



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

APRIL 21, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We hope you had the most amazing Easter and Spring Break with your loved ones. We are so happy to be back in school with our Falcons and are eager to finish this school year strong! In this month of April, we continue to focus on Empathy. Each day we invite our Falcons to think of and to be on the lookout for ways they can feel empathy and show compassion and kindness to those around them.

Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gift(s) to us each and every day.

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

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## Important Announcements

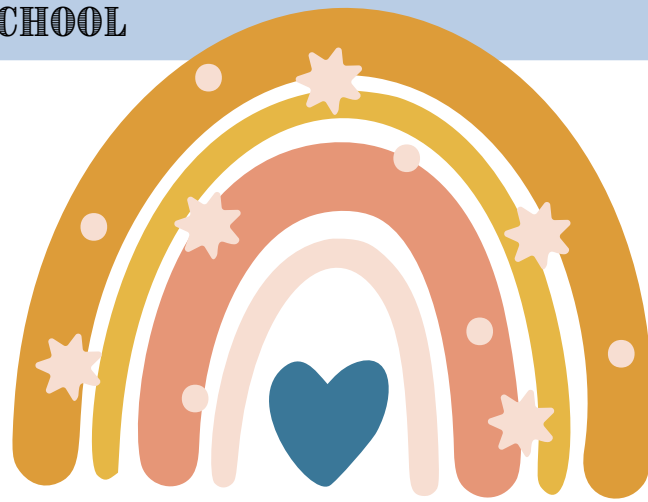
- **Reminder:** *May 5th* is May Crowning and an *11:30 dismissal* for all students.
- **Let's Grow our Falcon Family!** Do you have a new neighbor or a new baby on your block? Let us know! We'd love to welcome them to our SJF Community! Email Mrs. Houston with the details: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us). Thank you!
- **We are hiring!** *Any interested applicants should reach out to Maura Nash, [mnash@sjfschool.us](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us).*
  - **Middle School Math Teacher** to cover a maternity leave beginning in August and ending in December of 2023.
  - **School Counselor**
- **Hot Lunch:** *the hot lunch menu* is finalized and open for ordering for the remainder of the school year. **June 2nd will be the last hot lunch** of the school year.
- Do you want to **order an SJF yearbook**? See the flyer below for more information.
- **The first day of the 2023-2024 school year** will be **Wednesday, August 23rd** and it will be an 11:30 dismissal.
- Please see the below flyers for **summer resource support and our recommended tutor list**. Summer will be here before we know it!
- **Extended Day:** Visit **this link** to register your child. Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, [dogrady@sjfschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.us).



## Looking Ahead

<b>Saturday, April 22nd</b>	<i>Boys Volleyball Pack the Place @ SJF Let's Go Falcons!</i>	
<b>Weekend Mass</b>	<i>4 p.m., Saturday, 8 &amp; 11 a.m. on Sunday All are welcome!</i>	
<b>Monday, April 24th</b>	<i>Academic Study Hall w/ Ms. Dunlavy 3-4 p.m.</i>	
<b>Tuesday, April 25th</b>	<i>Homework Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45</i>	
<b>Wednesday, April 26th</b> <b>1 p.m. Dismissal Faculty Professional Development</b>	<i>Homework Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45</i>	
<b>Thursday, April 27th</b>	<i>Academic Study Hall w/ Ms. Dunlavy 3-4 p.m.</i>	
<b>Saturday, April 29th</b>	<i>First Holy Communion 11 a.m.</i>	





## 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
May	Optimism



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





# FALCON OF THE WEEK

Grace Carmody, 8th Grade



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. 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 eighth grader, Grace Carmody.**

Grace Carmody is a kind and positive "can do" Falcon! Whenever we need help at school, we know we can count on Grace. Grace's generous spirit is something that has helped others outside of school too. I recently received a note from one of our Falcon parents sharing a recent experience she had with Grace. Grace was asked to Irish dance for a cultural celebration with one of our younger Falcons, Vivian Jarmusz, at Southside Occupational. All of the kids that attend this school have a disability. Grace came on her day off and danced for the students. **THEY LOVED IT!** She did an impromptu Q&A and even taught the students some dance moves. She worked with Vivian and helped her to perform on stage in front of the students.

Grace showed her leadership skills (and her killer dance moves) and we are so proud of her for representing herself, her family and St. John Fisher so well! Grace, you are a role model to us all and we are so lucky you are a Falcon. Keep flying like a Falcon, Grace. You are making a difference!















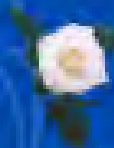


ST. JOHN FISHER VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS



COME OUT AND CHEER ON FISHER'S BEST BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS PLAY!

# BOYS VOLLEYBALL PACK-THE-HOUSE SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND

9:00 AM	SJF Red vs Incarnation Red	4th
9:50 AM	SJF Blue vs Incarnation Red	4th
10:40 AM	SJF White vs St. Cajetan Black	4th
11:30 AM	SJF Blue vs Mt. Greenwood Blue	5th
12:20 PM	SJF White vs Incarnation	5th
1:10 PM	SJF Red vs CK Maroon	5th
2:00 PM	SJF Blue vs St. Barnabas Red	6th A
2:50 PM	SJF White vs St. Linus	6th B
3:30 PM	SJF Red vs St. Barnabas White	6th B
4:30 PM	SJF Blue vs CK	7th A
5:20 PM	SJF White vs St. Germaine	7th B
6:10 PM	SJF Blue vs St. Michael	8th A
7:00 PM	SJF Red vs CK	8th B
7:45 PM	8th Grade Flower Ceremony	
7:50 PM	SJF Red vs SJF White	8th B



# **SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD BOYS VOLLEYBALL PICTURES**

4th Blue - O'Connor/McGlynn/Moonan	10:00 am
4th White - Gillian/McCarthy/Kellam	10:10 am
4th Red - Guinane/Schneller	10:20 am
5th Red - Rech/Schober	10:30 am
5th White - Cotter/Conrad	10:40 am
5th Blue - O'Hara/Dowling/Albrecht	10:50 am
6th Blue - Guinane/Nowicki	11:00 am
6th White - Hannigan/Blake	11:10 am
6th Red - Berry/Erwinski	11:20 am
7th Blue - Massaro/Mann	11:30 am
7th White - Ciarulo/McGarry	11:40 am
8th Blue - Urbon/Lotito	11:50 am
8th White - Namors	12:00 pm
8th Red - Collins	12:10 pm





Proudly presents:

*Celebration of*  
**KINDNESS**

A St. John Fisher community event in support  
of the inaugural Sister Jean McGrath  
Kindness Scholarship & SJF School.

Sunday, June 11th 2023

12:30 pm

Ridge Country Club

*Event & Scholarship organized by the SJF Women's Club*

Buffet Lunch | Beer & Wine | Split the Pot Raffle

\$100/person

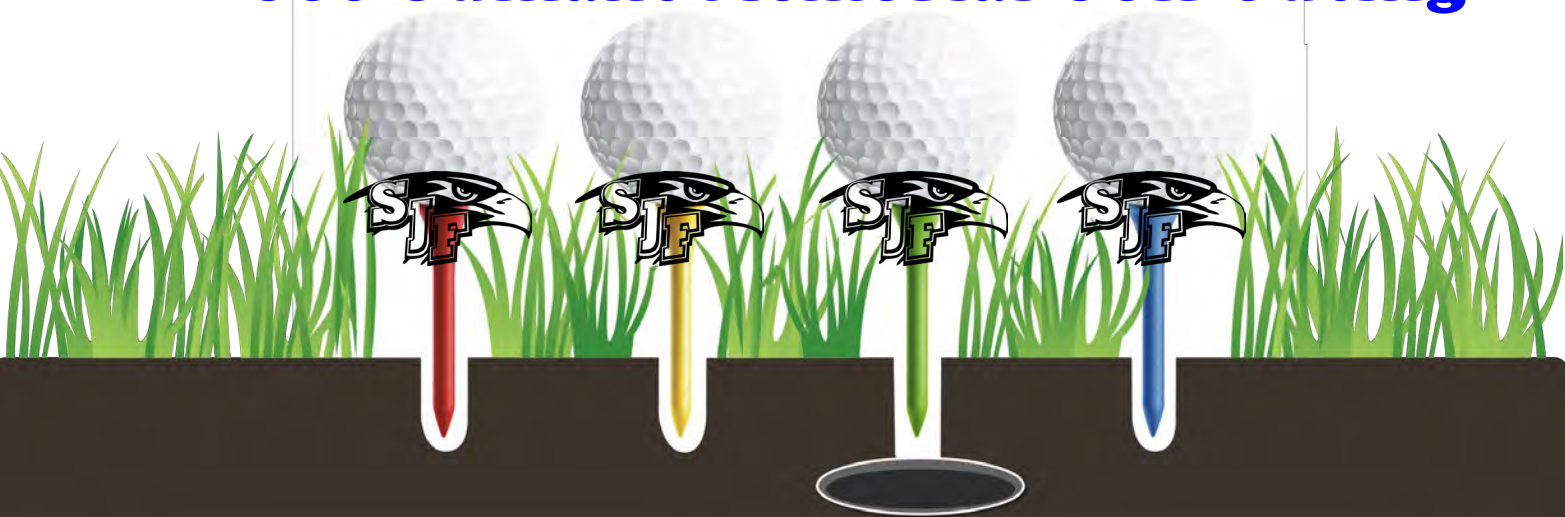
Tickets & scholarship details can be found at:

[SJFkindnessgivesmart.com](http://SJFkindnessgivesmart.com)

"Remember to be kind because that's the best gift we can give our world."

-Sister Jean McGrath-

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



**Saturday, May 6th**

**The Meadows Golf Club of Blue Island**

**Golf followed by party at Cork and Kerry**

**10614 S. Western – Non-golfers welcome \$40 per person**

**Registration:** 10:15 a.m. •• **Tee-off:** 11:00 a.m. •• **Cost:** \$125

This includes an 18-hole scramble of golf, riding cart, lunch, beverages on the course, HNS gift, after party at Cork and Kerry and chance to win various prizes! **Proceeds will help fund the Joe Guinane Memorial Scholarship Fund.**

\* Longest Drive \* Closest to the Pin \* Best foursome  
Party will be at Cork and Kerry from 4:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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.



**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"**

## Summer 2023 Recommendations for Enrichment Activities (and Other Fun Things to Do)

Some of our parents have asked for ideas to keep their children's learning fresh and the body and mind active this summer. Just a heads up - camps do fill quickly. ***This list is being updated frequently - check back often! If you know of a camp or activity we should include, please email Mrs. Karen Brogan at [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us) or Mrs. Win Biernacki at [wbiernacki@sjfschool.us](mailto:wbiernacki@sjfschool.us)***

### Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grades:

**[Mrs. Altman's Preschool Summer Camp](#)** (3 - 5 yrs.) every week with a different theme!  
**[Sounder and Friends](#)** - a PBS-produced series of videos that focus on phonemic awareness. Great practice and review for students learning to read!

### All Ages/Grades:

**Tutoring:** See the **[SJF Spring/Summer Tutor List](#)**

**Read, read, read!!!** 15-20 minutes each day improves fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Here are some great reading lists for book recommendations:

- **[Time Magazine's 100 Best Children's Books](#)**
- **[Reader's Digest 25 Best Children's Books Ever Written](#)**
- **[Common Sense Media's 50 books All Kids Should Read Before They're 12](#)**
- To check the reading level of your child's book, go to [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) This will also let you know if the book will qualify for Accelerated Reader points.
- **[Chicago Public Library events for kids](#)**

While nothing replaces a parent or sibling reading with a child, **audiobooks** are a great option for car rides, independent reading, etc.:

- Chicago Public Library: <https://www.chipublib.org/browse/audiobooks> FREE
- Audible on Amazon: monthly subscription; free books with Prime membership
- Epic app for iOS or Android: 25,000 books and videos for kids 12 and under [www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com)

### Camps at park districts and other venues:

- **[Beverly Arts Center – Summer Camps](#)**, for students entering Kindergarten - 8th grade
- **[Chicago Park District](#)**
- **[Evergreen Park's Recreation Department](#)**
- **[Oak Lawn Park District activities](#)**
- Nature-based day and overnight **[camps for kids at the Center in Palos Park](#)**



## High Schools offering summer camps (some camps as young as Kindergarten):

- Sports, arts, theater and music camps at [Mother McAuley](#)
- Academic, athletic and other activities at [Brother Rice](#)
- Wide variety of athletics, arts, activities camps at [Marist](#)
- Athletic, cooking, art and robotics camps at [St. Rita](#)
- Academic, arts, pottery, Lego, robotics, cooking, etc. camps at [Morgan Park Academy](#)
- Athletic and enrichment camps at [St. Laurence](#)

## Camp Offerings for Students at Local Colleges::

- Moraine Valley Community College offers classes in Arts, Music, Math and Reading for grades 2-7 at their Valley Learning Center. **Dates and times have not yet been announced; check back.**
- [St. Xavier offers baseball, volleyball and basketball camps.](#)
- [SXU Media Camp for incoming high school freshmen through seniors.](#)

## Suggestions for academic and other skills practice:

- **Practice math facts** online at the fun, game-based Reflex Math. Your child should have a log-in and password; if not, please email their math teacher to get one. Even 5-10 minutes/day makes a difference!
- Students in grades 3-8 should practice their keyboarding skills. [Typing.com](#) 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students have logins and passwords, but the site can be used without a login as well.
- More typing practice for all ages in a fun, competitive way: [Race Now - 100% Free | Nitro Type](#)

# St. John Fisher School Tutor/SEL Support

Spring/Summer 2023

Please contact the tutors directly for current availability and further information.

NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	AVAILABILITY	e-tutor? in person?	PREFERRED GRADE LEVELS	PREFERRED SUBJECTS
Jeanne Boyle	<a href="mailto:Jeanneboyleaie@gmail.com">Jeanneboyleaie@gmail.com</a>	773-616-0792	Spring/Summer	in person	5-8	All subjects, plus executive functioning and study skills
Sally Caulfield	<a href="mailto:scaulfield@sjschool.us">scaulfield@sjschool.us</a>	773-837-6954	Summer	in person	K-4	All subjects
Kristy Condon	<a href="mailto:kcondon@sjschool.us">kcondon@sjschool.us</a>	708-262-8836	Spring/Summer	both	3-8: high school:	All subjects + HS Placement Test prep English, math, ACT and SAT prep
Colleen Dunlavy	<a href="mailto:cdunlavy@sjschool.us">cdunlavy@sjschool.us</a>	708-207-1558	Spring/Summer	both	K-8: high school:	All subjects Algebra I&II, Geometry, Pre-Calc, Biology, English, ACT and SAT prep
Erin Deering	<a href="mailto:erin.deering13@gmail.com">erin.deering13@gmail.com</a>	708-220-1368	Spring/Summer	both	1-6	English, social studies, reading, writing
Megan Merony	<a href="mailto:meganmerony@gmail.com">meganmerony@gmail.com</a>	517-449-5356	Spring/Summer	both	K-4 5-6	all subjects math
Meghan Murray	<a href="mailto:megmurray89@gmail.com">megmurray89@gmail.com</a>	773-710-8584	Spring/Summer	in person	K-4	Certified reading specialist math, reading
Janet Otto	<a href="mailto:jotto@sjschool.us">jotto@sjschool.us</a>	773-575-9159	Summer	in person	K-8	Certified Wilson Dyslexia Specialist. Wilson is a phonics-based, structured literacy program.
Julie Schultz	<a href="mailto:julieharris80@hotmail.com">julieharris80@hotmail.com</a>	708-267-8116	Spring/Summer	both	K-8	Social emotional learning support for problem solving, conflict resolution, and self-esteem. Individual or group support for navigating friendships and grasping tools to help students become successful in school and everyday life.
Kayla Spornberger	<a href="mailto:kspornberger@bhsd228.com">kspornberger@bhsd228.com</a>	708-954-6110	Spring/Summer	both	any grade level	Math



# Create your 2 free custom yearbook pages for ST. JOHN FISHER

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## Add Photos

Add your favorite photos from your phone, computer, Instagram, Facebook, Google or Dropbox account, and have them printed in your copy of the yearbook.



## Add Memories

Answer questions about your year and capture your very best moments. You can even include a photo to go along with them.



## Sign Books

Make your friends smile by sending them a message (can include a photo or sticker) that they can add to their custom pages or ask them to send you one!



## Design Your Page

Add all of your memories to your two free personal pages that will be printed in your unique copy of the yearbook. Need more room? You can add more pages!

## 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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Regular price: **\$27.39**

Create Custom Pages by: Jul 10

Need help? Contact

[www.treering.com/help](http://www.treering.com/help)





**SJF Alumni**

75th Anniversary Montage  
Coming 2023-2024



# We Are Collecting **Throw-back** SJF Photos

*Share your old grade school photos*

Please include  
caption and year



Email to:  
**[sjfalum@gmail.com](mailto:sjfalum@gmail.com)**





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\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a very “normal” school year ahead!

- First Holy Communion: **4.29** ~ 11 a.m.
- May Crowning: **5.5** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.29**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **6.2**
- Graduation: **6.4** ~ 1 p.m. in church
- Last Day of School: **6.7** - 10:30 dismissal

*Come as you are. You are loved.*



\***1 p. m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**



# 2022-2023 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
- 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 Medical
- Forms

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)

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: [jschultz@sjfschool.us](mailto:jschultz@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): [wbiernacki@sjfschool.us](mailto:wbiernacki@sjfschool.us)  
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us)





# 2022-2023 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

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)  
Women's Club: [SJFWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFWomensClub@gmail.com)  
HNS: [SJFHNS@gmail.com](mailto:SJFHNS@gmail.com)

