

NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MAY 26, 2023

Dear St. John Fisher Families,

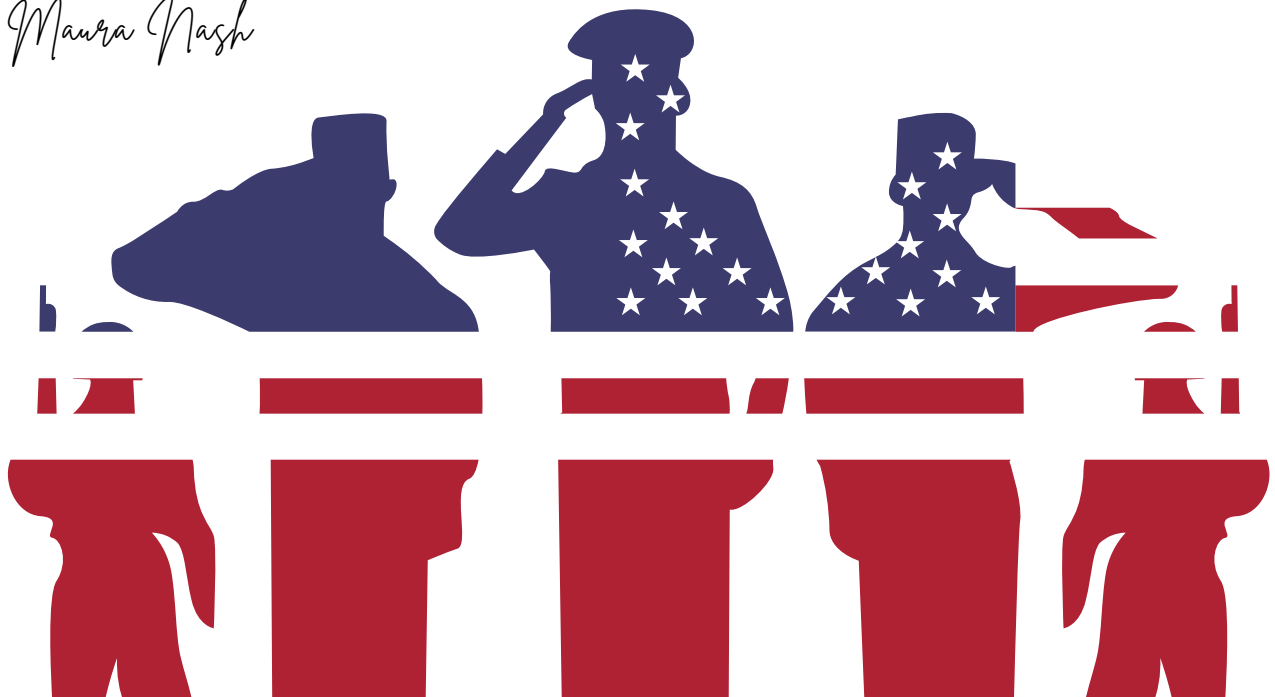
Please join me in congratulating our Falcons on completing their third iReady diagnostic! As a school we have made great progress overall. Our Falcons continue to demonstrate positivity, optimism and hard work. We have just a week and a half left of the school year. Parents, thank you for supporting your child(ren) and making sure he/she finishes this last leg of the school year strong. I hope this three-day weekend is a welcomed break from the busyness of our schedules.

As a community we will never forget the brave men and women who served our country. Over this long weekend, may we pause and say a prayer for all of the men and women who died for our freedom and especially remember our very own SJF alum, U.S. Marine Cpl. Conner T. Lowry, who gave his life for our freedom on March 1, 2012 in Afghanistan. "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." *-Elmer Davis*

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

- Congratulations to all of the **Falcon runners participating in the Ridge Run** this weekend and thank you to all of the parent volunteers especially **Mrs. Novak and Mrs. McNicholas. Let's go Falcons!**
- This year's **final tuition payment is due by May 31st**. Reach out to Mrs. Maxwell with any questions, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.
- 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!
- **ART CLUB MEMBERS:** Please sign up here for our last meeting Thursday, June 1st.
- Please see the below flyers regarding **ordering school supplies** through the FSA.
- 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!**
- Do you want to order an **SJF yearbook**? See the flyer below for more information.
- **Extended Day:** Visit this link to register your child. 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!

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!

Looking Ahead

 <p>Weekend Mass</p>	<p>4 p.m. Saturday, 8 & 11 a.m. Sunday All are welcome!</p>
<p>Monday, May 29th</p>	<p><i>*No School</i></p> 
<p>Tuesday, May 30th</p>	<p><i>Regular School Day!</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, May 31st</p>	<p>*1:00 DISMISSAL! Rainbow Cone Ice Cream Day Girls Basketball Tryouts 8th Grade Just Desserts Award Banquet @ 6:30</p> 
<p>Thursday, June 1st</p>	<p>3rd Grade Chicago Field Trip  Art Club w/ Mrs. Corley 3 year old and 4 year old Preschool Show Girls Basketball Tryouts</p>
<p>Friday, June 2nd</p>	 <p>5th & 6th grade softball tourney @ Beverly Park Last day of School for 8th Grade 8th Grade Dance</p> 
<p>Sunday, June 4th</p>	<p>8th Grade Graduation @ 1 p.m.</p> 

Go forth and set the world on fire.

-St. Ignatius of Loyola



Pro Labore Dei Update

- As we say every single month, **thank you for the May 6th's lunch making session**. For the volunteers who worked feverishly and those who wanted to but couldn't be there, we have so much gratitude. 170 lunches were compiled in that magical 45 minutes!
- The **next lunch making** will be on Saturday, **June 3rd at 9:15 a.m.**, in the rectory basement. We need 150 individual bags of chips.
- We continue to collect **pantry items** at the SJF parking lot on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., *but we will NOT collect on May 20th*. We will join hands with the Holy Name Society in their collection that day. So, please, donate to the food drive. We know it will be a huge success.
- Can we take a moment to **thank the St. John Fisher students** who showed up each month for lunches, donated food at Thanksgiving, gifts at Christmas, baskets at Easter AND were always ready to help. You were awesome this year.
- For questions or concerns please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428)

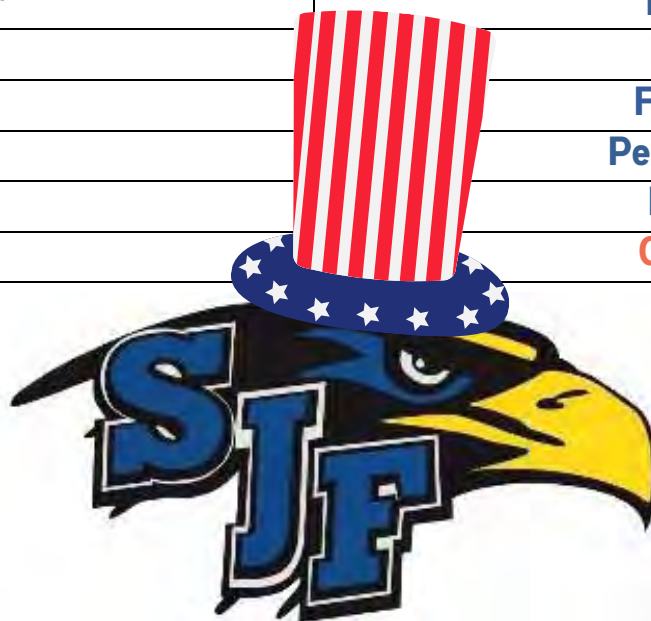
Optimism isn't a belief that things will automatically get better; it's a conviction that we can make things better.



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.









ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

ART CLUB

Members:

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO [THIS LIST](#)
IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING OUR LAST MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST

WE WILL MEET IN KANE HALL.
PICK UP WITH BE AT THE OFFICE DOORS
@ 4:00PM.

7th & 8th Graders!

PLEASE [SIGN UP HERE](#) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH ART CLUB.

YOU CAN EARN 1 SERVICE HOUR EACH MONTH



ST. JOHN FISHER GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

3RD-8TH GRADE



4th Grade \$125



ST. JOHN FISHER

5th-8th Grade \$200

2023 FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION MAY 19TH - JUNE 2ND



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

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Deadline: **6/25**

Our School ID:
STJ139



www.EducationalProducts.com/ShopPacks

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.



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



Save Over 40%

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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



SJF Summer Enrichment Camp Grades 2-8



Want to prevent learning loss over the summer? Want to get your student's math packet done? Ready for some STEM activities and group learning activities?

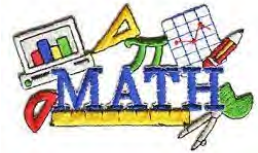
Then...Summer Enrichment Camp is for you!

Mrs. Ade and Ms. Dunlavy will be running an exciting new camp this summer. We will have fun doing science experiments, math enrichment, and ELA games. There will even be time for some fun, outdoor sports activities.

Who: Students entering grades 2nd through 8th

When: Week 1 - July 25th, 26th, 27th 9:00-12:00
Week 2 - Aug 8th, 9th, 10th 9:00-12:00

Cost: One week - \$150
Two weeks - \$250



For more information, please email Ms. Dunlavy at cdunlavy@sjfschool.us or call/text 708-207-1558.

SJF Summer Enrichment Camp

Student's Name: _____ Grade in Fall 2023: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent Email: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Week 1 - July 25th, 26th, 27th 9:00-12:00

Week 2 - Aug 8th, 9th, 10th 9:00-12:00

Amount enclosed: \$150 (one week) \$225 (two weeks)

**Please return by June 6th

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



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-

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



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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!



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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!

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SJF Alumni

75th Anniversary Montage
Coming 2023-2024



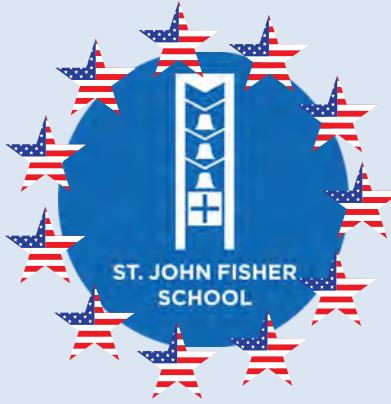
We Are
Collecting
Throw-back
SJF Photos

Share your old grade school photos

Please include
caption and year



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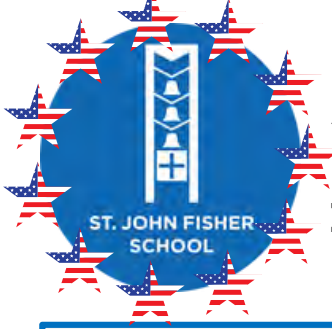
*Below is a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a very “normal” school year ahead!

- Memorial Day – No School: **5.29**
- 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

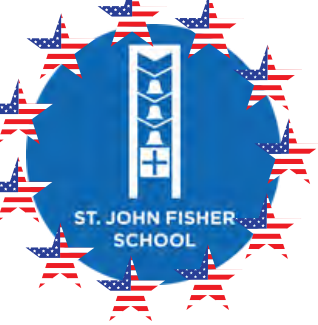
Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sjfschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sjfschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sjfschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- 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

