



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JUNE 2, 2023

Dear St. John Fisher Families,

Today marked the last day of school for our 8th grade Falcons. We are confident that they received a strong foundation which will lead them to great success at: Br. Rice, Marist, Mother McAuley, Mount Carmel, St. Ignatius, St. Laurence, St. Rita, Chicago Christian and beyond. Our Falcons are prepared for this next step because they are armed with responsibility, respect, gratitude, kindness, integrity, empathy, friendship, perseverance and optimism. This is the 72nd graduating class from St. John Fisher and we couldn't be more proud of how hard they have worked and all that they have accomplished. Go get 'em Falcons!

Next week is the last week of school for the rest of our student body! I applaud our students, parents, teachers and staff for a spectacular school year. I am most proud of how we always stay together and finish strong no matter what. Our kids are so lucky to be surrounded by loving and supportive adults at home and at school. Please encourage your students to continue to work hard and finish this last week of school strong! Monday is a full school day and our Field Day. Students should wear their gym uniforms. Tuesday is a full day and our cleanup day. Students should dress in Falcon spiritwear. Don't forget, June 7th is a 10:30 dismissal and students should dress in their Sunday best.

There are so many incredible things going on at SJF. Thank you for entrusting your children to us each day and for choosing Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **Peace+Love+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Employment Opportunities

- **Middle School Math Teacher** to cover a maternity leave beginning in August and ending in December of 2023. *Please express interest at mnash@sjfschool.us.*
- **School Counselor** 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.*

Important Announcements

- Please see the below flyers regarding **ordering school supplies** through the FSA.
- Don't forget, **Wednesday, June 7th is the last day of school** and **dismissal is at 10:30!**
- **Thank you to the FSA** for organizing our Rainbow Cone Day! It was a sweet treat enjoyed by all! Also thank you to Kate Lyons for organizing all of our teacher breakfasts and for our parent contributions. You are so appreciated!
- Here is the link to our **state of the school and budget letter** and here is the link for the **one page summary** in case you missed it. Thank you!
- All-school **field day** is scheduled for Monday, June 5th. Our back-up day is June 6th. Please be sure your child(ren) wears **sunscreen and their gym uniform!**
- Do you want to order an **SJF yearbook**? See the flyer below for more information.
- **Extended Day:** Visit this link to register your child. **There will be NO EXTENDED day after school on Wednesday, June 7th.** Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- **Used Chromebooks for sale** - \$20! Contact Mrs. Maxwell if you are interested, 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.-1p.m. We are closed the month of July.

Looking Ahead

 Weekend Mass	<p><i>4 p.m. Saturday, 8 & 11 a.m. Sunday</i> <i>All are welcome!</i></p>
Sunday, June 4th	<p><i>8th Grade Graduation @ 1 p.m.</i></p> 
Monday, June 5th	<p><i>Field Day - Wear sunscreen and your gym uniform!</i></p>
Tuesday, June 6th	<p><i>Clean up day - Wear Falcon spirit wear!</i> <i>1 p.m. Prayer Service</i></p>
Wednesday, June 7th	<p>LAST DAY </p> <p><i>9:15 All-School Mass</i> <i>10:30 Dismissal - Wear your Sunday best!</i></p>



The School Office will be closed June 8th, 9th & 12th.
 We will reopen on Tuesday, June 13th with our summer hours.



Athletic Registration Forms

- **Girls Basketball Registration Form**: grades 3-8
- **Boys Football Registration Form**: grades 4-8
- **Girls Cheer Registration Form**: grades 5-8

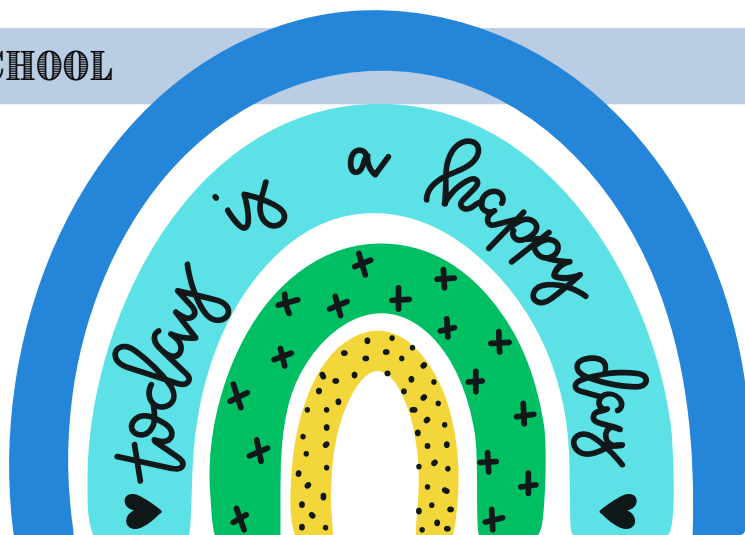


Volunteer Opportunities

- **School Advisory Board**: We are seeking new School Advisory Board Members for next school year. Our top two focus areas we are looking for help with include our 75th Anniversary planning and school enrollment. For the 75th Anniversary Planning, it would be ideal to welcome a board member that is a graduate of SJF and/or has a sales/development background. If you are interested, **please fill out this form**.
- **Athletic Board**: The SJF Athletic Board is looking to fill the following positions for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - Concession Stand Coordinator
 - JV Cheer Coach
 - JV Cheer Assistant Coordinator
- **Reach out to Athletic Board President Steve Scarsella sdscarsella@gmail.com with questions.** Go Falcons!



We need your help!



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

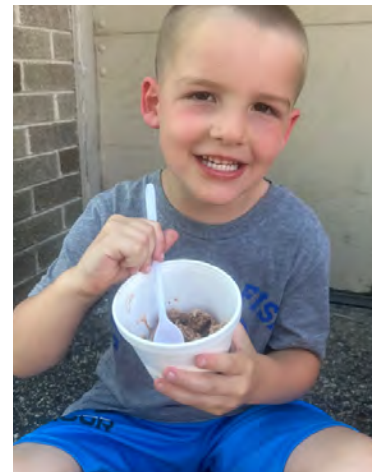


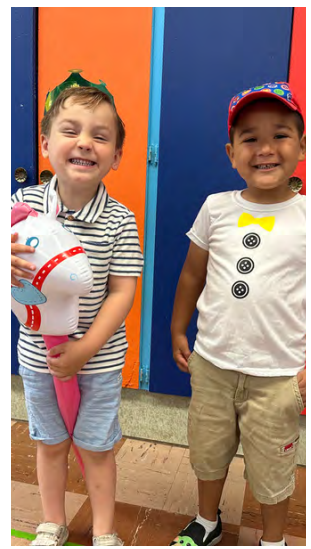
Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe. Be a Falcon.















WE'RE HIRING



MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

- Maternity Leave for the '23-'24 School Year
- August 15th - December 22nd
- Team-oriented, nurturing, warm and friendly work environment

Qualifications:

- College Degree Required
- Math competency
- Highly organized and energetic
- Team oriented
- Strong communication skills
- Reliable



 Send Your Resume
mnash@sjfschool.us

 For more information about SJF
www.sjfschool.net

Attention SJF Parents

2023-24 School Supply Sale

EPI SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Back-to-School Supply Shopping Made Easy

Our school selected Educational Products, Inc. (EPI) for our 2023 school supply program to help you save time and money on back-to-school shopping. As the #1 provider of school supply packs for over 40 years, more schools choose EPI every year. Plan to order your EPI pack today.



Sample pack image. Your exact school pack will vary based on the items and brands selected by your school.



Teacher Approved

No guesswork on what to buy. Get all the items on your list so your child is prepared for success.



Quality Products

Items and brands are selected by our school. Plus, EPI offers a school-year quality guarantee.



Easy & Hassle Free

Avoid the shopping crowds or visiting multiple stores for all the supplies on your supply list.



Save Over 40%

Compared to national retailers, you can save over 40% with EPI school supplies each year.

St. John Fisher

Sale Starts: May 25th

Online Sale Ends: June 25th

Questions? Contact

Stephanie Guinane or Becky Dowling
sjffsa103@gmail.com or 773-315-2157

Supplies will be delivered to school and ready to be picked up on Packet

Pick-up Day

August 17th

Make Back to School Easier with EPI School Supply Packs

EPI



- Teacher Approved
- Delivered Before the First Day of School
- Save Time & Money

SHOP NOW

Order
Deadline: **6/25**

Our School ID:
STJ139



www.EducationalProducts.com/ShopPacks



Proudly presents:

Celebration of
KINDNESS

A St. John Fisher community event in support
of the inaugural Sister Jean McGrath
Kindness Scholarship & SJF School.

Sunday, June 11th 2023

12:30 pm

Ridge Country Club

Event & Scholarship organized by the SJF Women's Club

Buffet Lunch | Beer & Wine | Split the Pot Raffle

\$100/person

Tickets & scholarship details can be found at:

SJFkindnessgivesmart.com

"Remember to be kind because that's the best gift we can give our world."

-Sister Jean McGrath-

St. John Fisher School Tutor/SEL Support

Spring/Summer 2023

Please contact the tutors directly for current availability and further information.

NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	AVAILABILITY	e-tutor? in person?	PREFERRED GRADE LEVELS	PREFERRED SUBJECTS
Jeanne Boyle	Jeanneboyleaie@gmail.com	773-616-0792	Spring/Summer	in person	5-8	All subjects, plus executive functioning and study skills
Sally Caulfield	scaulfield@sjschool.us	773-837-6954	Summer	in person	K-4	All subjects
Kristy Condon	kcondon@sjschool.us	708-262-8836	Spring/Summer	both	3-8: high school:	All subjects + HS Placement Test prep English, math, ACT and SAT prep
Colleen Dunlavy	cdunlavy@sjschool.us	708-207-1558	Spring/Summer	both	K-8: high school:	All subjects Algebra I&II, Geometry, Pre-Calc, Biology, English, ACT and SAT prep
Erin Deering	erin.deering13@gmail.com	708-220-1368	Spring/Summer	both	1-6	English, social studies, reading, writing
Megan Merony	meganmerony@gmail.com	517-449-5356	Spring/Summer	both	K-4 5-6	all subjects math
Meghan Murray	megmurray89@gmail.com	773-710-8584	Spring/Summer	in person	K-4	Certified reading specialist math, reading
Janet Otto	jotto@sjschool.us	773-575-9159	Summer	in person	K-8	Certified Wilson Dyslexia Specialist. Wilson is a phonics-based, structured literacy program.
Julie Schultz	julieharris80@hotmail.com	708-267-8116	Spring/Summer	both	K-8	Social emotional learning support for problem solving, conflict resolution, and self-esteem. Individual or group support for navigating friendships and grasping tools to help students become successful in school and everyday life.
Kayla Spornberger	kspornberger@bhsd228.com	708-954-6110	Spring/Summer	both	any grade level	Math

Summer 2023 Recommendations for Enrichment Activities (and Other Fun Things to Do)

Some of our parents have asked for ideas to keep their children's learning fresh and the body and mind active this summer. Just a heads up - camps do fill quickly. ***This list is being updated frequently - check back often! If you know of a camp or activity we should include, please email Mrs. Karen Brogan at kbrogan@sjfschool.us or Mrs. Win Biernacki at wbiernacki@sjfschool.us***

Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grades:

[Mrs. Altman's Preschool Summer Camp](#) (3 - 5 yrs.) every week with a different theme!
[Sounder and Friends](#) - a PBS-produced series of videos that focus on phonemic awareness. Great practice and review for students learning to read!

All Ages/Grades:

Tutoring: See the **[SJF Spring/Summer Tutor List](#)**

Read, read, read!!! 15-20 minutes each day improves fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Here are some great reading lists for book recommendations:

- **[Time Magazine's 100 Best Children's Books](#)**
- **[Reader's Digest 25 Best Children's Books Ever Written](#)**
- **[Common Sense Media's 50 books All Kids Should Read Before They're 12](#)**
- To check the reading level of your child's book, go to www.arbookfind.com This will also let you know if the book will qualify for Accelerated Reader points.
- **[Chicago Public Library events for kids](#)**

While nothing replaces a parent or sibling reading with a child, **audiobooks** are a great option for car rides, independent reading, etc.:

- Chicago Public Library: <https://www.chipublib.org/browse/audiobooks> FREE
- Audible on Amazon: monthly subscription; free books with Prime membership
- Epic app for iOS or Android: 25,000 books and videos for kids 12 and under www.getepic.com

Camps at park districts and other venues:

- **[Beverly Arts Center – Summer Camps](#)**, for students entering Kindergarten - 8th grade
- **[Chicago Park District](#)**
- **[Evergreen Park's Recreation Department](#)**
- **[Oak Lawn Park District activities](#)**
- Nature-based day and overnight **[camps for kids at the Center in Palos Park](#)**

High Schools offering summer camps (some camps as young as Kindergarten):

- Sports, arts, theater and music camps at [Mother McAuley](#)
- Academic, athletic and other activities at [Brother Rice](#)
- Wide variety of athletics, arts, activities camps at [Marist](#)
- Athletic, cooking, art and robotics camps at [St. Rita](#)
- Academic, arts, pottery, Lego, robotics, cooking, etc. camps at [Morgan Park Academy](#)
- Athletic and enrichment camps at [St. Laurence](#)

Camp Offerings for Students at Local Colleges::

- Moraine Valley Community College offers classes in Arts, Music, Math and Reading for grades 2-7 at their Valley Learning Center. **Dates and times have not yet been announced; check back.**
- [St. Xavier offers baseball, volleyball and basketball camps.](#)
- [SXU Media Camp for incoming high school freshmen through seniors.](#)

Suggestions for academic and other skills practice:

- **Practice math facts** online at the fun, game-based Reflex Math. Your child should have a log-in and password; if not, please email their math teacher to get one. Even 5-10 minutes/day makes a difference!
- Students in grades 3-8 should practice their keyboarding skills. [Typing.com](#) 3rd-6th grade students have logins and passwords, but the site can be used without a login as well.
- More typing practice for all ages in a fun, competitive way: [Race Now - 100% Free | Nitro Type](#)

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL "GUIDE"

Children/Preteen Social Emotional Skills Groups

The guide concept is designed by Julie Schultz.
tutoring with a "twist"

"Guide" is a unique approach and targets social emotional skills that are often left out in the traditional classroom.

Julie is a school counselor with 21 years experience working with children ages 3-15.

Sessions may include...

Confidence building, self control, conflict resolution, self esteem, anxious thinking
fixed/growth mindset

the "Guide" approach combines areas of need and parent feedback to determine attainable goals

Session Location will be determined by Julie and Parent.

Individual or group sessions provided.

Summer Sessions forming now!

Reach out for more information

Julieharris80@hotmail.com

Text 708-267-8116

Summer Reading 2023

I hope everyone has a loong list of books to read this summer, I know I do! Besides any required reading for the next school year, here are some fun programs to keep kids reading this summer. Did I mention incentives??

If you buy Kelloggs products, be sure to check out this offer, you can get up to 10 free books from now until November by buying qualifying items.

https://www.kelloggs promotions.com/en_US/feeding-reading-2023/home.html

Talk about a summer reading challenge! It is MENSA after all. Check out their website for some really great book lists and a chance to earn an official t-shirt.

<https://www.mensaforkids.org/achieve/excellence-in-reading/>

Any free pizza fans out there? Pizza Hut has created a camp version of their Bookit program. Register on their website for access to some fun resources and a chance to earn free pizza!

<https://www.bookitprogram.com/programs/camp-book-it>

Half Price books (I think Orland Park is the closest) has an online summer reading camp that runs from Jun 1, 2023 to Jul 31, 2023. Register for online and printable activities and to earn coupons toward future purchases.

<https://b.halfpricebooks.com/summer-reading/>

Barnes and Noble bookstores have a summer reading program where kids can earn a free book (from their list) after reading 8 books and completing their summer reading journal.

<https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/bnstores/kids/misc/2023/BNKidsSummer Reading85x11.pdf>

Not sure what to read? Here are some book lists with suggestions by age:

<https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/summer-reading-list/>

<https://www.readbrightly.com/search/?s=SUMMER+READING+2023>

<https://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/summer-2023>

If you live in Chicago, don't forget The Chicago Public Library - Happy 150th Birthday to one of my favorite places (any branch 😊).

The Library's website has lots of resources for kids. Be sure to register for their summer reading program at your favorite branch!

[CPL kids.](#)

List of Chicago Public Library activities at Beverly, Mt. Greenwood, Walker and Woodson branches:

[CPL Summer Programs](#)



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!



Create your 2 free custom yearbook pages for ST. JOHN FISHER

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Add Photos

Add your favorite photos from your phone, computer, Instagram, Facebook, Google or Dropbox account, and have them printed in your copy of the yearbook.



Add Memories

Answer questions about your year and capture your very best moments. You can even include a photo to go along with them.



Sign Books

Make your friends smile by sending them a message (can include a photo or sticker) that they can add to their custom pages or ask them to send you one!



Design Your Page

Add all of your memories to your two free personal pages that will be printed in your unique copy of the yearbook. Need more room? You can add more pages!

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

1 Go to: www.treering.com/validate

2 Enter your school's passcode:
1015271802074961

Regular price: **\$27.39**

Create Custom Pages by: Jul 10

Need help? Contact

www.treering.com/help





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



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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a very “normal” school year ahead!

- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **6.2**
- Graduation: **6.4** ~ 1 p.m. in church
- Last Day of School: **6.7** - 10:30 dismissal

Come as you are. You are loved. 

***1 p. m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**



2022-2023 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

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): wbiernacki@sjfschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us



2022-2023 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

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

