



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MARCH 24, 2023

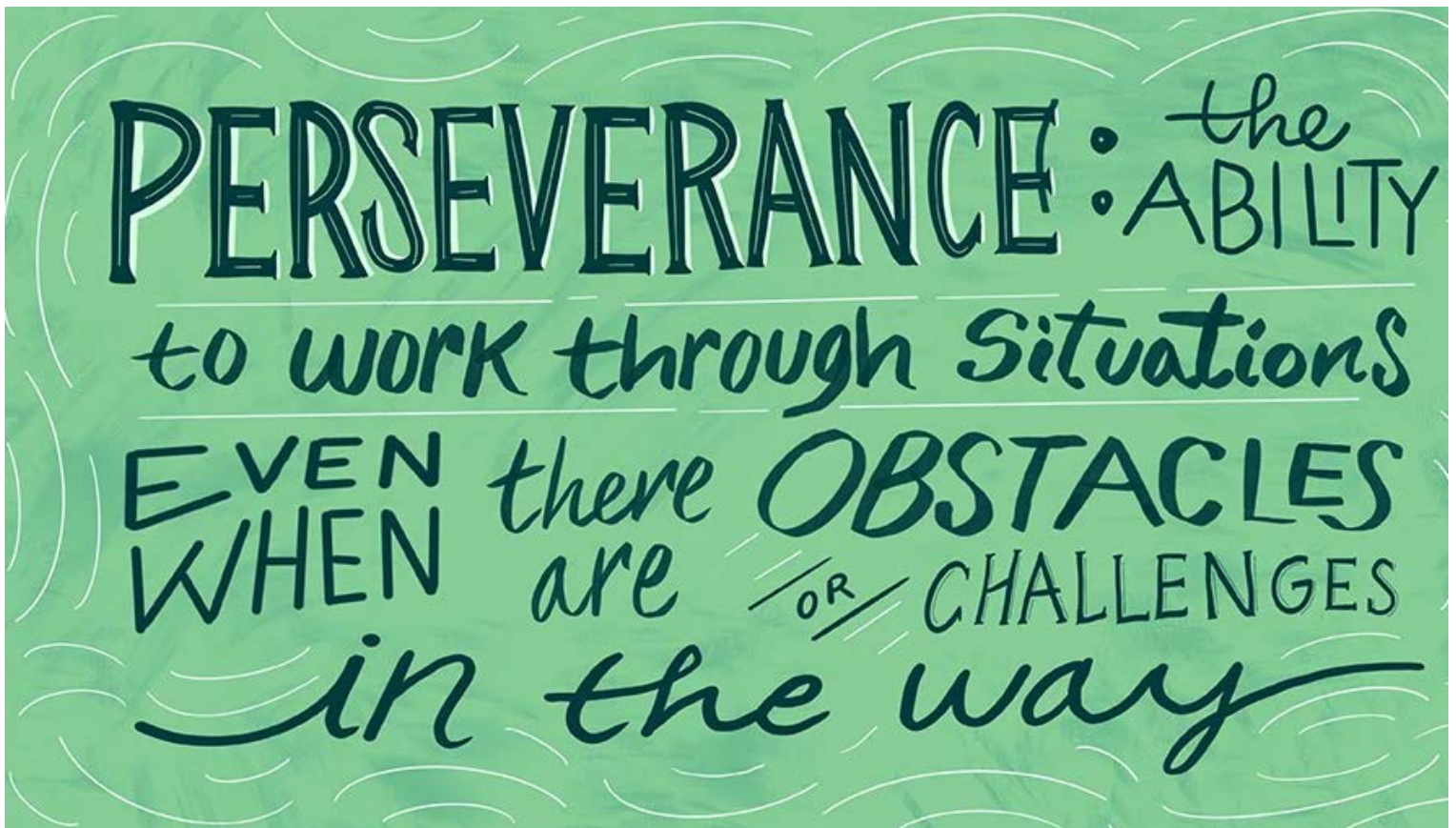
Dear SJF Families,

As we keep moving forward, we are beyond impressed with our Falcons as they **persevere** through this busy month of March. Thank you for your continued partnership of reminding your child(ren) to keep working hard and to turn in all of his/her assignments. As we creep toward Spring Break, it easy to lose steam. Together let us continue to cheer our Falcons on to cross that June finish line and conclude this year stronger, smarter and better than ever!

Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. PEACE+LOVE+SJF.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- ***SJF's altar servers are coming back!*** Children in 5th, 6th, and 7th grades are eligible to participate. Please visit this link to sign up and learn more information.
- ***Manna Opportunity!*** We are looking for a few parents to help with the Manna Program. Please share your interest to Carrie at sjfsab@gmail.com. It's a good time to hear feedback and ideas as the program will be going through a transition. ***Please share your feedback here.***
- To ***register for SJF's Running Club*** and for more information, please visit this link.
- Do you want to ***order an SJF yearbook***? See the flyer below for more information.
- We need ***volunteers to decorate the church for Easter.*** If you are looking for ***service hours*** or a way to help our church, please reach out to Mary Margaret Redmond, (mredmond@sjfschool.net). Thank you for your help!
- Please see the below flyers for ***summer resource support and our recommended tutor list.*** Summer will be here before we know it!
- ***ART CLUB MEMBERS-*** Please sign up ***here*** if you are joining us for our next meeting Thursday, March 30th.
- ***7th & 8th GRADERS:*** Please sign up ***here*** if you can volunteer for Art Club on Thursday, March 30th.
- ***Extended Day:*** Visit ***this link*** to register your child. Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.

Pro Labore Dei Update

- **The next lunch session will be on April 1st at 9:15 a.m. in Kane Hall.** Our needs for are:
 - 6 - 7 loaves of bread
 - paper plates
- We have begun our annual drive for Easter baskets for the people of Robbins, Posen and Blue Island. Each year the recipients are so appreciative. Simple baskets with candy, small toys, hygiene items, coloring books and crayons are always welcome. **The deadline for Easter basket turn in is March 30th.**
- Please note that we still collect meal fixings for these communities on the parking lot from 9:30 to 10 a.m. each Saturday morning. Donations are down throughout the entire city and surrounding areas. Items like cereal, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, desserts are all needed to keep our pantry operational.
- Again, thanks for making the mission so successful and fun! Any questions or concerns contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428).

Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass	<i>4 p.m. on Saturday, 8 & 11 a.m. on Sunday All are welcome!</i>
Monday, March 27th	<i>ETC 3-4 March Madness Minis w/ Mrs. Altman & Mrs. Sefcik ETC 3-4 Science Club w/ Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Ade</i>
Tuesday, March 28th	<i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy</i>
Wednesday, March 29th	<i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy 1 p.m. Dismissal - Faculty & Staff PD</i>
Thursday, March 30th	<i>Art Club 3-4 p.m. *pick up @ the Office Doors</i>
Saturday, April 1st	<i>Father Daughter Dance 6-9 @ Ridge Country Club</i>

Manna Hours:

Mondays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM

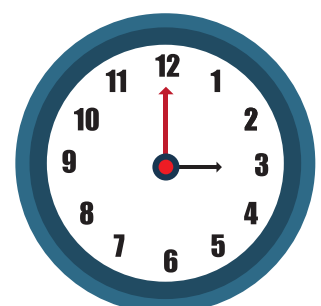
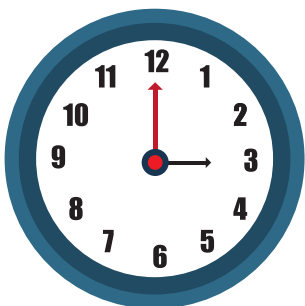
Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Thursdays: 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Fridays: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Saturdays: 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Sundays: 10:30 AM - 11:30 PM





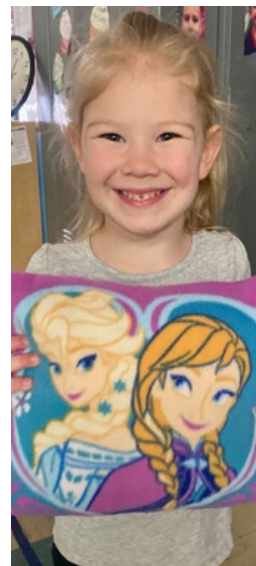
FALCON OF THE WEEK

Danny Mann & Mickey Killeen, 7th 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 seventh graders, Danny Mann and Mickey Killeen.**

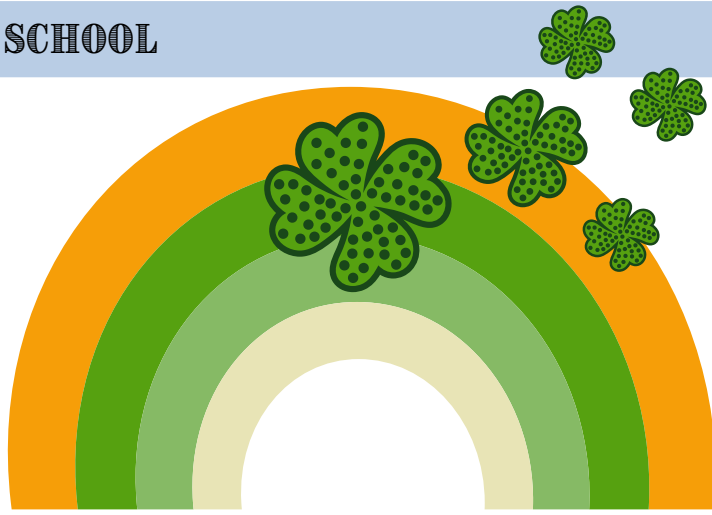
Danny and Mickey are leaders of the seventh grade class and Falcons you can count on for anything! Both Danny and Mickey volunteered during their WYN time for five days in a row to help Mrs. Keller with the Book Fair. Danny and Mickey are intuitive and watch out for their peers and our younger Falcons. Their reassuring and positive demeanors make everyone around them feel important and included. In addition to Danny and Mickey being kind, they are incredibly hard working students and have a great sense of humor. Danny and Mickey are role models not only to our youngest Falcons, but to everyone in the building - adults included! Keep flying like Falcons, Danny and Mickey. You are making a positive difference in our school every single day!



The Book Fair
doesn't end until WE
get the new books!

Thank you for supporting
the book fair so we can buy
new books for GREAT Kids!





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.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

ART CLUB

Members:

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO [THIS LIST](#)
IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING OUR NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH

WE WILL MEET IN KANE HALL.
PICK UP AT THE OFFICE DOORS
@ 4:00PM.

7th & 8th Graders!

PLEASE [SIGN UP HERE](#) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH ART CLUB.

YOU CAN EARN 1 SERVICE HOUR EACH MONTH

St. John Fisher Father Daughter Dance

Cloud 9

6:00 - 9:00pm

Saturday, April 1, 2023

RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

10522 S. CALIFORNIA AVENUE

DJ & Dancing

Dinner & Desserts:

Mini burgers, flat bread pizzas, chicken nuggets,
tater tots, fruit, franks and more!

& More:

*Raffle Baskets & Split the Pot: Bring
your cash for tons of great prizes.

*Bracelet bar hosted by Radiant Relic

*Photo Ops: \$5 for professional photos and
selfie station available

Last Name: _____

Adult Ticket: \$25

Adult Name: _____

Number of Children's

Tickets x \$25 each: _____

Student(s) Names: _____

(Maximum cost per family \$100)

RSVP By March 24th

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Enclose this form, along with cash or check made
payable to FSA, to the office in an envelope labeled "Office: Dance"

FALCON FITNESS

Running Club



***Begins the week of April 17th ***

Calling ALL 3rd-8th Graders!

Join us for the "Couch to 5k" Challenge!



To register your child(ren) please scan here and complete the Google form. More information will follow!



Parent Runner Volunteers:
Scan Here to sign up to help
with practices.

DETAILS:

- Running club will meet **TWICE** a week: **Fridays and Sundays**
- We will meet at Kane Hall doors and run around the perimeter of the school campus.
- Runners will be placed in groups based on grade level: 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
- The **GOAL** is to be able to run a 5k at the end of the 6 weeks!
- The Falcon Fitness Running Club members will sign up to run the Ridge Run 5k on 5/29!



cathaleen.novak@gmail.com

Kerry McNicholas @ 708-525-0705



**Please Join us for the
St. John Fisher FSA Sponsored
Mother Son Outing**

Sunday May 21st at 1:10 P.M.
White Sox vs Kansas City Royals
Tickets are \$31 each and located in Section 151.

Please Email Carrie Erwinski at
carrie726@gmail.com with any questions.

Enclose this form, along with cash or check made payable to FSA, to the office in an envelope labeled "FSA Mother Son White Sox Game". Forms and money are due no later than April 18th.

Adult's Name: _____

Student(s) Names: _____

Number of tickets _____

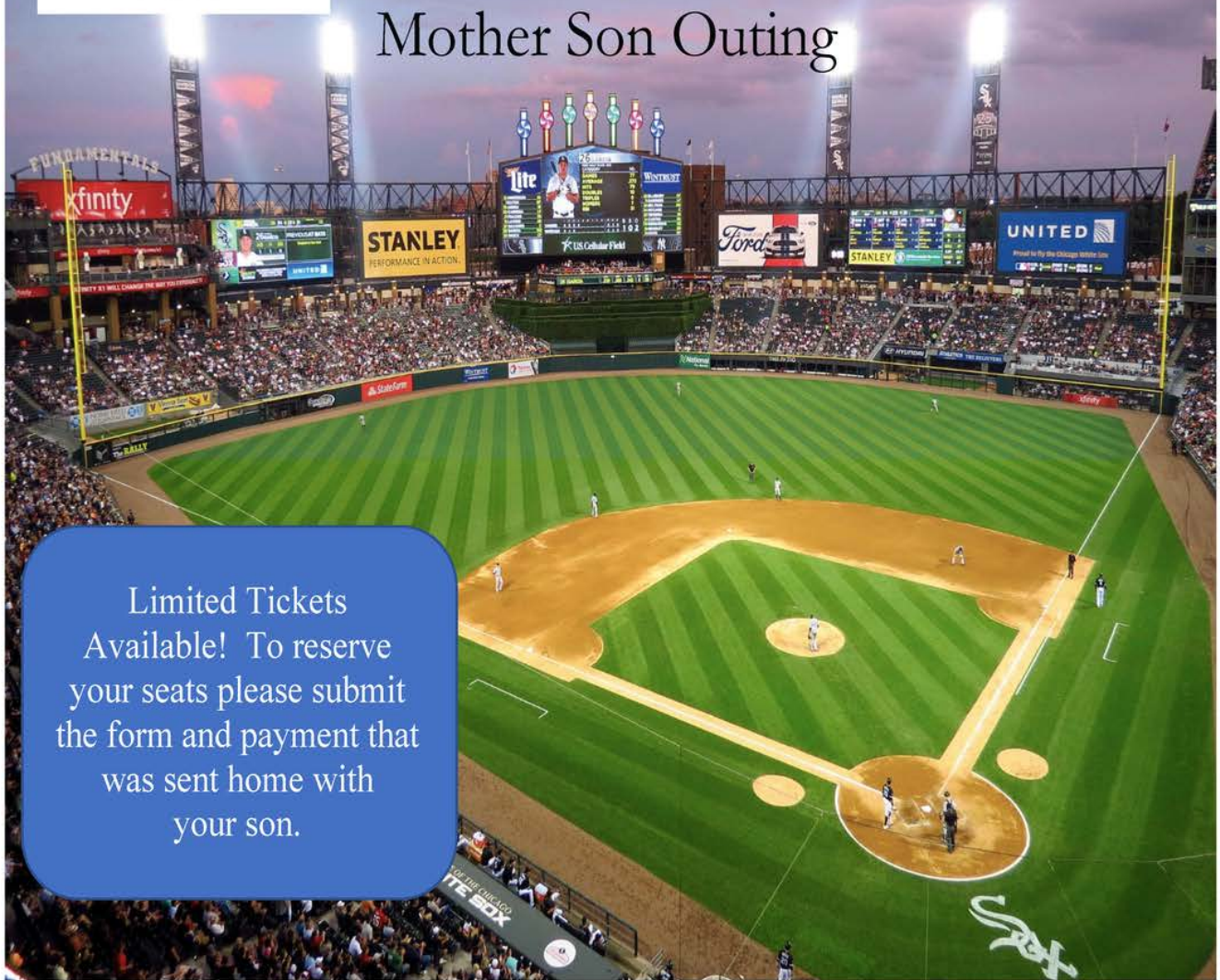
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Limited Tickets
Available! To reserve
your seats please submit
the form and payment that
was sent home with
your son.



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White Sox

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	Jeanneboyleaie@gmail.com	773-616-0792	Spring/Summer	in person	5-8	All subjects, plus executive functioning and study skills
Sally Caulfield	scaulfield@sjschool.us	773-837-6954	Summer	in person	K-4	All subjects
Kristy Condon	kcondon@sjschool.us	708-262-8836	Spring/Summer	both	3-8: high school:	All subjects + HS Placement Test prep English, math, ACT and SAT prep
Colleen Dunlavy	cdunlavy@sjschool.us	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	erin.deering13@gmail.com	708-220-1368	Spring/Summer	both	1-6	English, social studies, reading, writing
Megan Merony	meganmerony@gmail.com	517-449-5356	Spring/Summer	both	K-4 5-6	all subjects math
Meghan Murray	megmurray89@gmail.com	773-710-8584	Spring/Summer	in person	K-4	Certified reading specialist math, reading
Janet Otto	jotto@sjschool.us	773-575-9159	Summer	in person	K-8	Certified Wilson Dyslexia Specialist. Wilson is a phonics-based, structured literacy program.
Julie Schultz	julieharris80@hotmail.com	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	kspornberger@bhsd228.com	708-954-6110	Spring/Summer	both	any grade level	Math

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 or Mrs. Win Biernacki at 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 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

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 (**IS THIS STILL TRUE?**) 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](#) 3rd-6th 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](#)

Vietnam Era Veterans 50th Anniversary Honor Event



St. Cajetan Parish is hosting a Mass and Pinning Ceremony honoring all Vietnam Era veterans on March 29th, 2023, at 7:00pm. We are inviting all Vietnam era veterans to attend this event honoring them and their spouses! The U. S. Congress has designated, and President Biden has signed into law, marking March 29 th as the official 50th Anniversary date of the Vietnam War. In so doing, the Act requests that all veterans who served during this period should be honored and thanked for their service. As part of this honor, Congress has created a Veteran Pin and a Spouse/Family Pin to be presented to all veterans and their spouses and/or family.

In this spirit, Saint Cajetan Parish, in cooperation with the Mendel Alumni Association Veterans Committee, are presenting a Mass and Pinning Ceremony to honor all of our local Vietnam on March 29th at 7:00pm at St. Cajetan Parish Church!!

**Please rsvp by 3/27/23 to: jroccasalva@cajetan.org
Or call 773-474-7800**

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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.



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!



Add Memories

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



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

2 Enter your school's passcode:
1015271802074961

Regular price: **\$27.39**

Create Custom Pages by: Jul 10

Need help? Contact

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



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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!

- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **4.5**
- Spring Break: **4.6 – 4.16** *classes resume **4.17**
- First Holy Communion: **4.29**
- 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: **6.8** - 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

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sjfschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@sjfschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions Medical
- Forms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sjfschool.us

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjfschool.us

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

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

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: jschultz@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

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

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, mcummings@sjfschool.us

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, 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

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com

