



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH


*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Dear SJF Families,

I am ELATED that our search for a principal is over and that we have secured an EXCEPTIONAL candidate to carry on the important work we've accomplished together! I cannot emphasize enough how fortunate we are to have this process successfully concluded at this stage of the school year. I have the utmost confidence in Ms. Dunlavy and her ability to guide our students, teachers, parents, and community in a positive direction. I hope you had a chance to read Fr. Ken's update Wednesday, which highlighted Ms. Dunlavy's impressive qualifications. I am excited about the extensive and diverse experience she brings, along with her vibrant energy and kind heart. She deeply cares for our Falcons and teachers and will dedicate herself to ensuring the best for our school. I look forward to collaborating closely with Ms. Dunlavy and Mrs. Larmon for the remainder of the school year to facilitate a seamless and successful transition, preventing any disruptions to our students' learning and overall school experience. A heartfelt thank you to our principal search committee for the thoughtfulness and diligence you invested in this process. I also want to express gratitude to our school board members for their valuable involvement. Volunteers contribute to the success and vibrancy of our school community and we are truly blessed to have so many dedicated parents and community members who serve our school.

Thank you for continuing to choose Catholic education, especially St. John Fisher. Thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. You belong here. 

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

OUR FALCONS ARE BRAVE, STRONG, IMPORTANT, SMART, KIND AND LOVED.

## Important Announcements

- It is hard to believe that we are nearing the very end of the second trimester! This last week is crucial for our Falcons to solidify those good grades. Join us in giving our Falcons the needed motivation to push through and do the very best they can to rock the end of this trimester! Working together will help our Falcons succeed. Let's go Falcons!
- The **March lunch menu** is open and available for ordering.
- **Spring Soccer Registration** is Open! See the flyer below for more details.
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- **St. Pat's Update!**
  - Any Falcon who purchased **NEW** St. Pat's merchandise can wear it with their uniform bottoms on **MONDAYS during the month of March!**
  - **Tickets are now on sale!** See the updated flyer below to purchase!

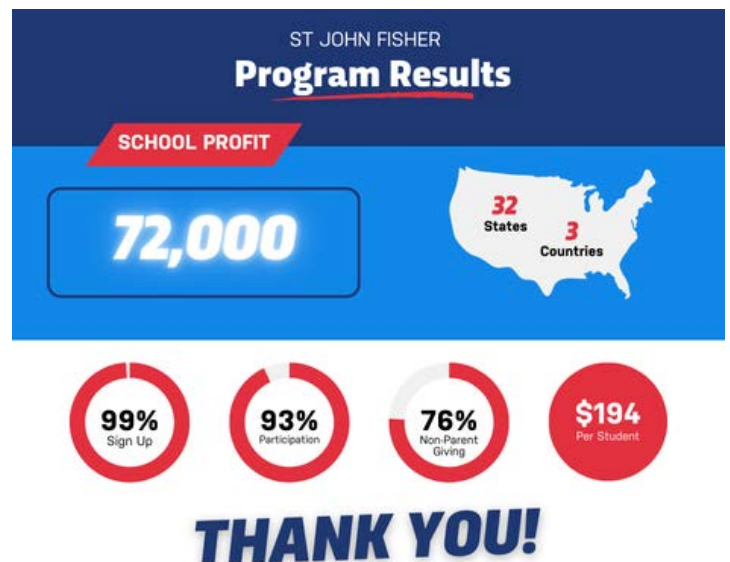


SJF is hosting Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Police Memorial Fund's **Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd** in Kane Hall. See the flyer below for more details.







- **Thank you for supporting our dress down day fundraiser!**

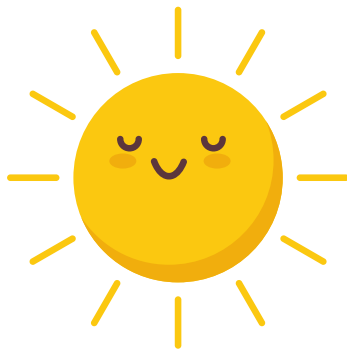


**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR FAMILY'S INTENT TO RETURN FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**  
**THANK YOU!**



## Looking Ahead

Saturday, February 22nd	<b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</b>
Weekend Mass 	Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. All are welcome! <b>GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST KANE HALL 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.</b>
Monday, February 24th	 <b>Happy Monday Falcons!</b>  <b>2nd Grade Reconciliation ~ Mrs. Kellam</b>
Tuesday, February 25th	<b>ETC 3-4 p.m.</b> Directed Drawing w/ Mrs. Garza <b>HW Club 3-3:45 p.m.</b> w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy
Wednesday, February 26th <b>DON'T FORGET!</b> 	<b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6:00-7:00 p.m.</b> <b>1:30 Dismissal</b> <b>Faculty and Staff Professional Development</b>
Thursday, February 27th	<b>Future Falcon Playdate</b> 10:15 - 11 a.m. in gym <b>2nd Grade Reconciliation ~ Mrs. Ball</b> 
Friday, February 28th	<b>Happy Falcon Fri-YAY!</b> <b>Falcons can wear their favorite spirit-wear with their uniform bottoms!</b> 



Together let's build a school that we love.

Do you ever wonder what our morning

Zoom announcements are like?

Now you can see them for yourself!

Visit [this link](#) to see recordings of our  
latest and greatest morning moments. ENJOY!





# FALCON OF THE WEEK

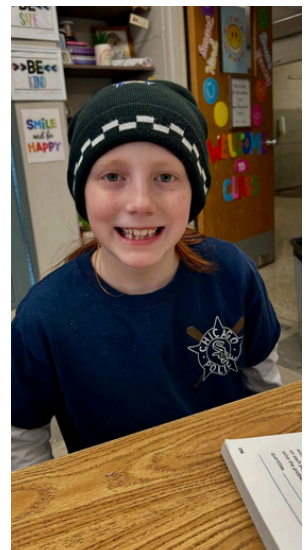
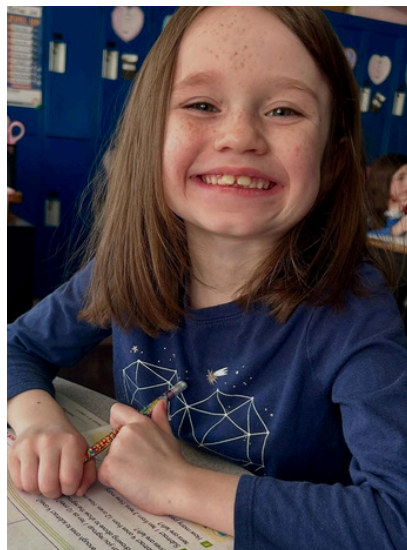
Ryan Adamski, 8th Grade



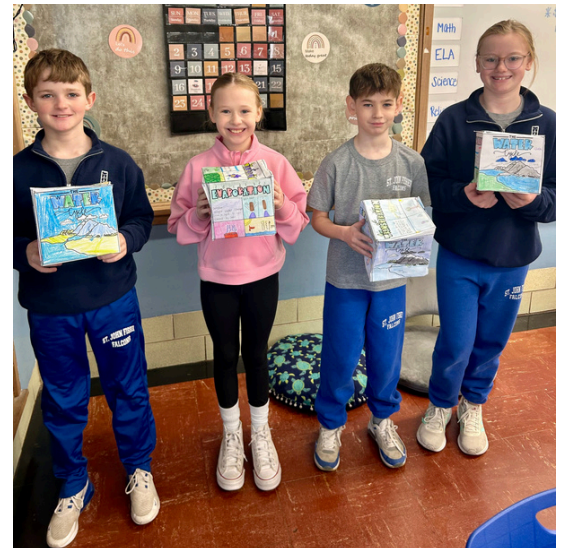
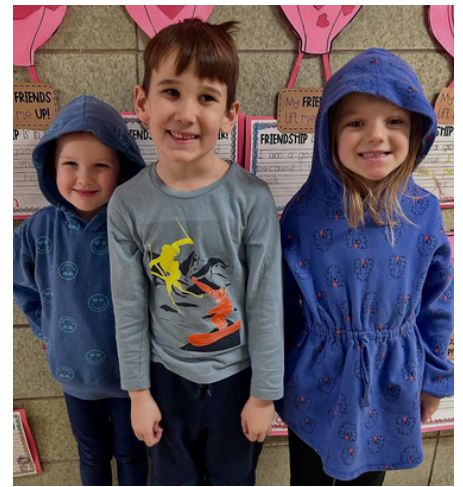
One of our school themes is “Fly Like a Falcon”. Falcons SOAR above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. We are encouraging our school community to “SOAR above” things that might bring us down, not allowing us to be our best selves and to be mindful of those around us who might need our help and support. We are on a school-wide crusade to “Fly Like a Falcon”, lifting one another up, celebrating the positive interactions, and kind behavior that our students and staff demonstrate each and every day. **This week we recognize 8th grader, Ryan Adamski.**

At SJF, we strive to provide numerous opportunities for our Falcons of all ages to engage with each other! Seventh and eighth graders sit alongside our younger Falcons during lunch, assisting them with tasks like opening juice boxes, milk, yogurt, etc., throwing out garbage, and cleaning up spills. Ryan is one of our lunch helpers who consistently goes the extra mile for his kindergarten friends each day. Not only does he support his table during lunch, but he also shares jokes and stories to bring smiles to the kids' faces. He is mature, kind, and considerate, and he has formed wonderful connections with his table this year. Thank you, Ryan, for being an outstanding role model for these kindergarten students. Keep flying like a Falcon; you're making a difference!













SCHOLASTIC



# BOOK FAIR IS HERE!!



Dear SJF Families,

Our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place from February 23 to February 28 in the school library.

Detailed information is available on the school's book fair website:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnfisherschool>

If you are interested and available to lend a hand, please contact me by email at [kkeller@sjfschool.us](mailto:kkeller@sjfschool.us) or by filling out the google form (students' library schedules are linked in the form). <https://forms.gle/k9UJguprtpEqxtGP9>

## How you can help at the book fair?

- **Friday 2/21 after school:** Unpack boxes, set up tables, help turn the library into a fun place to shop for books
- **Sunday 2/23:** Help shoppers find books & merchandise, ring up and check out customers
- **Monday 2/24 - Friday 2/28:** Help is needed every day, especially when classes visit as a group to shop. Younger kids need help figuring out how much they can spend, older kids might need help finding a specific book. Reordering & restocking during the fair.

Thank You!

Kate Keller



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ST. JOHN FISHER  
SCHOOL

# St. John Fisher Backs the Blue!

St. John Fisher is proud to be  
home to 120 students  
whose parents are  
Chicago Police Officers.



Thank you to those men and  
women who protect and serve  
us each day!

10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE. (773)445-4737

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## Fisher Fest Sponsor Committee

Hello Fisher Families!

We are excited to announce the launch of a new committee to support Fisher Fest! This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school community but it requires substantial funding to get started. To make this happen, we are forming a team to help secure sponsorships for the event.

The more people involved, the more support we can gather, the more successful the event will be!

If you are interested in helping out and making Fisher Fest a success, please join in Kane Hall on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 PM. Together, we can make a big impact!

Thank you for your support!  
Mary Winter and Erin Jarmusz



# ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**SAINT JOHN FISHER KANE HALL**

**10200 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago**

**Tickets: \$5 per person / \$25 per family**

All proceeds will benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get Behind the Vest Campaign.

For more information, please contact Matt O'Shea at [mattoshea@the19thward.com](mailto:mattoshea@the19thward.com) or (773) 238-8766.



**I PROTECT THOSE  
WHO PROTECT ME.**



**When Chicago Police Officers are hired, they receive a new bulletproof vest. However, a vest isn't bulletproof forever.**

It wears out. It breaks down. It needs to be replaced every 5 years. Just one bullet permanently damages a vest, making it unusable. Chicago Police Officers are responsible for replacing their own vests. At \$500 or more per vest, in addition to other equipment and uniform expenses, the costs can quickly add up. That's why we need your help.

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has paid out more than \$5.8 million dollars to purchase over 13,500 replacement vests for Chicago Police Officers with 991 vests supplied in 2024. The initiative is ongoing, and the foundation expects to provide at least 1,000 vests in 2025.

This event has raised over \$500,000 to date.

SPONSORED BY:



**Matt  
O'SHEA**  
19TH WARD ALDERMAN

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
35<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT  
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*The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation  
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ST. JOHN FISHER

*St. Patrick's Day*

CELEBRATION

*March 8 @ SJF Gym 5:30 - 11:00*

**\$45** *per  
ticket\**  
*\*\$50 at door*

JOIN US FOR A SJF COMMUNITY EVENT  
INCLUDING OPEN BAR, CORNED BEEF  
SANDWICHES, SPLIT THE POT, AND LIVE  
MUSIC BY THE WALK-INS!

*Visit*

*<https://donorbox.org/events/733796>*

*to order your tickets now!*

MUSIC  DRINKS  FOOD  DANCING

*This is a 21+ Event*





# ST. JOHN FISHER SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

2025 SPRING SEASON.  
BOYS AND GIRLS

- VARSITY (7TH & 8TH)
- JUNIOR VARSITY (5TH & 6TH) AND
- JUNIORS (3RD & 4TH).

THE SEASON RUNS FROM MID-MARCH-MAY  
WE WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST FELLOW  
SOUTHWEST CATHOLIC PARISHES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE  
EMAIL: [SJFFALCONSOCCER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SJFFALCONSOCCER@GMAIL.COM)

SCAN



[REGISTER HERE](#)



TOTALLY  
80'S



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 29, 2025  
6PM - 9PM

SUF FATHER  
DAUGHTER  
DANCE

The Odyssey

19110 S. Ridgeland Ave.  
Tinley Park, IL 60477





SOUTHSIDE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**GIRLS VARSITY  
FLAG FOOTBALL  
IS COMING TO FISHER  
THIS SPRING!**



**APRIL-MAY - 6 WEEK SEASON**

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OPEN TO 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS  
ALL SKILL LEVELS

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STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME

**REGISTRATION COMING SOON!**

TURN SHOPPING INTO EARNING



EARN  
\$1,000+  
per year

# Experience the right way to fundraise

Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

## How it works



### You buy a gift card

You get the full value.



### The brand gives back

No extra money comes out of your pocket.



### Your organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.

## Shop 750+ popular brands

Getting your morning coffee. Doing DIY projects around the house. Ordering takeout. Conveniently raise money by doing everyday things.



"It's super convenient. All I need to go shopping is my phone—I don't even need credit cards or my purse. I'm going to pay for these things anyway, I love being able to use gift cards so we get something in return."

*Jen H., earns for hockey*

Get started by downloading the [RaiseRight™ app](#) on your phone or go to [RaiseRight.com](#) on your computer.

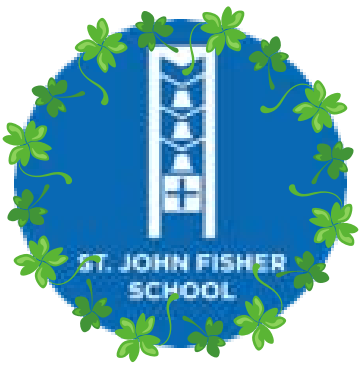
For step-by-step instructions, visit [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](#).

**ENROLLMENT CODE FOR SJF = DB2L51471958 (PLEASE DO NOT PASS ALONG)**  
**PLEASE FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM BY STOPPING IN OR AT SJF WEBSITE FOR GOOGLE FORMSUMMER**  
**Selling HOURS at the Convent: WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM AND SATURDAYS 830-930 AM**



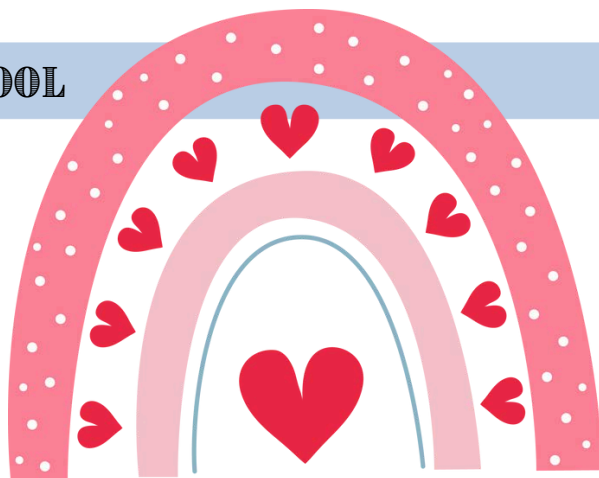
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## SJF Chess Club

- Monthly gatherings to play games & sharpen our skills.
- All skill levels are welcome!
- **Kane Hall following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, 3.9, 4.13, 5.4**
- Join us when you can.
- Feel free to bring your own chess set!
- All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult!



## 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
<b>February</b>	<b>Friendship</b>
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



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

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*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

*These dates are subject to change.*

- No School: **3.17**
- All-Staff Professional Development and Planning Day - No School: **3.31**
- All-Staff Religious Professional Development – No School: **4.16**
- Spring Break: **4.16 – 4.27** \*classes resume **4.28**
- May Crowning: **5.9** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.26**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.30**, 10:45 a.m. “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.1** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.4** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

*You belong here.*



**DON'T FORGET!**

\***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **September 25th, October 30th, January 29th, February 26th, April 30th, May 28th.**

*God is good,  
all the time.*



*All the time,  
God is good.*

### *2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule*

**Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 24th & 27th** at 6 p.m. First Reconciliation  
for 2nd graders

**Wednesday, March 5th** at 1 p.m. Ash Wednesday All School Mass, 8th grade

**Saturday, March 8th** at 11 a.m. Confirmation for 8th graders

**Saturday, March 15th** at 4 p.m. Saint Patrick's Mass, 3rd grade

**Wednesday, March 26th** at 1 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7th grade

**Sunday, April 6th** at 11 a.m. Spring Sports

**Tuesday, April 15th** at 1 p.m. Holy Week All School Prayer Service 8th, grade

**Wednesday, April 16th** - Religious Enrichment for Faculty Professional Day

**Saturday, May 3rd** at 1 p.m. First Holy Communion

**Friday, May 9th** at 10:30 a.m. May Crowning, 8th grade

**Friday, May 23rd** at 8:15 a.m. Ribbon Mass 8th grade

**Sunday, June 1st** at 1 p.m. Graduation Mass 8th grade

**Thursday, June 4th** at 9:15 a.m. Last Day of School Mass 7th grade

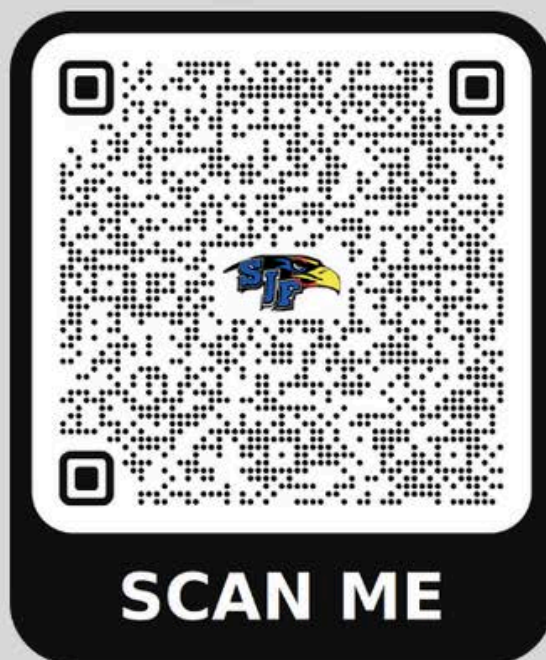
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THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD  
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE  
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

*Join our team!*





# 2024-2025 St. John Fisher School Contacts

*If you have a question or concern about...*

**CONTACT US**



- 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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- 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)  
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