



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JUNE 6, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

**We did it!** I hope you all share in our overwhelming sense of accomplishment for successfully completing another school year. I applaud our community! The reason behind our success is that we always work together toward our shared commitment for our Falcons' bright future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and guardians of our Falcons. There is not a more important job than being a good, devoted parent. And at St. John Fisher, we have the best in the business! You are exceptional. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your partnership. It was our great privilege to educate your child(ren) this year. Thank you, parents. You are so appreciated!

Where would we be without the heart and soul of our school, our committed and loving faculty and staff? During a time when educators all over the country are leaving the profession, our teachers remain committed to Catholic education and St. John Fisher and show up every single day with a thankful heart and an open mind to support your child and help him/her grow academically, spiritually and emotionally. Faculty and staff, we commend you. You gave our children an advantage this year that will last them a lifetime.

An enormous shout-out goes to our parent and community organizations: School Advisory Board, Family School Association, Athletics, Women's Club and the Holy Name Society. You give so generously of your time and talent, working together to better our school and community. Thank you for motivating us to be our best and for your never-ending support of our school and parish.

Finally, to the glue that holds us all together, thank you FALCONS! We are forever grateful to our Falcons, for arriving to school each day with a positive attitude and a smile on your face, for making us laugh and reminding us what life is all about. You are the reason we are all here. We love you, Falcons. Be safe this summer. Make good choices and keep being awesome!

I hope you have a fabulous summer full of all the blessings that life has to bring! 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*

## Thank you, teachers!

- **Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Donna Caffrey on her retirement from St. John Fisher School!** Mrs. Caffrey has been a household name and a beloved staple in our community for the past 29 years. We have been blessed beyond measure to have her on our team for almost three decades. Mrs. Caffrey's love for all things St. John Fisher comes second only to her family and maybe the Chicago White Sox! Mrs. Caffrey, we will never be able to thank you enough! We love you and we appreciate you. Our community is better because of you! Best of luck to you in your very well deserved retirement!
- We are also so sad to say goodbye to **Mrs. Erin Rech and Ms. Sara Russell**. Mrs. Rech and Ms. Russell, we are forever grateful for the indelible mark you have left on the hearts of your colleagues and students. You have made a positive impact on all of us and SJF is a better place because of you!

## School Board Update

- St. John Fisher is forever in debt to our talented school board members who push and motivate us and hold us accountable each and every year to ensure our school becomes the very best version of itself. ***This year Joe Goldrick, Carrie Nowicki, Kelly Robinson and Cara West's tenures have come to an end.*** Thank you Kelly and Cara for bringing your creativity, open-mindedness and work ethic to the board. Thank you Joe and Carrie for leading the executive board for the past 6 years and for sharing your wisdom and vision with our community. Together we have made countless improvements and implemented many initiatives to our school including our school's strategic plan and the Fisher Falcon Education Foundation. The school board has played a critical role in the evolution and success of our school. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us.

*Thank you  
for leaving our school in a better place  
than when you found it!*



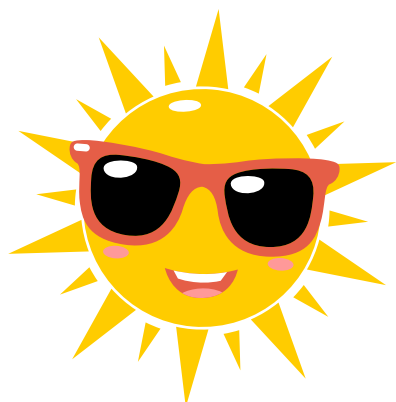
## Important Announcements

- Here is a copy of our **State of the School, Budget and Tuition update for the 2024-2025** school year in case you missed it!
- **Let's Grow our Falcon Family!** 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](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us). Thank you!
- **Trying to prevent that summer (academic) slide?** Visit this link to see the different options and recommendations to keep our Falcons sharp all summer long! Questions? Reach out to Ms. Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us) or Mrs. Brogan, [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us).
- **\*The School Office is closed on Friday, June 7th and Monday, June 10th.** Summer School Office hours are: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on T, W & TH and will begin Tuesday, June 11th.

## Pro Labore Dei

- Our lunch making sessions continue through the summer: July 6th, and Aug. 3rd at 9:15 a.m. in the rectory basement.
- We are in need of: 15 loaves of bread, 150 chips, 50 sweet treats, AND our marvelous volunteers. *The SJF volunteers have been spectacular!*
- Food collection remains critical and continues every Saturday morning from 9:30 - 10 a.m. in the SJF parking lot!
- The ITEM FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE is RICE of any kind. Other foods and diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6 are also much appreciated to bolster our pantry.
- Call Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881) with any questions.

*Thank you for your generosity!*




**ENJOY THE  
SUMMER**



*Congratulations to the 73rd Graduating Class of 2024!*

**You are Smart,  
You are Important,  
You are Kind,  
You are Loved,  
You BELONG here.**

We will miss this remarkable class and cannot wait to see what their bright future holds!  
Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon. 



**2024**

4th Grade \$125

ST. JOHN FISHER

5th-8th Grade \$250

# 2024 FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION MAY 24TH - JUNE 7th



SCAN ME





***S J F C H E E R***  
***R E G I S T R A T I O N***





# SJF Summer Enrichment Camp

## Grades 2-8



Want to prevent learning loss over the summer? Want to get your student's math packet done? Ready for some STEM activities and group learning activities?

**Then...Summer Enrichment Camp is for you!**

Mrs. Ade and Ms. Dunlavy will be running an exciting new camp this summer. We will have fun doing science experiments, math enrichment, and ELA games. There will even be time for some fun, outdoor sports activities.

**Who:** Students entering grades 2nd through 8th

**When:** August 6th, 7th & 8th 9:00-12:00

**Cost:** \$200

# STEM



For more information, please email Ms. Dunlavy at [cdunlavy@sjfschool.us](mailto:cdunlavy@sjfschool.us) or call/text 708-207-1558.

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### SJF Summer Enrichment Camp

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please return by June 7th





# In This Family *Falcons Fight Together*

Dear St. John Fisher Friends & Families,

The Dowling Family is in need of our support! Jimmy was recently diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer. Jimmy is a proud St. John Fisher Alum, Class of '88, and father to 7 children, all of whom have attended and still attend St. John Fisher.

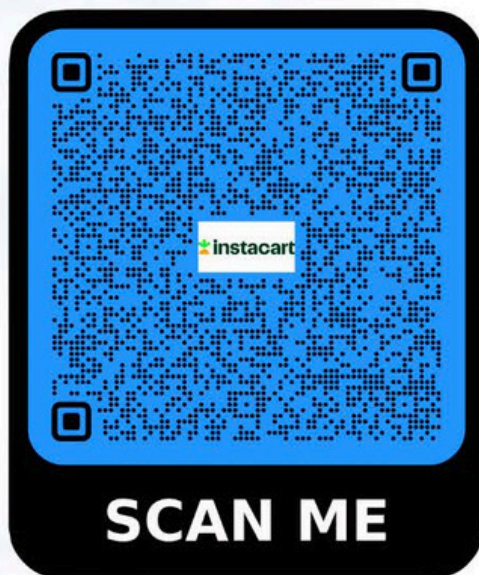
The Dowlings have already battled cancer twice with their 9 year old son Beau, and just recently, their daughter Ella.

To make life a little easier for the Dowling family during Jimmy's treatment, we have set up an Instacart account to make shopping for groceries and other necessities easier for them.

If you are able, please donate to their Instacart account to relieve some of the burden while Jimmy battles this horrible disease.

Thank you!

## Dowling Family Instacart Account



Recipient name:

**Meg Dowling**

Recipient Email:

**megdowling12@yahoo.com**







# CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S ST. JOHN FISHER YEARBOOK!

## Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

## To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to: [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:  
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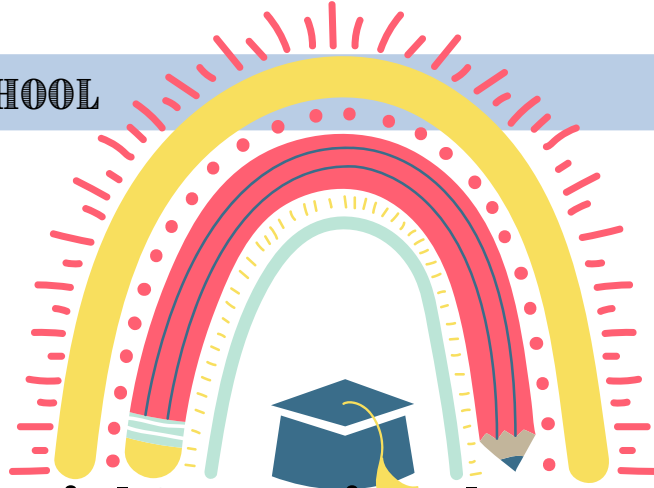
\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

*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.**



## 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
<b>May</b>	<b>Optimism</b>



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





# 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](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)



# 2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

- 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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