



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*


ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

Our Falcons wrapped up their first iReady Diagnostic and we are so proud of their focus and motivation! We can't wait to meet with you on October 9th and 10th at parent teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress thus far. Be on the lookout for the parent teacher conference sign-up link that will be shared early next week. We love to collaborate and partner with you in the very best interest of your child(ren)!

We are so excited for our **4th annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 5th** in the church parking lot immediately following our 4 p.m. Mass. Looking for ways to help? **Visit this link to volunteer an hour or two of your time.** Don't forget to grab your tickets here! Tickets can also be purchased in the school office and the rectory. All proceeds from this night are going to benefit BOTH the school and church. Below flyers have more detail. See you there!

Now more than ever, it is a great time to be a Falcon! The future of our school and community is bright! 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*

## Important Announcements

- **STUDENT SAFETY:** Please speak to your children about walking or riding their bikes through the alleys to and from school. Cars cannot see small children traveling through alleys. Students are expected to walk on the sidewalks and cross at the corners near a patrol guard or the crossing guard. Thank you for your help!







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

- **Lockdown Drill:** On Wednesday, we will be participating in a lockdown drill. Our teachers are prepared and will be discussing the drill with the children ahead of time using age-appropriate language.
- **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!
- **Uniform Update: Students are expected to transition to the traditional uniform on October 1st.**
  - **Girls:**
    - K-2: Plaid jumper and blouse/polo (white, navy or light blue)
    - 3rd: Plaid jumper OR plaid skirt and blouse/polo (white, navy or light blue)
    - 4th-8th: Plaid skirt and blouse/polo (white, navy or light blue)
    - K-8: Solid white, navy or hunter green sweater or SJF gray fleece, navy quarter zip or crewneck with SJF logo
    - K-8: Navy or khaki pants may be worn 10.1 - 5.1
    - Sweats and Pajama bottoms CANNOT be worn under skirts. Girls can wear leggings or tights (black, navy, hunter green or gray)
  - **Boys:**
    - K-8: Navy or khaki pants and white, navy or light blue polo shirt
    - SJF gray fleece, navy quarter zip or crewneck
- If you **ordered lunch for your child on October 8th**, your order will be voided as this is our first Special Lunch. Sorry for the mix-up. Questions? Please reach out to Mrs. Maxwell, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.
- Say CHEESE! **Picture Day is 10.7** ~ dress your best!
- **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
- **Back to School T-Shirts:** We have the following sizes of Back to School t-shirts for sale: **youth medium, adult medium and adult large** If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us.



## Looking Ahead

<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <b>11 a.m. Mass</b> hosted by our Cheer and Girls Basketball Teams  All are welcome! 
<b>Saturday, September 28th</b>	<b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, September 30th</b>	<b>HAPPY MONDAY!</b> 
<b>Tuesday, October 1st</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior High Religious Retreat @ St. Rita</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, October 2nd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st Progress Report Check</li> <li>• LOCKDOWN DRILL</li> </ul> <b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m</b>
<b>Thursday, October 3rd</b>	
<b>Friday, October 4th</b>	<b>HAPPY FALCON FRI-YAY!</b>  <i>Falcons can dress in their spirit wear tops with their uniform bottoms!</i>

## Pro Labore Dei

- Please come join us for lunch making on Saturday, October 12th @ 9 a.m. in the rectory basement for one hour. We could sure use your help! We are looking for 5-8 students each month. It will count as a service hour. Thank you for your support!



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!

Together let's build a school we love.

# PACK THE HOUSE

2024 GIRLS BASKETBALL

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27TH

5:30 6TH GRADE WHITE

6:20 7TH GRADE A

7:10 8TH GRADE A

8:00 8TH GRADE B

\*The 8th Grade flower ceremony & reception will take place after the 8:00 game

"Stand on Business"

GO FALCONS!!



Any Falcon in attendance will receive an out-of-uniform pass!

JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

# Girls Basketball & Cheer Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH @ 11 A.M.

*You belong here.* 

GET READY FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST!!

# SAVE THE DATE

## HSPT Class Returns to SJF!!

Classes are taught  
by Ms. Dunlavy and  
Mrs. Condon

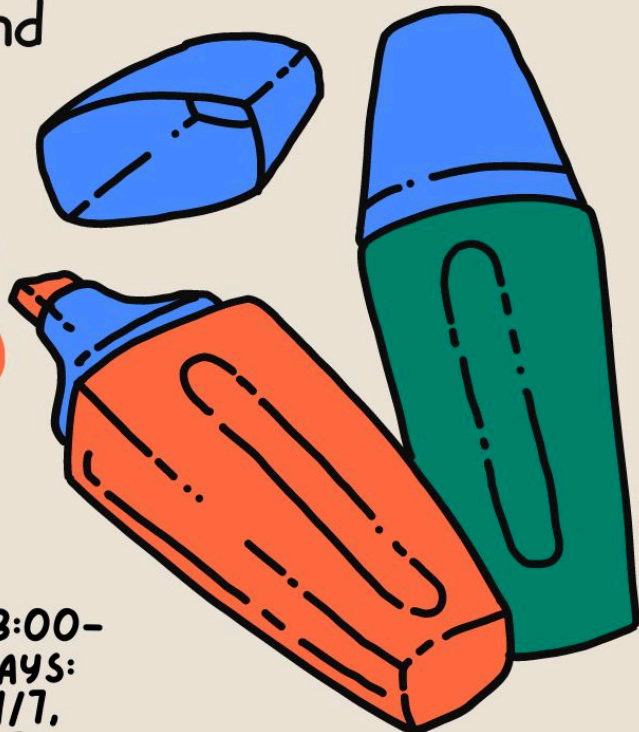
STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE  
INSTRUCTION IN ALL 5  
DISCIPLINES:

- VERBAL
- QUANTITATIVE
- MATH
- READING
- ENGLISH

SNACKS  
PROVIDED!

STUDENTS WILL TAKE A  
FULL LENGTH TEST

CLASSES WILL MEET FROM 3:00-  
4:15 ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:  
10/17, 10/24, 10/29, 11/7,  
11/14, 11/21, 12/3, 12/5



Be on the lookout! Registration forms will be sent home with your child next week!



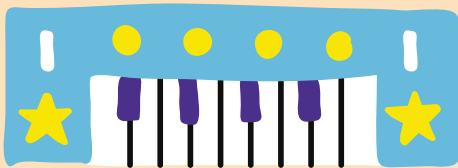
# St. John Fisher Proudly Hosts Future Falcons Playgroup

Each Tuesday of the Month beginning October 8th from 11-12.

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

## Where & When?

St John Fisher Gym  
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave.  
Tuesdays of every month beginning  
October 8th from 11-12.  
\$5 per child/\$15 per family max



## Why Play?

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



## Who & What?

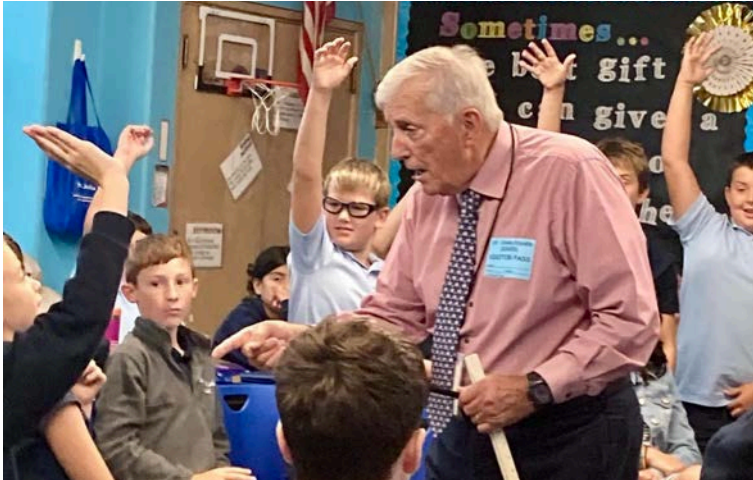
All children 0-3 and caregivers are welcome! Enjoy a range of fun activities and getting to know your fellow future Falcon friends!













**ST. JOHN FISHER**  
**OCTOBER**  
**FEST**  
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**\$20.00**

ST. JOHN FISHER  
SCHOOL & CHURCH PRESENTS



# OCTOBER FEST

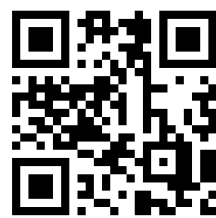
**Saturday, October 5th**

ST. JOHN FISHER PARKING LOT

**5:00PM - 11:00PM**

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# TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 25th  
5-7pm

SJF Parking Lot  
Bring A Bag of Candy  
(as your Admission to the  
Event)

TO SIGN UP YOUR TRUNK: TEXT  
ANNIE GUINANE (708) 715-7420  
& OLIVIA KONRATH (312) 972-8874

SEE YOU THERE!

# St. John Fisher Holy Name Society 2024 Joe Guinane Memorial Golf Outing



**Thursday, October 10th**  
**Ridge Country Club**

**Golf followed by party at Ridge Country Club**  
**10522 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL**

**Registration:** 12:00 p.m. •• **Tee-off:** 1:00 p.m. •• **Cost:** \$225

This includes an 18-hole scramble, riding cart, lunch (12p.m.-1p.m. Brats & Hot Dogs), beverages on the course, HNS gift, after party at Ridge Country Club Patio Bar (Flattop Grill-Smash Burgers, Philly Sandwiches and Carne Asada Street Tacos). **Proceeds will help fund the Joe Guinane Memorial Scholarship Fund.**

\* Longest Drive \* Closest to the Pin \* Best foursome

Party will be at Ridge Country Club after golf approximately 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner and Drinks only from 5:30 to 7:30 is \$50

To help us properly plan for this event, please register by contacting:

Jim O'Leary – [jolearysjf@gmail.com](mailto:jolearysjf@gmail.com)

**Hole sponsorships also available:**

Hole Sponsor - \$100 Company name / Family Name / Block name, etc. (separate doc)

**St. John Fisher Holy Name Society 2023  
Joe Guinane Memorial Golf Outing**

**Hole Sponsorship Form**



Name for Tee Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Blue and White Hole Sponsor: (\$100): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/Authorization \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable to "SJF Holy Name"**

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## BENEFIT NIGHT

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**October 17, 2024**

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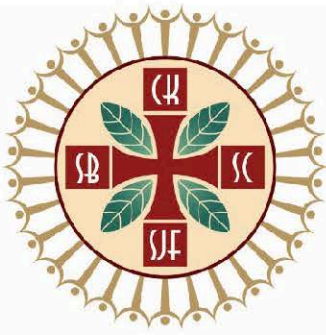
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# SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL

CHRIST THE KING • ST. BARNABAS • ST. CAJETAN • ST. JOHN FISHER

Dear Parent,

Congrats on the start of the 2024-25 school year! We hope it's your best yet. The Southside Parish Renewal Committee (SPR) is dedicated to helping the parishioners and school families of Christ the King, St. Barnabas, St. Cajetan, and St. John Fisher grow in their faith. We are a group of people, like yourselves, who love our families and love our community. We also want to share the message of God's love because that message has brought us a sense of peace in an often-chaotic world.

Developing a relationship with God seems simultaneously easy and difficult. It is easy, because we know that God loves us, but difficult because we don't always know how to put words to our prayers. God seems incredibly close to us as we count our blessings but can feel very far from us when we try to define our beliefs or to stay in regular contact with God through prayer.

It is our hope that the following prayer bridges the gap between knowing that God loves us and expressing our love for God in daily prayer. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, and our spiritual journey begins with a single prayer. No prayer is ever complete, but even dedicating a minute or two a day can be the starting point of experiencing the peace that only God can give.

Please know that you are in our daily prayers. To learn more about SPR, check out [www.SouthsideParishRenewal.org](http://www.SouthsideParishRenewal.org) or reach out to your parish lead.

God bless,

The Southside Parish Renewal Committee

Parish Leads,

*Christ the King- Tom Fahey*

*St. Barnabas - Maureen Gainer Reilly*

*St. Cajetan – Deacon Joe Roccasalva*

*St. John Fisher – Molly Wiora*

# DAILY PRAYER

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of my family, friends, & community. Help me to remember that they are a blessing in my life, & that I am called to be loving, kind, & patient.

Lord,

Help others to look beyond my faults and failings as I strive to bring your love into the world.

Help me to be the person that you created me to be. A person created in your own image and likeness.

Lord,

Help me to realize that even when I fall short, I am a person worthy of the love and respect of others.

Lord,

Watch over my family and friends. Keep them safe from all harm and fill their hearts with peace and tranquility. In a special way Lord, be with (add any names that are your feel are appropriate)  
as they struggle with (add any issues they may be facing)

Lord,

Watch over all those who are suffering on this day. All those who feel alienated, alone, impoverished, those living in fear, and those suffering from mental health issues and addictions. (Add other intentions important to you, ie: first responders, migrants, healthcare workers)

Lord,

Thank you for the gift of this day, the gift of those I hold dear in my heart, and the gift of those loved ones who have gone before me.



**SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL**

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**PLEASE FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM BY STOPPING IN OR AT SJF WEBSITE FOR GOOGLE FORMSUMMER**  
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THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD  
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE  
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

*Join our team!*





## 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, 9.8, 10.20, 11.10, 12.8, 1.12, 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.**

<i>September</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
October	Respect
November	Gratitude
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



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Be a Falcon.**

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

*These dates are subject to change.*

- Picture Day: **10.7**
- 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**
- Picture Day Re-take: **11.19**
- **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.*

**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.*



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God is good.*

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

- Sunday, September 29th** at 11 a.m. Girls Basketball & Cheer  
**Sunday, October 6th** at 11 a.m. First Communion Enrollment Mass  
**Friday, October 18th** at 1 p.m. All School Mass, 7th grade  
**Sunday, October 20th** at 11 a.m. 7th grade  
**Friday, November 1st** at 1 p.m. All Saints' Day All School Mass, 6th grade  
**Sunday, November 3rd** at 11 a.m. Confirmation Enrollment Mass  
**Monday, November 11th** at 10 a.m. Veterans Day program, SOAR  
**Sunday, November 17th** at 11 a.m. 1st grade  
**Sunday, November 24th** at 11 a.m. Leadership Mass (NJHS & SOAR)  
**Tuesday, November 26th** at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Prayer service, 5th grade  
**Thursday, November 28th** at 9 a.m. Parish Mass, 5th grade  
**Sunday, December 8th** at 11 a.m. Preschool & Kindergarten  
**Monday, December 9th** at 1 p.m. Immaculate Conception All School Mass, 4th grade  
**Sunday, December 15th** at 11 a.m. 4th grade  
**Thursday, December 19th** at 1 p.m. Christmas Prayer Service, 8th grade  
**Sunday, December 24th** at 4 p.m. 1st & 2nd graders at Christmas Eve Mass  
**Sunday, January 19th** at 11 a.m. Girls' Volleyball & Basketball  
**Sunday, January 26th** at 11 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Mass  
**Saturday, March 8th** at 11 a.m. Confirmation for 8th graders  
**Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 24th & 25th** 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 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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# 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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**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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