

K-8 Tuition	25-26	Total Per Family	Discount	\$ Change Per Family	\$ Change Per Child	Monthly Increase Per Family
1st Child	\$6,975	\$6,975	0%	\$225	\$225	\$22.50
2nd Child	\$5,525	\$12,500	20.79%	\$500	\$250	\$50.00
3rd Child	\$4,775	\$17,275	31.54%	\$775	\$258	\$77.50
4th Child	\$3,295	\$20,570	52.76%	\$1,070	\$268	\$107.00

PreSchool Tuition	25-26
5 Day Full-Day	\$6,975
3 Day Full-Day	\$5,300
5 Day Half-Day	\$4,240
3 Day Half-Day	\$3,180

"Book Day" Fees	25-25	
Registration	\$50	Per Family
Books, curriculum, supplies	\$250	Per Student
Technology	\$250	Per Student
Lunchroom Supervision	\$50	Per Student
Arch Assessment	\$50	Per Student
FSA Membership	\$75	Per Family
Manna Fundraising Requirement	\$400	Per Family

Thank You. Thank You. Thank You.

We could not do this without you.

We know it takes a village to achieve the kind of progress outlined in this letter. In addition to the selfless dedication of our faculty and staff, our success depends on the countless hours you contribute through volunteer work, outreach, and service that keep our community vibrant, welcoming, and growing. It also requires your continued financial commitment—and we do not take that for granted.

We thank you for these sacrifices. We share in them. They are priceless investments in our children, and they give us hope and confidence for the future.

Your commitment ensures that our students receive a **best-in-class, faith-based education**—one that challenges them to grow into well-rounded, curious, compassionate, and successful individuals and leaders. Please take the time to celebrate this success. Recognize the individual and collective achievements of our students, and continue to spread the word about the amazing things happening here at St. John Fisher. Every bit of positivity helps our children soar even higher.

Finally, thank you for your continued partnership and support. We know that choosing Catholic education is a significant decision, and we are honored by the trust you place in us. We work tirelessly every day to live up to that trust. If you ever have input, feedback, ideas, or questions regarding how we can improve, please don't hesitate to share them—we welcome and value your voice.

Thank you once again for all that you do. Together, we continue to make St. John Fisher a place where students thrive, grow, and soar.

With sincere gratitude,

Mrs. Maura Nash, Mrs. Claire Larmon, Ms. Colleen Dunlavy, Fr. Ken Budzikowski,
and your **School Advisory Board**