



Notes from Mrs. Nash

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St. John Fisher School – Welcome Home Falcons!

August 22, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

The time has finally arrived! The first day of school is this Wednesday, August 24th! The teachers have been working tirelessly the past few weeks to prepare their rooms, minds and hearts for the new school year. We have new curriculum, materials, flexible seating, faculty members and aides, administrative offices, a new concession stand, updated landscaping, and air conditioning in Kane Hall. Most importantly, we have a fully-staffed faculty! Given the fact that there is a national teacher shortage, I am incredibly grateful for the talented and compassionate teachers, aides, specialists and volunteers we have on staff this school year! Now, all we need is our Falcons! [Here is a little "Welcome Back" video lovingly created by Mrs. Corley to get our Falcons pumped up for Wednesday!](#) We cannot wait to welcome our Falcons with open arms; it is going to be our best school year yet! Below are a few reminders for this upcoming week. Here – we – go!

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. **Peace, Love, SJF.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

First Day of School Reminders

- The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 24th** which is an **11:30 dismissal**. *Parents are not allowed in the building on the first day.*
- Our **staggered arrival times** will continue this year in order to ease the morning traffic flow. Students with the last name beginning with letters **A-L should arrive at 7:45 a.m.** and students with the last name beginning with letters **M-Z should arrive at 7:50**. *Students will be considered late at 7:55.*
- **Students should dress in their school uniforms today**. (The new back to school Peace+Love+SJF t-shirts are for Falcon Fridays ONLY!)
- **Door Assignments:**
 - **Preschool Room 107 & 109**, Door #6 under the bridge on the west side
 - **Preschool Room 108, 110 & 112**, Door #7 on the Fairfield side south door across from the convent
 - **Kindergarten**, Door #8 east side of the church foyer, off of the rectory driveway
 - **1st & 2nd Grade**, Door #9 Fairfield entrance, just north of the main church doors
 - **3rd & 4th Grade**, Door #4 Kane Hall entrance
 - **5th & 6th Grade**, Door #3 Library entrance doors off of 102nd Street
 - **7th & 8th Grade**, Door #1 Main Office Doors, 10200 S. Washtenaw

Important Announcements

- **School Supply drop-off for grades preschool – 3rd** is **Tuesday, August 23rd from 4-6 p.m.** All other students should bring their supplies ([list linked here](#)) on the first day of school. Parents can enter Door #9 Fairfield entrance, just north of the main church doors, Door #6, under the bridge on the west side and Door #7 on the Fairfield side south door across from the convent.

- All parents are invited to **chalk the walk** on Tuesday night! The forecast is calling for clear skies and no rain. Please feel free to write your child's name and a message, **using sidewalk chalk**, near their door to welcome them on the first day of school! The students' door assignments are listed above.
- **Parents – please enjoy doughnuts on the lawn** immediately after drop-off Wednesday morning outside of the Main Office Doors in Sr. Jean's Garden.
- **Summer Math and Reading Packets** for **grades 1st – 8th** are [posted here](#). Please make sure your student completes this summer prep work **prior** to the first day of school which is August 24th.
- Please turn in your child's **medical forms (sports physicals, dental, vision) and your family emergency card** that went home in your folder on packet pick-up night.
- If you ordered the back to school **Peace+Love+SJF T-shirt** but did not pick up your order at Packet Pick-up Night, we will send home your order with your child this week. **These t-shirts can be worn on Fridays ONLY with the students' uniform bottoms.**
- **Extended Day** does not begin until Monday, August 29th. This year, Extended Day **ends at 5 p.m.** [Visit this link to register your child.](#)
- **School Uniforms:** Please see pages 15-16 of our Student Handbook [linked here](#). Uniforms can be purchased at Schools' Are Us, 3146 West 111th Street, Chicago 60655.
- The FSA sponsored **roller-skating party** is Thursday, August 25th from 6-8 p.m. in the church parking lot. Don't forget to wear your crazy socks!
- The **parish picnic is Sunday, August 28th** @ 11 a.m. in Beverly Park.
- A huge shout out AGAIN to **Comm-Test Electric and Gorman Construction** for doing a beautiful, flawless job with the Kane Hall air-conditioning installation.
- **THANK YOU Gorman Construction** for our beautiful new concession stand, physical education office, storage room and administrative offices.
- **THANK YOU Gemini Landscaping** for our new mulch and updated landscaping.
- **THANK YOU to all of the VOLUNTEERS** who helped us move furniture, AC units, books, etc. over the summer. You are so very appreciated!
- **SJF Behavior Bootcamp!** Over the summer, a team of faculty members met to create a schoolwide behavior system. More information will be coming, but don't worry if your child tells you they are in boot camp! **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe!**

School Counseling Update

- As I shared in my last email, we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Lordo. We wish them nothing but the best on the next chapter of their journey and are forever grateful for all of the ways in which they helped improve our school. We are currently seeking a full-time counselor for the 2022-2023 school year.
- We are thrilled to welcome **part-time counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz**, in the interim! Mrs. Schultz is originally from the Oak Lawn area. Mrs. Schultz resides with her husband and three school-aged children. She brings over 20 years of experience in elementary education. Mrs. Schultz has extensive experience using individual and group counseling to support students' needs. Working with students to improve their social emotional skills such as conflict resolution, self-esteem, confidence and friendships are her specialties. Mrs. Schultz is passionate about and believes in the importance of a unique tailored approach for each and every student.

Resource & Spanish Update

- Please join me in congratulating two of our outstanding resource teachers who completed their Wilson Reading Training over the summer and are now **Wilson certified teachers: Ms. Mary Schiavone**, Resource Teacher and Reading Interventionist for grades k-3 and **Mrs. Janet Otto**, Resource Teacher and Reading Interventionist for grades 4-8. We are so lucky to have you on staff!
- This year students in grades **kindergarten – 8th** will have **Spanish as a weekly special in our new Spanish Classroom!**



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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!

- School Supply Drop-off: **8.23** (*for students in grades pre-k – 3 ONLY*)
- First Day of School: **8.24** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Back to School Open House: **8.30** ~ 7-8 p.m.
- Labor Day – No School: **9.5**
- School Picture Day: **10.4**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.5, 10.6**
- No School: **10.7**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.10**
- School Picture Make-up Day: **11.17**
- **11.23** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.27** *classes resume **11.28**
- **12.21** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.4** *classes resume **1.5**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.16**
- Graduation Picture Day: **2.8**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.16**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **2.17**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.20**
- No School: **3.13**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **3.24**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **4.5**
- Spring Break: **4.6 – 4.16** *classes resume **4.17**
- First Holy Communion: **4.29**
- 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

*1 p.m. dismissals are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **September 28th, October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**

A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the **unique gifts** of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with **fresh enthusiasm** and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your **enduring love**, give them **confidence and grace**, and equip them with the ability to **persevere** through trials. Bless their teachers with **wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve**, as they embark on the journey together!

Amen!





2022-2023 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

- 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
- Hot Lunch

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

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: echemak@sjfschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sjfschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- Counseling

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

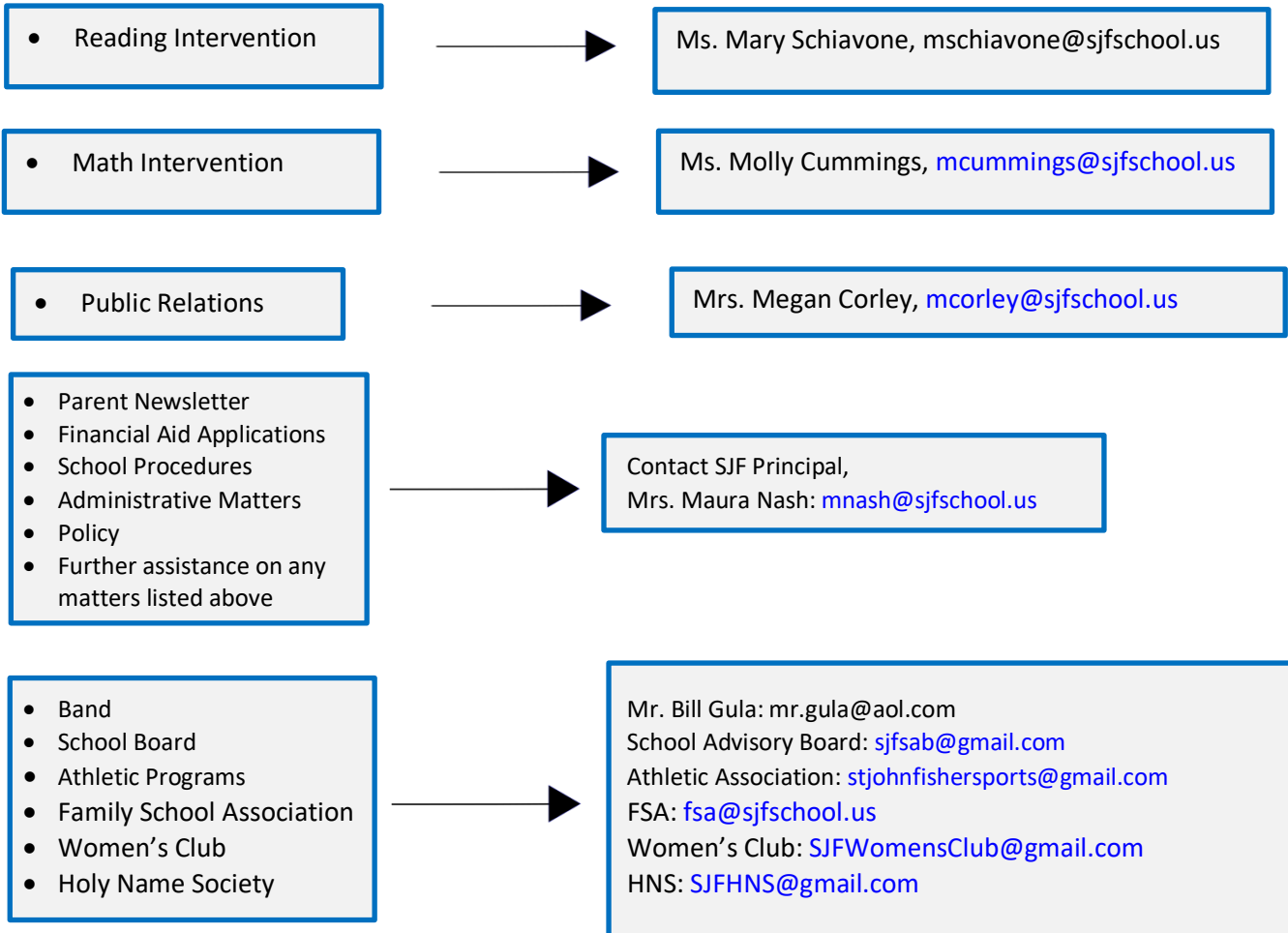
- Student Accommodation Plans

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



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If you have a question or concern...





Please join us for Doughnuts and Coffee

When: After drop off on the first day of
school (August 24)

Where: Outside the Main Office

Who: All Falcon Parents



Hosted by: FSA, Olivia Ansier, Becky Rusch, and Missy Scieszka

"Socks and Skates" Party



Thursday, August 25th

6:00 - 8:00 PM

St. John Fisher Parking Lot

Wear your crazy socks!

Food and snacks will be available to purchase.



Roller skates, roller blades and scooters are welcome.

NO BIKES ALLOWED!

All proceeds will benefit SJF FSA


ST. John Fisher

Parish

Faith • Family • Food

PICNIC

Beverly Park

A colorful illustration of a picnic scene. In the foreground, a picnic table with a red and white checkered tablecloth is set with various items like a water bottle, fruit, and a burger. To the right, a red charcoal grill is open. The background features a wooden fence, green trees, and a blue sky with a few balloons (one light blue, one yellow).

Celebrate Back to School
with mass in the park!

AUGUST 28 TH • 11:00 AM MASS

Food served until 2:30 pm
Raffle Prizes, Bounce House, Face Painter

St John Fisher Men's Club Father-Son Sox Game



Limited Tickets Available!
To Reserve your seats
E-Mail your Name, Ticket
quantity and if you will be
riding bus to
HNSeventRSVP@gmail.com



White Sox vs.
Detroit Tigers

Sunday September 25th

Noon: Bus Departs from SJF parking lot (beer included)

1:10pm: First Pitch

20 Min. after Final Out: Bus Departs Bus Lot A for SJF

Game Ticket: \$30

Bus and Game Ticket: \$45

ST JOHN FISHER PRESENTS



OKTOBERBEER FEST

\$30 PRESALE

\$35 AT THE DOOR

The Ron Burgundy
Yacht Rock and other 'softcore' Rock

SECONDHAND NEWS

CHICAGO'S FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

*Beverly
Country
Club*



MUSIC

FOOD

BEER

**21
OCT
5-11PM**

Whittingham Meats, Horse Thief & Open Outcry
Oktoberfest Beers, Lederhosen, Bavarian Pretzels,
90+ Seasonal Wines

LOCATED IN ST. JOHN FISHER PARKING LOT



St. John Fisher FSA PIZZA SETUP Fundraiser



Support SJF FSA & Shop Local!

Must be redeemed at 3804 W. 111th Street location

DUE: Friday, September 9th (cash or check to SJF FSA)

Family Name: _____ **Contact # (if needed)** _____

Please send home with: _____ **Teacher/Room#** _____

12" thin (3 pizzas)	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	Cheese \$15 each		Sausage \$20 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)		Pepperoni \$20 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)		Total \$
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7" thin (10 pizzas)	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	Cheese \$18 each		Sausage \$22 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)		Pepperoni \$22 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)		Total \$
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10" gluten free (3 pizzas)	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	Cheese \$20 each		Sausage \$23 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)		Pepperoni \$23 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)		Total \$
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Contact Erica Cahill with any questions: ericacahill@gmail.com Total amount \$ _____