



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Dear SJF Families,

We cannot express our gratitude for the support of our school's Fun Run Fundraiser and the Men's Club Fight Night! Thanks to your support and participation we raised over \$60,000 with the Fun Run! The Men's Club Fight Night was incredibly successful and thanks to the generosity of the Men's Club and Dave Cahill, our school received a check totaling \$15,000! All of these funds will go directly to our school's operating budget and year long fundraising goals to further support our students and teachers and maintain our competitive tuition rate. Fundraising is critical for the success of our school and we recognize the sacrifice you make to send your child(ren) to St. John Fisher. We honor your sacrifice and cannot express our appreciation for the vote of confidence you have given all of us by continuing to choose St. John Fisher for your family! THANK YOU!

Don't forget that next week is a shortened week concluding on Thursday with a 12 p.m. dismissal for our students and 1-4 p.m. Parent Teacher Conference Window. We truly look forward to these opportunities that allow us to collaborate together in the very best interest of our Falcons. We look forward to seeing you next week! You belong here. ❤️

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*



**NOW MORE THAN EVER IS THE BEST TIME TO JOIN OUR FALCON FAMILY! OPEN ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN! PLEASE INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO APPLY!**

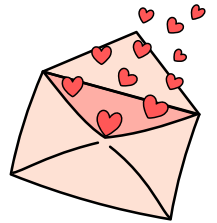
OUR FALCONS ARE BRAVE, STRONG, IMPORTANT, SMART, KIND AND LOVED.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

- **Family iReady reports are going home today.** Please feel free to bring any questions you have to our next round of **Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 13th from 1-4 p.m.** Visit this link to sign-up for your conference today!

## Important Announcements

- **Principal Search and Transition Committee:** We have been fortunate enough to have 8 candidates apply for this position! We are still in the interviewing process. Stay tuned for more information!
- **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.
- **Don't forget!** Our Falcons are **off on Friday, 2.14 and Monday, 2.17.** We have a **12 p.m. dismissal on Thursday, 2.13** for Parent-Teacher Conferences. *Students will not eat lunch at school on this day, all Falcons should pack a snack!*



- **Falcons's can celebrate Valentine's Day on 2.13.** Refer to your teacher's classtag for directions on treats. Students can wear a "touch of red" on this day (example: red shirt w/ uniform bottoms, red bow, red socks).











### St. Pat's Update!

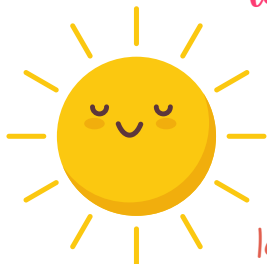
- Any Falcon who purchased **NEW** St. Pat's merchandise can wear it with their uniform bottoms on **MONDAYS during the month of March!**
- **Tickets are now on sale!** See the updated flyer below to purchase!
- SJF is hosting Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Police Memorial Fund's **Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd** in Kane Hall. See the flyer below for more details.
  - **SJF students are asked to bring in a dollar and dress in BLUE to support this cause on Wednesday, February 19th.**



## Looking Ahead

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Saturday, February 8th                                     | <p><b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Pack the Gym - Boys Basketball!</b>  <b>See flyer below for game times.</b> </p> |
| Weekend Mass   | <p>Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p> <p> BASKETBALL PICTURES ARE ON SUNDAY!</p>  |
| Monday, February 10th                                      | <p> <b>Happy Monday Falcons!</b> </p> <p>ETC 3-4 p.m. Open Gym &amp; Yoga w/ Mrs. Sefcik</p>  |
| Tuesday, February 11th                                     | <p>ETC 3-4 p.m. Directed Drawing w/ Mrs. Garza</p> <p>HW Club 3-3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller &amp; Ms. Dunlavy</p>  |
| Wednesday, February 12th                                   | <p><b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6:00-7:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>HW Club 3-3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller &amp; Ms. Dunlavy</p>  |
| <p><b>DON'T FORGET!</b></p> <p>Thursday, February 13th</p> | <p><b><u>NO Future Falcon PLAYDATE THIS WEEK!</u></b></p> <p>12:00 p.m. Dismissal for Students</p> <p>→ 1-4 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences</p> <p>Falcons can celebrate Valentine's Day today!</p> <p> YOU ROCK</p>         |
| Friday, February 14th                                      | <p><b>No School!</b></p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day! </p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>   |
| Monday, February 17th                                      | <p> <b>President's Day</b></p> <p><b>No School!</b></p> <p><b>ENJOY YOUR DAY, FALCONS!</b></p>   |

Together let's build a school that we love.



Do you ever wonder what our morning

Zoom announcements are like?

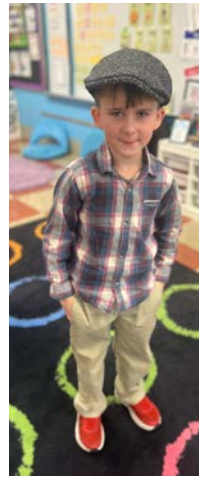
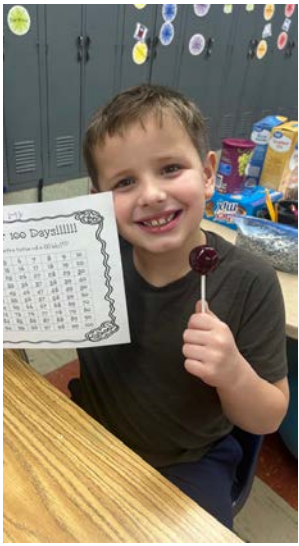
Now you can see them for yourself!

Visit [this link](#) to see recordings of our

latest and greatest morning moments. ENJOY!

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# BOYS BASKETBALL PACK THE HOUSE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH



9:00 4TH GRADE BLUE

9:50 4TH GRADE RED

10:40 4TH GRADE WHITE

11:30 5TH GRADE WHITE

12:20 5TH GRADE BLUE

1:10 6TH GRADE A

2:00 6TH GRADE BLUE

2:50 6TH GRADE WHITE

3:40 7TH GRADE BLUE

4:30 7TH GRADE WHITE

5:30 7TH GRADE A

6:20 8TH GRADE BLUE

7:10 8TH GRADE WHITE

8:00 8TH GRADE A





# 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)

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[REGISTER HERE](#)





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*

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SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 29, 2025  
6PM - 9PM

SUF FATHER  
DAUGHTER  
DANCE

The Odyssey

19110 S. Ridgeland Ave.  
Tinley Park, IL 60477







Thank you for tremendous support from parishioners, parents, alumni and friends to The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation's 4th Annual Season of Giving Fundraiser. Together, we raised about \$53,000. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser covered teacher Christmas bonuses and an investment in the operating endowment fund. Teacher retention and attraction is a top goal of SJF School. On behalf of the 20+ board of directors of FFEF, thank you for helping us to invest in the people, programs & facilities that enhance the educational experience for our students and faculty. Please reach out to [info@FalconEducationFoundation.org](mailto:info@FalconEducationFoundation.org) if you would like to get involved with our efforts to give back to the cornerstone of our community, St. John Fisher. Together, we have created a school that we love!



## SEASON OF GIVING

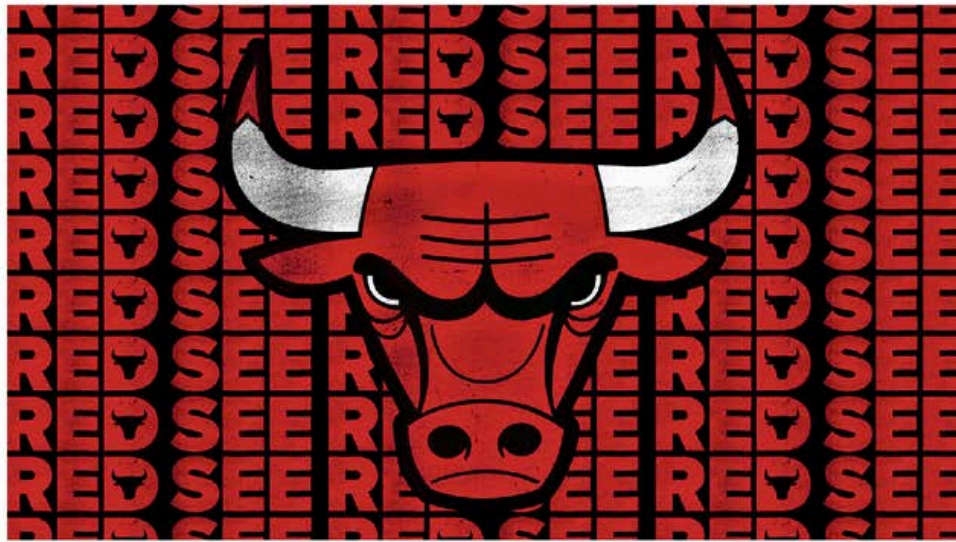
### ST. JOHN FISHER

The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that protects and promotes the mission and resources of St. John Fisher School in Chicago, Illinois by raising funds for investment in people, programs, and facilities that enhance the educational experience and opportunities for its students and faculty, therefore enriching the quality of life for its greater community.

[www.FalconEducationFoundation.org](http://www.FalconEducationFoundation.org)

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## ST. JOHN FISHER BULLS GROUP OUTING



Are you ready to **SEE RED** at the United Center? Join St. John Fisher for a legendary group outing with the Chicago Bulls!

Share the excitement of Bulls basketball and the NBA's leading entertainment experience. Check out your special offer below!

Get your tickets now through the link below!



**BULLS VS. CLIPPERS**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. CT

*Giveaway: BMO Artist Series Hat*

**BUY TICKETS**





## FEBRUARY 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 February session runs from February 3rd - February 27th. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; \$50 per family per class. Please scan the QR code to sign up for classes and to pay.

### **Monday Class: February 3rd, 10th & 24th 3:00-4:00**

**OPEN GYM & YOGA:** After a quick snack, students can explore a variety of equipment and engage in free play. Let your child be creative and learn new skills all while having fun with their friends! We'll settle down with 5 minutes of yoga to end this February ETC! Students will be dismissed at the main office.

Mrs. Sefcik

PreK- 3rd

Gym

### **Tuesday Class: February 4th, 11th & 18th 3:00-4:00**

**DIRECTED DRAWING-** Join us for a Valentine's themed directed drawing class. We will learn how to draw a love monster and a love bug. On the date after Valentine's Day we will learn to draw one of the children's new favorite book/movie characters, ROZ from The Wild Robot!

**Class dismissed from preschool bridge doors.**

Mrs. Garza    PreK- 2nd

Room 107

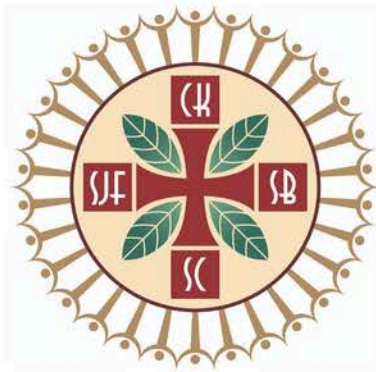
### **Saturday Class: February 22nd 9:00AM -12:00AM**

**ARCTIC BLAST:** Keep the kids busy in the cold with a fun arctic theme ETC. We will discuss and read about arctic animals and make arctic themed crafts. We will also dance and play some wintery fun songs and games!

Mrs. Garza

PreK- 2nd

Room 107



# YOU'RE INVITED

## SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

#### 4:00 p.m. Celebration Mass

#### St. Cajetan | 2445 W. 112th Street

Let's celebrate our Southside Parish Renewal (SPR) Parishes together!  
Come for Mass and stay for fellowship and light refreshments afterwards.

**RECONNECT WITH FRIENDS IN FAITH ~ MEET NEW FRIENDS**  
**LEARN ABOUT FUTURE SPR OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS!**

*{ This will be the only Saturday Mass celebrated for Christ the King, St. Barnabas, St. Cajetan and St. John Fisher on the afternoon of February 15. We will use the Sunday readings and it will fulfill your Mass obligation. All four parishes will resume regular Mass schedules on Sunday, February 16. Your weekly envelope and online donations will go to your respective parish. Any cash contributions at Mass will be distributed to St. Cajetan to help defray the costs of hosting. }*



# 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.

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O'SHEA**  
19TH WARD ALDERMAN

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*Jen H., earns for hockey*

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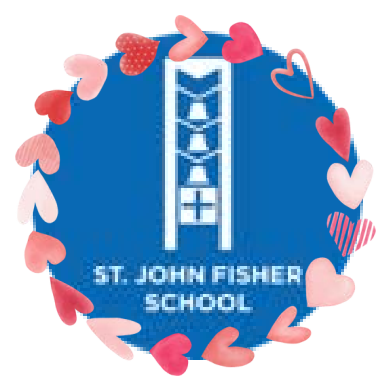
For step-by-step instructions, visit [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](#).

**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**



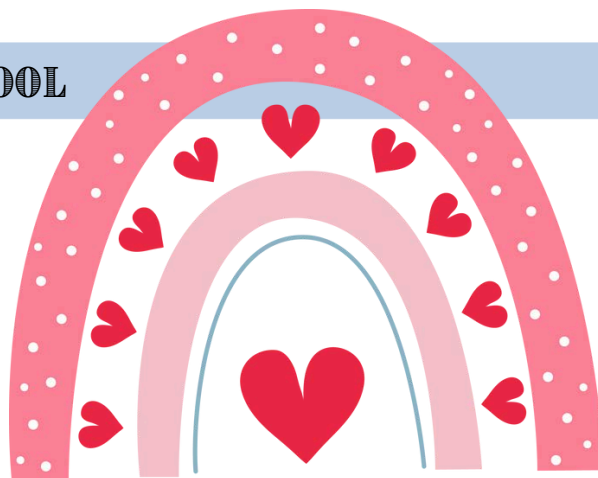
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## SJF Chess Club

- Monthly gatherings to play games & sharpen our skills.
- All skill levels are welcome!
- **Kane Hall following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, 2.9, 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          |



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Be a Falcon.**

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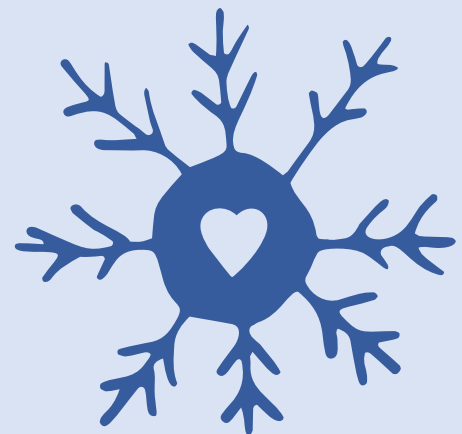
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\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

*These dates are subject to change.*

- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.13** \*12:00 dismissal, 1-4 p.m.
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **2.14**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.17**
- 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.*



\***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

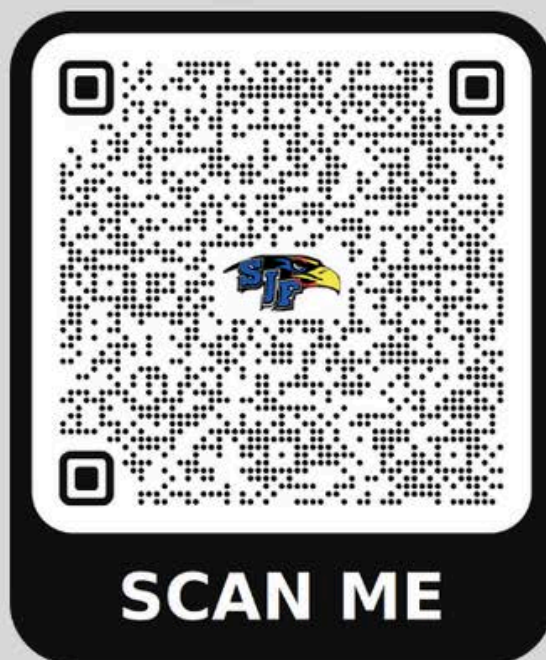
**Thursday, June 4th** at 9:15 a.m. Last Day of School Mass 7th grade

*\*Dates are subject to change*



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

**CONTACT US**

- 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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