



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

AUGUST 14, 2024

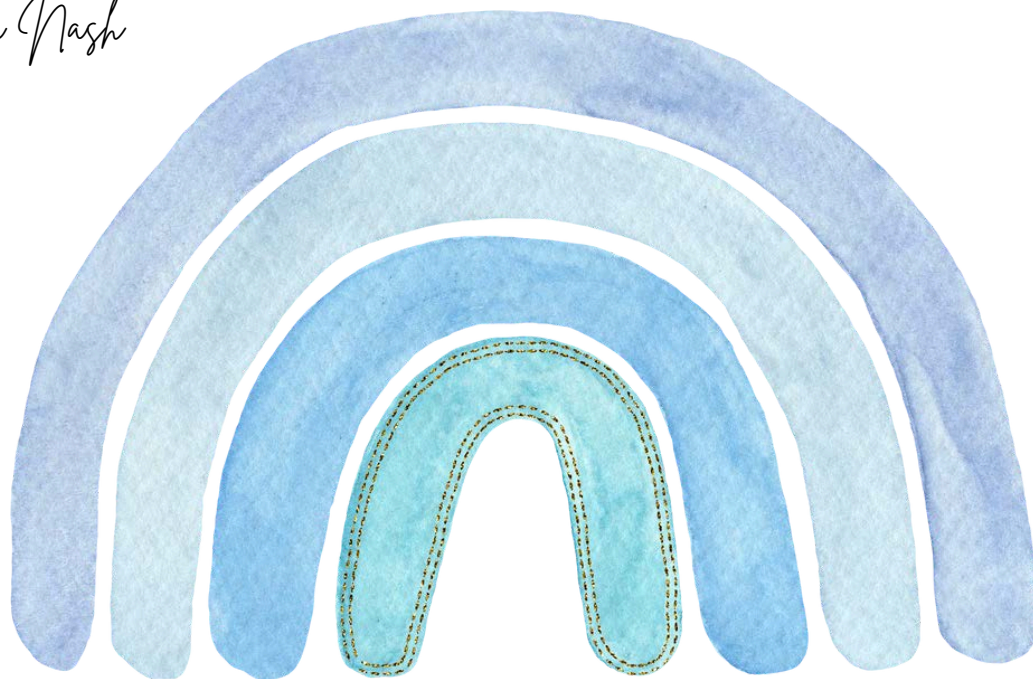
Dear SJF Families,

We hope you are soaking up these last few moments of summer! Tomorrow is our Packet Pick-up Night from 5-7 p.m. in Kane Hall. We cannot wait to see all of you and welcome our Falcons back to school!

Below you will find important information regarding Packet Pick-up Night and the upcoming school year. Please take a look at the many fun events we have on the horizon! We have missed our Falcons and cannot wait to dive into another fabulous school year of learning and growing together with all of you. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School!

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*



*Together our future is bright.*



**ATTENTION  
PLEASE!**

### Packet Pick-up Night To-Do List

- Parents/guardians must complete and turn in all documents BEFORE they can receive their teacher assignment folder.
- Don't forget to turn in your child's sports physical. Sports Physicals are due by August 23rd in order for your child to be able to participate in fall sports!
- If you ordered a school supply kit, you can pick up your order at the FSA table.
- Don't forget to pick-up your back to school Here Come the Falcons t-shirt! Bring your order form to pick-up.
- We are hosting a uniform exchange in the Convent from 5-7 p.m. Ask any teacher or staff member for directions!
- Get involved! Visit with members of the Women's Club, Men's Club, FSA, School Advisory Board, Athletics, the Children's Choir Program and MANNA Team. Please visit their tables to sign up to volunteer and receive other important information!
- Don't forget to purchase a tuition raffle ticket at the FSA table!

## Important Announcements

- **SJF's Tuition Raffle is BACK!** Please see the flyer below. Tickets can be purchased at the FSA table at Packet Pick-up Night!
- **Meet the Teacher and School Supply Drop-off** for ALL STUDENTS Tuesday, August 20th 4-6 p.m. (This takes the place of the traditional Back to School Night the second week of school.)
- **Extended Day** will begin on Monday, August 26th. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us
- Our **staggered arrival times will continue** this year in order to ease the morning traffic flow. Students with the last name beginning with letters A-L should arrive at 7:45 a.m. and students with the last name beginning with letters M-Z should arrive at 7:50 a.m. Students will be considered late at 7:55 a.m. *\*REMINDER: late Falcons will need to be signed in at the School Office by a parent or guardian.*


### Falcon Door Assignments:

- Preschool Rooms 107, 109: Door # 6 Under the bridge on the west side
  - Preschool Rooms 108, 110: Door # 7 Fairfield side south door/across from convent
  - 1st & 2nd Grade: Door # 9 Fairfield entrance/north of main church doors
  - Kindergarten: Door # 8 East side of church foyer/rectory driveway
  - 5th & 6th Grade: Door # 2 Library Entrance doors off of 102nd Street
  - 3rd & 4th Grade: Door # 4 Kane Hall Doors
  - 7th & 8th Grade: Door # 1 Main Office Doors
- This year's **Wednesday Early Dismissals** will be @ 1:30.
  - **SJF Traits of the Month** are back. Please be on the lookout in our school newsletter and teacher communication for ways you can join us in emphasizing these important traits of the month at home.
  - 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!
  - **MANDATORY FALL PARENT ATHLETIC MEETING is August 15th @ 6:30 p.m. in the church.**

## Faculty and Staff Updates

In a world where teachers are leaving their profession at a rapid rate, and many schools in our community are still not fully staffed, we are blessed beyond measure to have a fully staffed phenomenal faculty and staff. This year we only needed to hire one new teacher and we are thrilled to welcome her to the team! That is a testament to our exceptional community and all of us working together in the very best interest of our incredible Falcons!

### **FACULTY UPDATES FOR 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR**

- Mrs. Karen Ade, 7th & 8th grade Religion, 8th grade Homeroom Teacher
- Mrs. Vicky Argyropoulos, 4th grade Teacher
- Ms. Nikki Condon, 1st grade Teacher ~ *new to SJF!* 
- Mrs. Molly Cummings, 5th grade Math & Religion, 6th grade Social Studies, 5th grade Homeroom Teacher
- Ms. Krista DiBennardi, 5th & 6th grade Science, 6th grade Social Studies, 6th grade Homeroom Teacher
- Mrs. Beth Furlong, 3 year-old full-time Preschool Teacher
- Mrs. Laura Kovatch, Kindergarten Teacher
- Ms. Annabelle Hladik, 5th grade ELA, 5th grade Social Studies, 5th grade Homeroom Teacher
- Mrs. Annmarie Lindgren, 3 year-old full-time Preschool Teacher
- Ms. Emily Sullivan, Kindergarten Teacher

And so

together they created a school

they loved.

# St. John Fisher FSA's Annual Tuition Raffle

## Prizes:

**1st Place: One Year Tuition for One Student  
or \$6000 cash**

**2nd Place: \$500 Tuition Credit or \$500 Cash**

**3rd Place: \$250 Tuition Credit or \$250 Cash**

*\*Prizes adjusted if under 200 tickets sold*

**\$50 Each**

**OR**

**3 for \$100**

**Winners will be announced at the  
Parish Picnic on August 25th**

Tickets will be available for purchase  
at Packet Pick Up on August 15th

Use link to order your tickets and to  
request alternate delivery method

<https://forms.gle/>

**Any Questions please contact Karen McDonagh 773-852-9605 or  
[klakl3@yahoo.com](mailto:klakl3@yahoo.com)**



***September  
9th @ 7p.m.!***



Liz Repking

Please join us for a parent workshop hosted by St. John Fisher in partnership with Liz Repking, renowned internet safety consultant and creator of Cyber Safety Consulting. Liz is also an author, and founder of the CASE program, Cyber Awareness and Safety Education, which is implemented in middle schools nationwide.

Liz will be speaking to and working with our Falcons during the school day on Monday, September 9th.

The parent presentation will be an overview of what our Falcons learn in addition to critical information for parents.

[\\*Click here for more information.](#)

*Your child is too important to miss this event.*

**Any parent who attends will:**

- receive a dress down pass for his or her Falcon to use any day of their choice
- be entered into a raffle for their Falcon to win a free lunch of his/her choice compliments of Mrs. Nash and host the morning ZOOM announcements for a week.

# DOUGHNUTS ON THE LAWN

August 21st



Please join us on the 1st day of school for doughnuts & coffee after drop off on the Convent lawn.

All are welcome!



HOSTED BY  
THE FSA





# BACK TO SCHOOL PARISH PICNIC AT BEVERLY PARK

**Sunday, August 25**

**11:00am Mass**

Complementary family photos from Blink of an Eye photography to those who attend mass.



  
**GRADE  
LEVEL  
OLYMPIC  
GAMES**  
Wear your SJF  
spirit -wear!







# FSA MOVIE NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

STARTS AT 7:15

SJF PARKING LOT

\*BYO LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS

\*\*\*BATHROOMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE!\*\*\*



SNACKS WILL BE FOR SALE!

\*NO BIKES, SCOOTERS, OR  
SKATES PLEASE\*

7-9pm

NICKY V'S  
FOOD TRUCK

**NEW**



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\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.  
*These dates are subject to change.*

- Book Day & Packet Pick-up in Kane Hall: **8.15** ~ 5-7 p.m.
- **School Supply Drop-off & Meet the Teacher: 8.20** all grades ~ 4-6 p.m.
- First Day of School: **8.21** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Labor Day – No School: **9.2**
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: **10.9, 10.10** \*12:00 dismissal **10.10**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **10.11**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.14**
- **11.26** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.27 – 11.29** \*classes resume **12.2**
- **12.20** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.20 – 1.5** \*classes resume **1.6**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.20**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House: **1.26**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.13** \*12:00 dismissal
- 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**
- 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.**



# 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)  
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)  
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