



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*


ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

APRIL 19, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through the month of April. Our Falcons are loving the warmer weather. Springtime always ignites a newfound energy in all of us! We love taking advantage of opportunities to learn and play together outside! It seems like the school year is moving forward at a rapid pace, but we still have a lot of work to do! Please join us in encouraging your Falcon(s) to keep working hard, to remain focused and to finish this year strong! You've got this Falcons!

We are so excited for next week's Spring Musical! Our talented theatrical Falcons have been working diligently for months on their upcoming performances. Please join us next week at the Conner T. Lowry Gym to enjoy SJF's version of High School Musical Jr. See the flyer below for additional information. We are all in this together!

Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **You belong here.** 

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- **Please consider joining SJF's School Advisory Board.** The top 2 areas of focus for next year are to help maintain robust student enrollment and active parish support for the long-term vitality of SJF. Secondly, to develop intentional and effective fundraising efforts to supplement the school's operating budget. Please fill out the application below if you are interested. ***If you'd like to learn more, please join our last school board meeting on Tuesday, May 14th in Kane Hall.*** Email [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com) with any questions. [SAB Application](#)

- Our all-school **park day fun-run celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th!** *Wednesday the 24th is also a 1:30 dismissal!* Please be sure to send in your child's permission slip by Monday! Make sure your children are dressed for the weather and bring a bagged lunch. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL!
- FYI: **The Dave DiNaso Traveling Reptile Show** is coming to SJF THIS Monday for an all-school experience!
- The **May Hot Lunch Schedule** is open and available for ordering. *REMINDER: We do not offer a hot lunch option for the month of June.*
- **SJF's Running Club is BACK!** Please see the flyer below for more details. A huge THANK YOU to Kerry McNicholas and the FSA for organizing this group again!
- **HEADS UP!** Baseball and softball season is upon us, which means kids sharing helmets which could turn into a **lice** outbreak...please be mindful and ensure you are not sending your child(ren) to school with lice.
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- **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 or Mrs. Brogan, kbrogan@sjfschool.us.
- Thank you to all who donated their **pop tabs** to Maeve Malloy's service project for the Ronald McDonald House!



**WE ARE INTERVIEWING PRIMARY TEACHERS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!  
PLEASE SEND ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS AND QUESTIONS TO MAURA  
NASH, MNASH@SJFSCHOOL.US. JOIN OUR DYNAMIC, FRIENDLY,  
COLLABORATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL TEAM. NOW MORE THAN EVER IS A  
GREAT TIME TO BE A PART OF OUR FACULTY FAMILY! WE HAVE THE BEST  
KIDS AND THE MOST SUPPORTIVE PARENTS AROUND!  
SEND IN YOUR RESUME TODAY! MNASH@SJFSCHOOL.US**

Looking Ahead

<p><b>Saturday, April 20th</b>  <b>Help w/ the Food Drive in Kane Hall today @ 9 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>ETC w/ Mrs. Garza 9a.m.-12p.m.</b>  <b>4 p.m. Mass - All are welcome!</b>  <b>Manna @ The Convent 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.</b>  <i>Father Daughter Dance @ Ridge CC</i></p> 
<p><b>Sunday, April 21st</b></p> 	<p><b>8 a.m &amp; 11 a.m. Mass</b>  <b>All are welcome!</b>  <b>Volleyball Pictures in the Gym</b>  <i>*See the schedule below</i></p> 
<p><b>Monday, April 22nd</b>  <b>Musical Practice 3-5 p.m.</b></p>	<p><i>Every day is a great day to be a Falcon!</i>  <b>DAVE DINASO TRAVELING REPTILE SHOW COMES TO SJF!</b></p> 
<p><b>Tuesday, April 23rd</b>  <b>Musical Practice 3-5 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>*Homework Club</b> w/ Mrs. Ade, Ms. Dunlavy &amp; Mrs. Schiller, 3-3:45 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 24th</b>  <b>Musical Practice 4-7:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Falcon Fun Run All-School Park Day Celebration!</b>  <b>1:30 DISMISSAL!</b>  <b>Manna @ the Convent 6-7 p.m.</b></p> 
<p><b>Thursday, April 25th</b></p> 	<p><b>High School Musical Performance @ 7 p.m.</b>  <b>@ The Conner T. Lowry Gym</b></p> 
<p><b>Friday, April 26th</b></p>	<p><b>High School Musical Performance @ 7 p.m.</b>  <b>@ The Conner T. Lowry Gym</b></p> <p><b>Happy Falcon Fri-YAY!</b>  <b>Wear your favorite spirit-wear on top with your uniform bottoms!</b></p>



ST. JOHN FISHER  
SCHOOL

Presents...

Disney

# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



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**APRIL 25TH & 26TH @ 7PM**

**TICKETS: ADULTS - \$8**

**STUDENTS - \$5**

**5 Y.O. AND UNDER - FREE!**

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**Questions? Email Ms. Hladik -  
ahladik@sjfschool.us**

**We're all in this together!**

**This production is presented through special arrangement with Music  
Theatre International (MTI).**



# FALCONS OF THE WEEK

Sean Ade, Colin Killeen, Conor O'Hara, Colin Carroll, Ryan O'Keefe,  
Charlie Rech, Brennan Ade, Mickey Rech, Aiden Conrad and  
Brody Dowling, 6th graders



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 6th graders, Sean Ade, Colin Killeen, Conor O’Hara, Colin Carroll, Ryan O’Keefe, Charlie Rech, Brennan Ade, Mickey Rech, Aiden Conrad and Brody Dowling.**

Last Friday one of the 6th grade volleyball teams was scheduled to play Bridgeport Catholic Academy. However, only three of the opposing players were able to attend. Without hesitation our Falcons volunteered to play with the other team (Sean Ade and Mickey Rech stepped up as well; they were there to watch their brothers). All of the boys took turns and showed exemplary sportsmanship. The boys received praises from the other team’s coach, players and fans as well as the official. Everyone commented on how kind and respectful the boys were. Thank you, boys, for representing SJF so well, for making us proud and for showing everyone what it means to be a St. John Fisher Falcon.

# SJF HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S 14TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

*We need your help to make this a success and  
build on this tradition!*



## **Saturday April 20th**

- Teams of adult and young volunteers (your children/SJF students/scouts/etc.) will go door to door throughout the neighborhood dropping off a bag and letter describing the Food Drive process and requesting parishioners to leave a bag with food on the porch the following Saturday, April 27th.
- The estimated time commitment that day is 9-10 A.M. Please come to Kane Hall @ 9A.M. to pick up your bags and street assignments. This is a great way that families can volunteer together.



## **Saturday April 27**

- Volunteer teams will go throughout the neighborhood and collect the bags from the porches and bring them back to SJF. Separate teams would assemble and fill boxes back at SJF and load the boxes into a truck to deliver to food pantries.
- The estimated time commitment is 9-11 A.M. Please come to Kane Hall @ 9A.M. for street assignments

This drive requires lots of volunteerism. We will always need help packing boxes and we are in need of boxes. **Please contact Dave Cahill at [sjfhns@gmail.com](mailto:sjfhns@gmail.com) or 708.259.2981** with any questions or if you can help.



*Thanks for your support.*





# **SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST BOYS VOLLEYBALL PICTURES**

6th White - Rech/Schober 8:30 am

6th Red - Cotter/Woodward

6th Blue - O'Hara/Dowling

7th Blue - Guinane/Nowicki 8:45 am

7th White - Blake/Namors

7th Red - Collins/Dowling

4th White - Schiesl/McDonald/Schreiber 9:00 am

4th Blue - Carey/Moody/O'Brien

5th Red - O'Connor/McGlynn/Moonan 9:15 am

5th White - Gillian/McCarthy/Kellam

5th Blue - Guinane/Schneller



# FISHER FALCONS RUNNING CLUB



**Begins the Week of April 15th**



**Calling all Runners  
Join our Ridge Run Team**

**Ridge Run**

**Monday, May 27, 2024**

Youth Mile Run @ 8:10am

5K RUN @ 9:30am

**To register your child please  
scan here and complete the SJF  
Google Form** ↓



**Parent Runner Volunteers  
Scan and sign up to help  
with practices** ↓



## DETAILS

- Running Club will meet **TWICE** a week on Fridays (4:15-5:15) and Sundays (12:00-1:00).
- Our first day will be **Friday, April 19**.
- We will meet at Kane Halls door and run the perimeter of the school campus.
- Runners will be placed in groups according to grade levels kdg, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8.
- The **GOAL** is to run the Ridge Run 5k at the end of 6 weeks or participate in the youth mile (ages 6-10).
- Register your child under team name **SAINT JOHN FISHER FALCONS 2024**



**Questions? Please contact:**

**Kerry McNicholas  
(708) 525-0705**







**“I Inspire” program launch aimed to help attract, motivate and retain Catholic School Teachers:**

A memorial fund was set up in honor of Teri Keaty Joyce aimed to spread the message of love, kindness and support for education as that was a theme in her life. The Teri Keaty Joyce “I Inspire” Teacher Recognition Program has launched in Spring 2024 aimed to recognize the important role teachers play in the lives of children. Teachers everywhere are critical. The teachers choosing to teach in Catholic schools are extra special. A committee of educators formed by the family will invite **colleagues, parents, and current 8th Grade students at SJF to nominate ONE teacher that exhibits the criteria below.**

- Outstanding care, respect and collaboration with students, parents and colleagues.
- Flexibility in implementing differentiated learning strategies.
- Nurturing of faith, kindness, and patience
- Inspiration of students to be lifelong learners and good-hearted humans

**Timeline and Next steps:**

- Nomination forms are open with a **deadline of May 10** inviting **colleagues, parents and current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students** to use the above criteria to describe the nominee in 250-500 words. An external committee will make selection decisions.
- Cash awards will be announced by the end of the school year at relevant school events in partnership with The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation.
- The program is currently funded for the next three years based on the generosity of Teri’s family and friends who wanted to give back to this unique close-knit community where many family members call home. Its impact will reach Queen of Martyrs, where Teri taught, and SJF and MHR, where her 8 grandchildren attend.

**YOU CAN NOMINATE A TEACHER BY USING THE ATTACHED FORM:**

[Click here to nominate a teacher](#)





# 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.

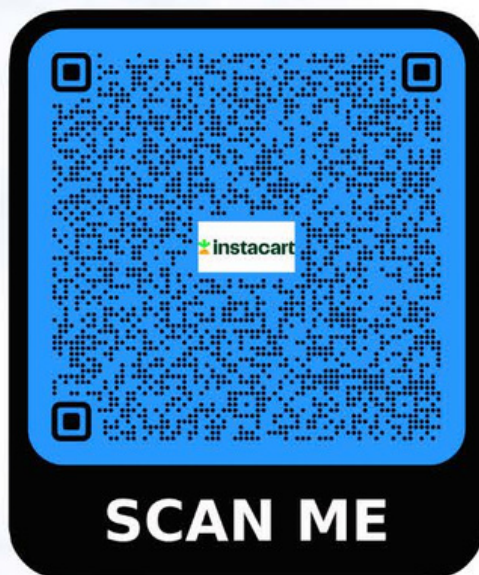
The Dowlings have already battled cancer twice with their 9 year old son Beau, and just recently, their daughter Ella.

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



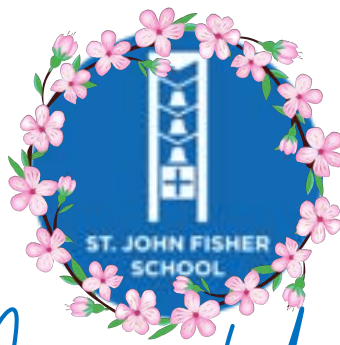
Recipient name:

**Meg Dowling**

Recipient Email:

**megdowling12@yahoo.com**





# Manna Update

**Regular Hours:**

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m.

Any changes to hours will be posted on FSA  
Facebook Page.

Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP](#) on-the go!

The best way to order physical cards (local too) in stock is to order using the App by Sunday at 10 p.m. and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6 p.m. Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.

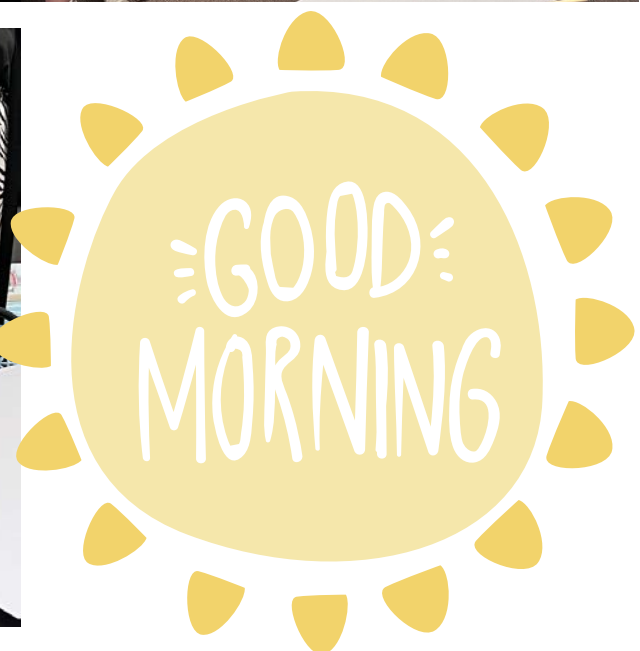
Since May 1st, the program has raised more than **\$31,000 for the school and \$47,000 directly to families to lower tuition costs.** Thank you!

**The deadline to earn the \$300 requirement for this school year is April 30<sup>th</sup>.** To track your earnings, go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) under Account/Order History. We will not be distributing a letter. If you have questions, stop into the convent during open hours or email the Manna team.

Email the Manna team at [Sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:Sjfmanna@gmail.com) with any questions. More info [here](#).

Thank you for supporting  
St. John Fisher!









# 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:  
1015271802074961

Regular price: **\$27.39**

Create Custom Pages by: Jul 4

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## Please join us for the SJF FSA Sponsored Mother Son Outing

Limited Tickets  
Available! To reserve  
your seats please purchase  
tickets by clicking the link  
below. Most seats  
available together in  
Sections 102 & 103



June 9, 2024 at 1:10 P.M.  
White Sox vs. Boston Red Sox  
Click the link to purchase tickets:  
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Saintjohn8>  
Please email Carrie Erwinski at  
Carrie726@gmail.com with any questions.  
Stay tuned for information on bus transportation.

*White Sox*

# ST. JOHN FISHER



# PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

WITH MRS. GARZA, MS. FADDEN, AND MS. SURIN



THIS SUMMER, SJF IS HOSTING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM FOR TOILET-TRAINED CHILDREN AGES 3-5. EACH WEEK WILL BE BASED ON A THEME. THE CHILDREN WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL SKILLS AND COOPERATIVE LEARNING.



**9:00 - 11:00 A.M.**

**\$70 per Week**

**Please send a small snack and drink daily**

**STORIES \* CRAFTS \* SONGS \* INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY!**

**Week 1**  
June 11, 12, 13  
Dinosaurs

**Week 2**  
June 18, 19, 20  
Superheroes

**Week 3**  
June 25, 26, 27  
Fireworks and Fun

**Week 4**  
July 9, 10, 11  
Outer Space

**Week 5**  
July 16, 17, 18  
STEM Week

**Week 6**  
July 23, 24, 25  
Water Fun

**Week 7**  
July 30, 31, August 1  
Under the Sea

**Week 8**  
August 6, 7, 8  
Camping

**A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$500 IF YOU SIGN UP FOR ALL 8 WEEKS!**

**More Information:** [mgarza@sjfschool.us](mailto:mgarza@sjfschool.us) or text 773-315-0399

**Registration and payment is due May 3rd**





# ST. JOHN FISHER

## PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

WITH

MRS. GARZA, MS. FADDEN, AND MS. SURIN

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM IN AN  
ENVELOPE MARKED  
PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY FRIDAY,  
MAY 3RD.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS (PLEASE LIST ALL AND IF CHILD  
CARRIES AN EPI PEN AND OR/INHALER): \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE SELECT SESSION:

Week 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 8 \_\_\_\_\_

All 8 Weeks \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOM'S PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DAD'S PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar**

\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

- First Holy Communion: **5.4** ~ 1 p.m.
- May Crowning: **5.10** ~ 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. All-School Early Dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.27**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.31**, 12:00 p.m. “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.2** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.6** ~ 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: **April 24th, May 29th.**



## 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
<b>April</b>	<b>Empathy</b>
May	Optimism



**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

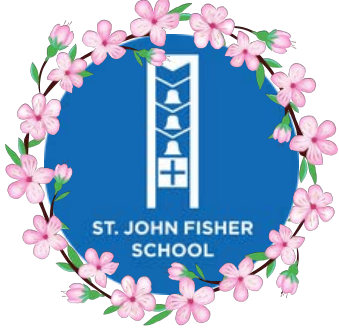
Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: [mredmond@sjfschool.net](mailto:mredmond@sjfschool.net)  
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: [echermak@sjfschool.us](mailto:echermak@sjfschool.us)  
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: [dogrady@sjfschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.us)  
Manna Team: [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com)

- 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)



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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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