



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL


NOVEMBER 3, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We had a great week at SJF with two opportunities to be together as a whole school! Thank you to our SOAR students and moderators for organizing such a fun Halloween Parade in the church! Our sensational 6th graders hosted a heartfelt All Saints Day Mass where we remembered our loved ones who have passed away and showed gratitude for the “saints” we have in our lives today. Thank you Dr. Chermak, Ms. Dunlavy, Ms. D and Mrs. Ade for organizing such a wonderful Mass.

Please continue to be careful when traveling near 103rd and Talman. There is a significant increase in traffic due to the railroad track construction. Thank you for your attention, caution and help to keep our Falcons safe when they are walking to and from school.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make our South Side Renewal Mass and reception in Kane Hall a success! You are so appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **You Belong Here.** 

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*



gratitude  
CHANGES  
everything



## Important Announcements

- **PACK THE PEWS!!!** Out of uniform passes for Mass attendance continues through November. 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. See you there!
- **Tomorrow, SJF is hosting the South Side Parish Renewal Anniversary Mass @ 4 p.m.** We are in need of volunteers to help with a reception afterwards. Please visit this link if you can share your time. ***This will be a great opportunity for our parish to demonstrate our energy and vibrance!*** Please see the flyer below for more information
- **There is no school on November 6th due to faculty and staff professional development.**
- **Veteran's Day is next Friday** and we want to honor the veterans in our lives! *Please see the flyer below to learn about the different ways we can celebrate your veteran!*
- **Nothing Bundt Cakes** is sponsoring an SJF Eat N' Earn! See the flyer below and place an order in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you!
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.

## MANNA Updates

### MANNA HOURS ADDED FOR THE HOLIDAYS (NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER):

- **Hours:**
  - **Saturdays:** 8:30-9:30 a.m.
  - **Wednesdays:** 6-7p.m.
  - **Thursdays:** 8-9 a.m. (added Holidays only)
- Stop in or use the Raise Right App on-the go!
- **The best way to order physical cards (local too) are in stock is to order using the App by Sundays at 10 and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6.** Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.
- **Since May 1st, the program has raised more than \$18,000 for the school and \$26,000 directly to families to lower tuition.** Thank you!
- Email the Manna team at Sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions. More info here.





# ★ Congratulations Falcons!

**Girls Basketball Semi-final Championships this Saturday!**

**5th Grade Girls Blue West Semifinals @ 4:10 @ Marist**

**6th Grade Girls Blue West Semifinals @ 3:00 @ Marist**

**7th Grade Girls A North Semifinals @ 1:20 @ Marist**

**8th Grade Girls Blue West Semifinals @ 2:10 @ Marist**



**The JV Falcon Football Team plays in the SCC Championship game on Sunday @ 1:30 @ St. Rita against Most Holy Redeemer! [Visit this link to live stream the game](#) and cheer on the Falcons from your couch!**



**Congratulations to the SJF Golf Team!** SJF placed 4th of out the 6 teams. Our 5th & 6th grade golfers placed 2nd amongst all of the 5th & 6th grade teams. A special shout-out goes to 6th graders Finn Schober and Eddie Wiora for placing 3rd among all 89 golfers in their division!



## Looking Ahead

<p><b>Saturday, November 4th</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Manna Hours</b> @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</li> <li><b>ETC 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.</b></li> <li>• <b>Saturday Stem w/ Mrs. Garza</b></li> <li><b>4 p.m. Mass</b> <i>All are welcome!</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Sunday, November 5th</b></p>	<p><b>8 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Mass</b> <i>All are welcome!</i></p>
<p><b>Monday, November 6th</b></p>	<p><b>No School!</b> Faculty and Staff Professional Development Day</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, November 7th</b></p>	<p><b>ETC 3-4 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Directed Drawing w/ Mrs. Garza</b></li> <li><b>*HW Club 3-3:45 p.m.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday, November 8th</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Manna Hours</b> @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</li> <li><b>*HW Club 3-3:45 p.m.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday, November 9th</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Manna Hours</b> @ The Convent 8:30-9:00 a.m.</li> <li><b>ETC 3-4 p.m.</b></li> <li>• <b>Calling All Barbies &amp; Kens w/ Ms. Schiavone &amp; Mrs. Brogan</b></li> <li>• <b>Turkey Bowl w/ Mrs. Sefcik</b></li> </ul> <p><b>HSPT Class from 3-4:15 p.m.</b></p>  
<p><b>Friday, November 10th</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Veterans Day Breakfast @ 9 a.m. &amp; Prayer Service @ 10 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>Falcon Fri-YAY!</b></li> </ul> <p>Wear your SJF Spiritwear t-shirts/sweatshirts w/ your uniform bottoms</p>



## Pro Labore Dei Update



T H A N K F U L

- The coat drive came to a close last weekend. Thank you to all who contributed. There will be many who are warmer this winter because of you.
- Please join us Saturday, November 4th @ 9:15 a.m. in the rectory basement for lunch making. We love having you all!
- **This weekend begins our collection of food for Thanksgiving fix-ins.** There are bags in the rear of church with suggested items to purchase stapled to each bag:
  - 2 cans each of: corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and gravy
  - 2 bags of stuffing
  - 1 large box of instant mashed potatoes
  - a non-perishable dessert
  - Please bring donations to the rectory or call one of us. The deadline for this collection is Thursday, November 16th.
- We continue our food pantry collection on Saturday mornings 9:30 - 10 a.m. in the church parking lot.
- Diapers size 4, 5 and 6 are still in high demand. Your response to all of our requests has been tremendous. Thank you and please continue to consider these needs when shopping.

For questions or concerns please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Hayes (773-203-786)



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giving

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST!



**1ST PLACE**  
**THE MILAKOVICH**  
**FAMILY**



**2ND PLACE**  
**THE BAYDEN**  
**FAMILY**



**3RD PLACE**  
**THE REMEGI**  
**FAMILY**

















# SAVE THE DATE

## Southside Parish Renewal Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 4  
4 p.m. Mass

St. John Fisher  
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave

Let's celebrate our Southside Parish Renewal (SPR) Parishes together with our first Mass concelebrated by all of our pastors! Come for Mass and continue the celebration after with food and festivities in Kane Hall immediately after. Learn about future SPR opportunities and events, as well as meet SPR board members to ask questions and get involved.

All SPR parish school students in attendance will receive a "**Out of Uniform**" pass, and **ALL** students can enter a raffle to win a lunch delivered to them at school by their pastor.

*This will be the only Saturday Mass celebrated for Christ the King, St. Barnabas, St. Cajetan's and St. John Fisher the afternoon of November 4. We will use the Sunday readings and it will fulfill your Mass obligation. All four parishes will resume regular Mass schedules on Sunday, November 5. Your weekly envelope and online donations will go to your respective parish; any cash contributions at Mass will be distributed to St. John Fisher. A second collection will go toward SPR's ongoing efforts to support asylum seekers.*



JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

# Confirmation Enrollment Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH @ 11 A.M.

The entire page is framed by a decorative border that mimics the American flag, with alternating red and white horizontal stripes and blue squares containing white stars.

# **St. John Fisher SOAR Students**

**Cordially invite you to help us  
honor our Veterans and their  
families at our annual Veterans  
Day Breakfast and Prayer  
Service**

**Friday, November 10, 2023  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast in Kane Hall  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Service**

**Follow the link below to**

- **Register to attend our event**
- **Register a Veteran to attend our event**
- **Enter a Veteran's Name to be added to our Honor Roll**

**[Click here to register your guest\(s\) and to submit names for our Honor Roll](#)**

Questions should be directed to Ms. Dunlavy at [cdunlavy@sjfschool.us](mailto:cdunlavy@sjfschool.us)  
or Mrs. Condon at [kcondon@sjfschool.us](mailto:kcondon@sjfschool.us)



# ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Saturday, November 18, 2023

Theme: Strengthening Our  
Joyous  
Future

[Saint John Fisher Church](#)  
Special Anniversary Mass  
4:00 p.m.

[Beverly Country Club](#)  
Reception at 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
Short Program  
Music

## PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW

Table of 10 for \$1,000.00, or

Individual tickets at \$100.00 each

### To pay online:

- Go to the Saint John Fisher Parish website at <https://www.stjohnfisherparish.net>
- Click on wording in the center that states "75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" under "weekly announcements"
- Go to the bottom of the blue screen, and click on "click here"
- Follow the instructions on the secure online gateway for credit card payments.
- If purchasing tickets, please list the names of the attendees under special instructions.
- If you wish to sponsor a priest who has served, please include that information.

Or pick up a form at the entrances of church, and include the form and payment in the collection basket.

Or purchase tickets and pay at the rectory.

- *Help promote and contribute to a successful 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.*
- *Organize or gather a table of family, neighbors, school parents, former parishioners, fellow alums*

Please drop off any copies of photographs of Saint John Fisher Church and School at the rectory.  
They will be helpful in continuing plans for the celebration.

Thanks, in advance, for your participation and support.

*Join the effort in insuring that our church and school continue for our next 75 years.*





NOTHING *bundt* CAKES®

# The Sweetest Way to Support St. John Fisher

**Fundraiser Cake Flavors Available:**

- Chocolate Chocolate Chip | Red Velvet | White Chocolate Raspberry
- Lemon | Confetti | Classic Vanilla | Carrot
- Snickerdoodle | Strawberries & Cream | Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookie

**Individual Bundtlet Cost: \$7**

**Oak Lawn**  
10912 S. Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 422-7449 • [NothingBundtCakes.com](http://NothingBundtCakes.com)

FOOD ALLERGEN NOTE: Our cakes contain wheat, milk, eggs and soy. Cakes may contain traces of tree nuts and peanuts.





**St. John Fisher FSA  
Advent Wreath Making Event**

**Please join us  
Sunday, November 26th after the 11:00 AM Mass  
in Kane Hall**

**to make an Advent Wreath for your family to enjoy throughout the holiday season.**

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

A limited number of wreaths are available, so please reserve yours by  
Sunday, November 12th!

The cost for each wreath is \$45

Please send in cash or check made out to St. John Fisher FSA with information below  
or Venmo @Edward-Wiora

If you have any questions, please contact Molly Wiora 773-368-1414.

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**St. John Fisher FSA Advent Wreath Making Event**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# of Wreaths \_\_\_\_\_

St. JohnFisher

*Women's Club*

VENDOR FAIR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

20+  
Vendors

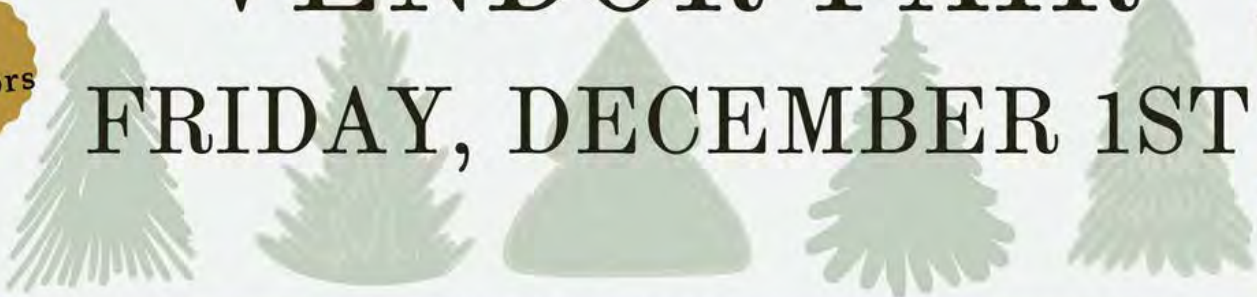
7-10PM

*St. John Fisher School Kane Hall*

\$10

ATTIRE / JEWELRY / SELF CARE / BAKED GOODS / DECOR

Food & Drink Available for Purchase



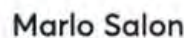
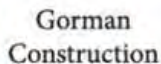
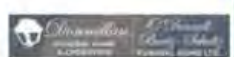
# ST. JOHN FISHER OKTOBERFEST THANKS OUR SPONSORS



*Thank you to The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation and Oktoberfest Committee and our Sponsors for raising \$30,000 for SJF School. We would especially like to thank Pat Harrigan for stepping up to lead the committee this year as this fundraiser is so important to our school.*

*Our Fisher Falcons are excited and grateful for the support. Our top goal is Academic Excellence. With these funds SJF can achieve school upgrades, scholarships, and helps provide competitive and affordable tuition rates. Please visit this [FalconEducationFoundation.org](http://FalconEducationFoundation.org) to learn more about the AMAZING Fisher Falcon Education Foundation. We appreciate your support!*

## Friends of the Falcons



*Please patronize these generous local businesses. They've supported SJF year after year and the event would not be possible without their support.*



# Homework Club!

## Grades 1-6

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**Who do you  
contact?**

**Mrs. Ade**

kade@sjfschool.us

**Mrs. Schiller**

aschiller@sjfschool.us

**Ms. Dunlavy**

cdunlavy@sjfschool.us



**When is it?**  
**Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays**  
**2:55pm-3:45pm**

**\*Begins October 10th\***

**Homework Club is a  
great opportunity for  
students to...**

- *Begin* their homework
- Study for tests or quizzes
- Review math facts
- Receive help with iReady
- Get organized
- Develop friendships and community with older SJF students!



**Our dedicated 7th and 8th grade  
helpers will work one-on-one with your  
student(s) to complete homework in an  
accurate and timely manner!**

ST. JOHN FISHER PROUDLY HOSTS



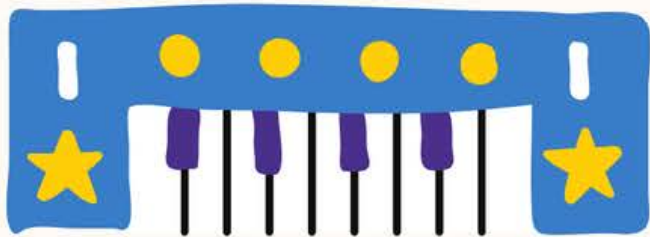
# FUTURE FALCONS PLAYGROUP

OCTOBER 10TH, NOVEMBER 14TH AND DECEMBER 12TH FROM 10-11.

Experience the Falcon way through play at our weekly playgroup sessions filled with activities, songs, and community building.

## WHERE AND WHEN?

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM  
10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE.  
FRIST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
10 AM - 11 AM  
\$5 PER CHILD/ \$15 PER FAMILY MAX



## WHY PLAY?

At SJF, we value intellectual, academic, social and emotional growth. Through play, children are able to develop these skills while building relationships within their community.



## WHO AND WHAT?

All Children 0-3 and caregivers are welcome!  
Enjoy a range of fun activities and getting to know your fellow Future Falcons.



*Embracing curious minds. Nurture compassionately hearts.*

### **St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar**

\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

- 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: **October 25th, November 29th, January 31st, February 28th, March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**



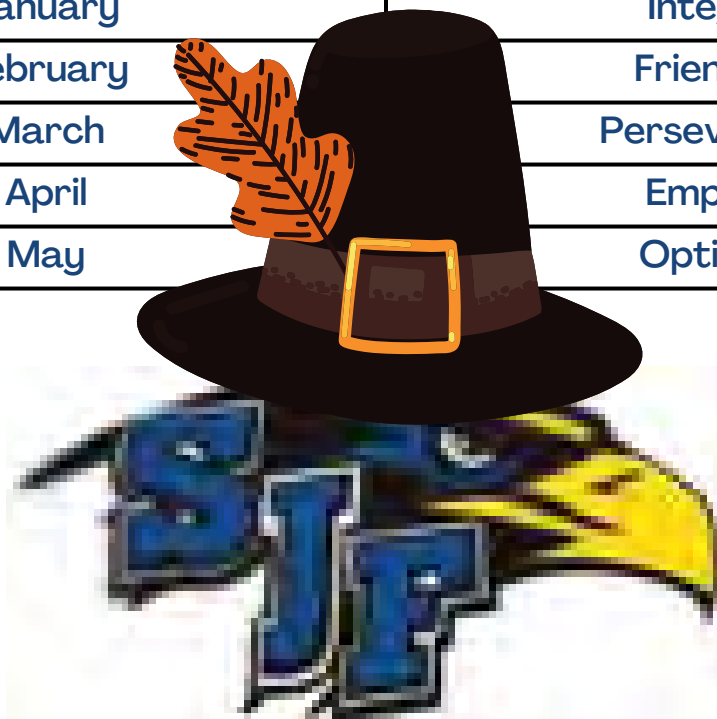


## Social & Emotional Learning

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
<b>November</b>	<b>Gratitude</b>
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



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

Your Children are Our Priority

LET US TAKE CARE OF  
**LUNCH**



**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.

**MONTHLY SPECIALS!**



It's easy to set up an account and order online. Contact for information about full month or full year sign-up discount.

**terri@sxu.edu • 773-233-2200**

# LUNCH PROGRAM

WE SERVE DELICIOUS  
HOT LUNCHES  
EVERYDAY



Mac-n-cheese



Pancakes



Wraps



Nuggets



Pizza



Salads



All meals include daily choice of



White milk, Chocolate milk or water.



Desserts or Fruit.



**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!**



**You Are Important!**



# 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 & Academic Support *after* contacting the teacher
- 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](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail [attendance@sjfschool.us](mailto:attendance@sjfschool.us)

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us)

- Registration
- Admissions
- MedicalForms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: [lmurray@sjfschool.us](mailto:lmurray@sjfschool.us)

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sjfschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sjfschool.us)

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

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

- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: [clarmon@sjfschool.us](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

Ms. Mary Schiavone (K-4): [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)  
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us)



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If you have a question or concern about...

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, [mcummings@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcummings@sjfschool.us)

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.us)

- Parent Newsletter
- Financial Aid Applications
- School Procedures
- Administrative Matters
- Policy
- Further assistance on any matter listed above
- Academic/Classroom support following communication with Mrs. Larmon

Contact SJF Principal,  
Mrs. Maura Nash: [mnash@sjfschool.us](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)

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

Mr. Bill Gula: [mr.gula@aol.com](mailto:mr.gula@aol.com)  
School Advisory Board: [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com)  
Athletic Association: [stjohnfishersports@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfishersports@gmail.com)  
FSA: [sjffsa103@gmail.com](mailto:sjffsa103@gmail.com)  
Women's Club: [SJFWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFWomensClub@gmail.com)  
HNS: [SJFHNS@gmail.com](mailto:SJFHNS@gmail.com)

