



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 27, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

What an amazing week at SJF! Between the Oktoberfest and the Walktoberfest, as a community we raised \$40,000! The Oktoberfest brought in \$30,000 and the Walktoberfest raised \$10,000. We simply cannot express enough how grateful we are to our Oktoberfest sponsors, the Oktoberfest Committee led by Pat Harrigan and Mary Schiavone and Karen Brogan who planned our Walktoberfest along with ALL of the additional volunteers and families who participated in both of these critical fundraisers for our school. SJF is built on the heavy lifting and super human work of our volunteers and the unwavering commitment given to our community from its members. We would be lost without your efforts and we cannot thank you enough for sharing your time and talent to help make SJF the very best it can be!

Every dollar raised at both of these fundraisers goes directly to the Fisher Falcon Education Foundation which helps offset our budget gap, supports school upgrades, scholarships, and helps provide competitive and affordable tuition rates and much much more. Please [visit this site](#) to learn more about the AMAZING Fisher Falcon Education Foundation.

I am so proud to live in this community and work at SJF. 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

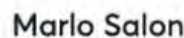
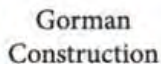
ST. JOHN FISHER OKTOBERFEST THANKS OUR SPONSORS



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 to learn more about the AMAZING Fisher Falcon Education Foundation. We appreciate your support!

Friends of the Falcons





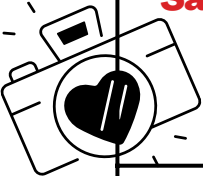


Please patronize these generous local businesses. They've supported SJF year after year and the event would not be possible without their support.

Important Announcements

- Thank you for your **generous donations** to our NJHS fundraiser supporting Veterans & the Edward J. Hines Hospital. Every donation makes a difference!
- **PACK THE PEWS!!!** Out of uniform passes for Mass attendance in October are back! 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. We will be raffling off a \$100 Whittingham's gift card to an SJF Family after the last Sunday in October.** See you there!
- Tonight is **Trunk or Treat** in the church parking lot! **Don't forget to bring a bag of candy to donate as your entry fee.** Thank you!
- The **JV Falcon Football Team** plays in the second round of playoffs this Sunday @ 12 @ De La Salle against St. John of the Cross. **Visit this link to live stream** the game and cheer on the Falcons from your couch! **LET'S GOOOO!!!!**
- **November 1st** is school picture make-up day.
- On **November 4th, 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.
- **Many students still do not have ALL of their school supplies. SJF can no longer provide supplies (pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, paper, etc.) for students.** Please ensure your child has everything he/she needs to be successful in school. 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.
- **ALL** students may **dress in costume** or dress down in black & orange on **Halloween!**
 - Please refer to your teacher's classtag regarding appropriate treats to bring to school.
- Do you receive our **parish newsletter**? If not, **click here to sign-up** so you never miss an SJF beat!

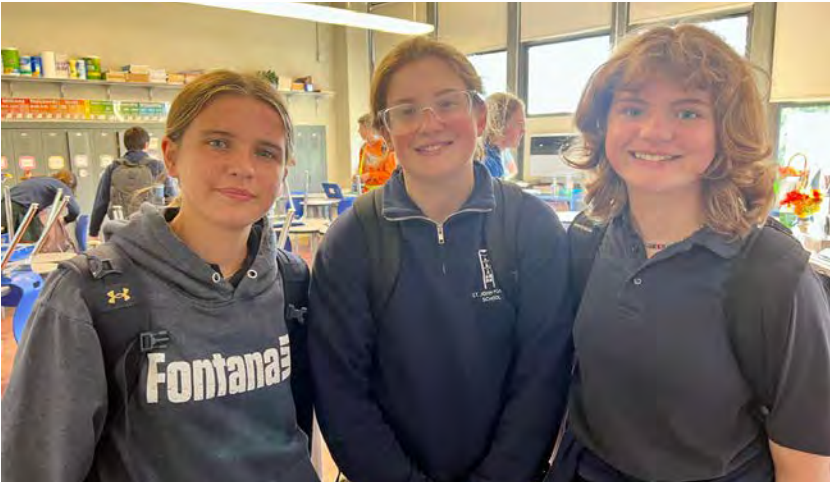
Looking Ahead

Pack the Pews
in October!

<p>Saturday, October 28th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. • 4 p.m. Mass <i>All are welcome!</i> 
<p>Sunday, October 29th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass <i>All are welcome!</i>
<p>Monday, October 30th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorated Pumpkins for the Contest are due today in Kane Hall by 7:45 a.m. • ETC 3-4 p.m. • PE After 3 w/ Mrs. Sefcik • Game Night w/ Mrs. Ade 
<p>Tuesday, October 31st</p>	<p>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</p>
<p>Wednesday, November 1st Say Cheese! School Picture Make-up Day</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m. • All Saints Day All-School Mass hosted by our 6th graders @ 1 p.m. All are welcome! • Progress Check #2 • *HW Club 3-3:45 p.m. 
<p>Thursday, November 2nd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSPT Class from 3-4:15 p.m.
<p>Friday, November 3rd</p>	<p>Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your SJF Spiritwear t-shirts/sweatshirts w/ your uniform bottoms</p> 

SJF SICK POLICY

Parents are required to keep children home from school the following day if they have been sent home with vomiting, fever (100 degrees), rash or diarrhea. Students must be fever free without the use of fever reducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school. If there are symptoms of a communicable disease (reddened eyes, sore throat, fever, headache, rash), please do not expose other children to the possibility of sickness. Thank you for your cooperation.













TRUNK OR TREAT

Come and Join Us!

October 27th

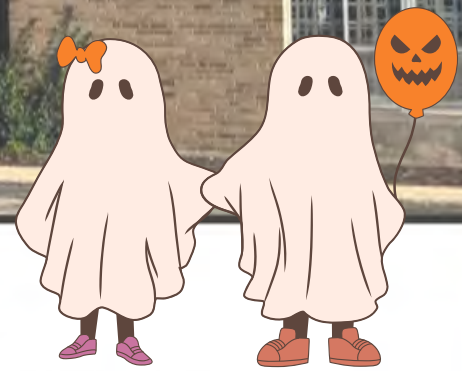
5 - 7 PM

SJF Parking Lot

save the date
&
sign up to host
a trunk



Contact Lynn O'Brien (708)420-5469 or
Corey O'Malley (708) 989-9145
with any questions



JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

Halloween Weekend Masses



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH @ 4 P.M. &
SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH @ 8 & 11 A.M.

*All children are welcome to dress in their
Halloween Costumes!*

2023 PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST!



FAMILIES CAN BRING DECORATED PUMPKINS
DOWN TO KANE HALL ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
BEFORE SCHOOL
7:15 - 7:45

STUDENTS WILL VOTE ON THEIR FAVORITES!



October 31st to November 2nd is the Latin American celebration known as "Día de los Muertos" or "Day of the Dead". These are festive days where beloved family members, friends or pets who have passed away are celebrated and remembered. The Day of the Dead celebration is a time honored tradition that unites families and establishes a sense of identity. It is a time for happy memories of loved ones, not scary stories!

We will be putting together a traditional ofrenda (altar) in the school library that will be visible from the windows along 102nd street.

If you would like to participate, please send in a photograph, prayer card or something that symbolizes a loved one who has died so it can be added to the altar.

Please remind the kids to label pictures and bring to school (no frames please) before 10/31.

Any Questions? Please contact Mrs. Keller kkeller@sifschool.us or Mrs. Flores iflores@sifschool.us



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
or Mrs. Condon at kcondon@sjfschool.us

NOVEMBER ETC



The St. John Fisher Enrichment and Tutorial Center (ETC) is an after-school program designed to offer students a wide variety of classes not normally covered in the regular curriculum. Classes are a fun way for friends to explore areas of interest.

The November session runs from November 7th - November 21st. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School. Payment should be in an envelope marked E.T.C and returned to the Main Office by **Friday, November 3rd!**

Monday Class: November 13th & 20th 3:00-4:30

No School on Monday, November 6th

SPORTS AFTER 3: Meet outside the gym and come ready to play your favorite sports. We will play basketball, four corners, wiffle ball, and many more. It will be a blast. **Class will be dismissed from the school office doors.**

Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy

GYM

Grades Pre-K -6th

Tuesday Class: November 7th, 14th & 21st 3:00-4:00

DIRECTED DRAWING: The children will learn how to draw a fall themed project each week. Children will learn to draw a Turkey, Owl, and Cornucopia. Children will then be able to paint or color their drawings! **Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Garza

Room 108

Grades Pre-K -3rd





Thursday Class: November 9th & 16th 3:00-4:30

Calling All Barbies and Kens! Are you living in a Barbie World and want to show off your sparkle? Join Mrs. Brogan and Ms. Schiavone in this fun filled ETC, where we will craft, play games, and have a dance party all incorporating our favorites: Barbie and Ken!! If you would like, bring your favorite Barbie and or Ken doll! ****Please leave all small accessories at home. Class dismissed from preschool doors under the bridge.**

Mrs. Brogan & Ms. Schiavone

Room 215

Grades K-8th

Turkey Bowl: Meet outside room 107 and join the fun with your friends as we play some silly Thanksgiving games. We will do some Turkey Bowling, have a Turkey Shoot, play Toss the Turkey, Table Top Football and even head outside for a Turkey Trot Race. **Students will be dismissed at the preschool doors under the bridge.**

Mrs. Sefcik

Room 107

Preschool - 2nd Grade

Saturday Class: November 4th 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

SATURDAY STEM: Children will collect leaves and make Play-Doh! Then, the children will practice making beautiful prints in the Play-Doh. **Class dismissed from preschool doors under the bridge.**

Mrs. Garza

Room 107

Grades PreK-2nd

Saturday Class: November 11th 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

SATURDAY STEM: Children will make mobiles from different items found in nature. Children will use pipe cleaners, string, tape, glue, straws, and popsicle sticks to try and create their own nature inspired mobile. **Class dismissed from preschool doors under the bridge.**

Mrs. Garza

Room 107

Grades PreK-2nd

Please return the completed registration form in an envelope marked ETC to the Main Office by Friday, November 3rd.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____

Allergies (please list all and if child carries an EPI Pen and or/inhaler) _____

*If your child has a food allergy please send him/her with his/her own snack

Parent Signature: _____ Emergency Contact #: _____

Monday Class: November 13th & 20th 3:00-4:30

___ SPORTS AFTER 3

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___ SATURDAY STEM



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.



ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

75th 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 "75th 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 75th 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.



Homework Club!

Grades 1-6

**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



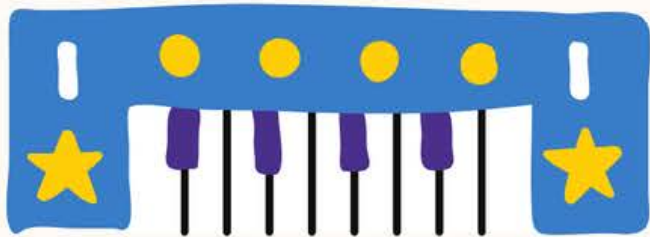
FUTURE FALCONS PLAYGROUP

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.



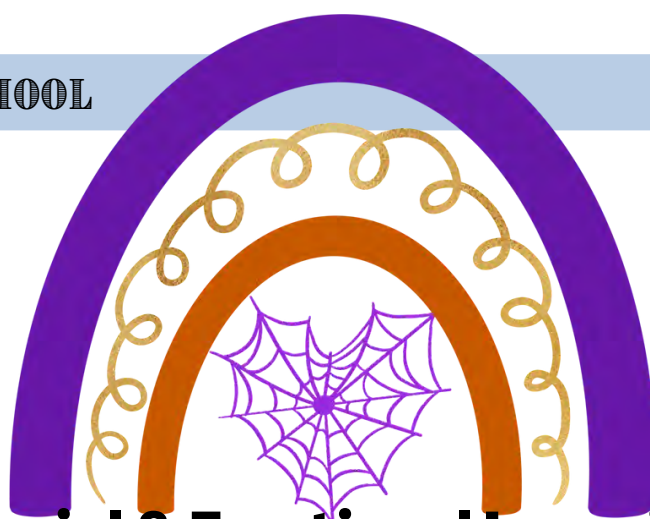
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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

*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
November	Gratitude
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

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sjfschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@sjfschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions
- MedicalForms

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

- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: clarmon@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

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



2023-2024 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
- Academic/Classroom support following communication with Mrs. Larmon

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

