



Notes from Mrs. Nash

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St. John Fisher School

August 27, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

The building has come alive again with all of your wonderful children! We are so privileged to be learning together without the limitations and restrictions of last year. This week we spent time discussing how fortunate we are for the many blessings in our life. No surprise that air conditioning remains at the top of everyone's list this week as we beat the 90 + degree heat! A huge shout out to Comm-Test Electric and Gorman Construction for doing a beautiful, flawless job with the installation process. I also cannot thank all of the volunteers and summer help enough who lugged the 200-pound AC units into every classroom, especially up to the second floor. Our Falcons are feeling happy and comfortable to be back thanks to all of you! We look forward to all of the fun events, new experiences, and new opportunities that this school year brings. The future is bright!

Now more than ever, is a great time to be a Falcon! We are so grateful for our 300+ SJF Families. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

School Reminders

- 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**. Please do your best to adhere to these times. *Students will be considered late at 7:55.*
- **Door Assignments:**
 - **Preschool Room 107 & 109**, Door #6 under the bridge on the west side
 - **Preschool Room 108 & 110**, 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

- **Edukit** – for those of you who purchased your student's school supplies through Edukit, your order has been cancelled. We are so sorry for this inconvenience. Edukit has reached out to all families via e-mail and will be providing a full refund within the next 14 days. In the meantime, as you acquire your student's supplies, we will continue to accommodate your student to the best of our ability.
- **Extended Day** begins next week! If you plan on using our Extended Day program before or after school, please [sign up here](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjsfschool.us.
- The **Roller-Skating party** has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, August 31st from 6-8**. See you then!
- **Masks** – parents please help us by **making sure your child has a mask each day**. Students need to arrive each day with their own mask. Thank you for your cooperation!

- **Falcon Spirit-wear Fridays!** Students are able to wear any Falcon spirit-wear tops on Fridays with their uniform bottoms.
- This year *we will return to our* **regular Wednesday schedule** and dismiss at 2:55 for grades pre-k – 8 with the exception of 1:00 dismissals on: **November 3rd, December 1st, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, and May 4th** for faculty and staff professional development and PLC work.
- The FSA is looking for **room parents** to assist with communication to your child's class and facilitate different activities throughout the school year. If you are able to share your time with us in this capacity, [please sign up here](#). Thank you!
- The **Parish Picnic is back!** We can't wait to see you all on **Sunday, August 29th**. Please see the flyer below for more information.
- This year, **SJF Staff and Faculty has transitioned to gmail**. [Click here for a directory](#) of all updated e-mail addresses.
- **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.
- **LICE:** A few cases of lice have been reported to school recently. Please carefully check your child's head prior to the start of school. Thank you!

COVID

We are in this together...thank you for your cooperation!

- SJF continues to follow the masking policy while in-doors. Our students also wash and sanitize their hands frequently throughout the day. The Falcons utilize the hand-sanitizing stations that are located every 30 feet throughout the building and sanitize their hands before they enter and exit their classrooms, before and after lunch and snack, and in between transitional times throughout the day.
- Please review the most recent communication from the archdiocese [linked here](#). These guidelines will be reviewed every two weeks and are subject to change.
- A few details to highlight:
 - All symptomatic individuals must remain home, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If symptoms last longer than 24 hours, individuals must receive a negative COVID-19 test or alternative medical diagnosis prior to returning to school.
 - Masks are required for all students and staff indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Employment Opportunities at SJF

- SJF is seeking a **full-time Maintenance person** to join our team! Maintenance staff is responsible for daily repair tasks, identifying building needs and improvements, projecting necessary resources, providing oversight for minor construction projects, and capital improvement projects. Maintenance hours are 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Interested candidates should e-mail Maura Nash, mnash@sjfschool.us.

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Manna Update

Manna Update: Manna orders made through the shop with scrip website or raise right app can be sent home from School with students for school families that choose this method. A few requirements:

1. PLEASE SUBMIT: [Manna Waiver Form](#) - Agreement for Gift Cards to be sent home thru School. Submitted this form will signal to the Manna team that you'd like ALL orders to be sent home from school.
2. Use www.shopwithscrip.com or [Raise Right App](#).
3. Place order by **10 AM on Sundays** and gift cards will be sent home on **THURSDAYS**. If you miss that deadline, your order will be sent home the following Thursday.
4. Note: if this is the method you choose, all orders submitted and paid for will be delivered this way. If you decide to revert back to picking up your orders at the convent, please email sjfmanna@gmail.com to be removed from the "Send Home" list. You are still welcome to stop in at the Convent to order gift cards in stock during [open hours](#).
5. Tip: Use Reminders on shopwithscrip site under "Dashboard – Account Settings – Reminders." You can set up a Shopping Cart with regular orders to easily submit with a few clicks.

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Pro Labore Dei

PRO LABORE DEI SATURDAY SANDWICH MAKING will take place on **Saturday, September 11th from 9-10am**. We are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to make sandwiches and drive the lunches to Posen. We are also asking for donations of supplies listed below that can be dropped at the Rectory before the 11th.

- 12 loaves of bread
- 3-4 large jars of Mayo
- 6 large heads of iceberg lettuce
- 15 tomatoes
- 100 individual bags of chips
- 100 individually wrapped treats
- 4 cases of water
- paper towels
- paper plates

Please consider joining us or donating if you can. You are all always so wonderful and generous! We will still collect groceries in the SJF parking lot every Saturday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. until further notice. If you have any questions at all please call **Pam O'Mara, 773-612-0281** or **Jerry and Pat Hayes, 773-203-7881**.

2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



*Below is a list of important dates for the 2021-2022 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a more “normal” school year ahead!

- First Day of School: **8.25** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Labor Day – No School: **9.6**
- All-Staff Professional Development (no classes): **9.24**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.6, 10.7**
- No School: **10.8**
- Columbus Day – No School: **10.11**
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.28** *classes resume **11.29**
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.5** *classes resume **1.6**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.17**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17**
- President’s Day Break: **2.18 – 2.21** *classes resume **2.22**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.14**
- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24** *classes resume **4.25**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8th Grade Classes: **6.1**
- Last Day of School: **6.8** ~ 10:30 dismissal

***Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled earlier next year** with the intent to make a formal connection with parents weeks before the first marking period in an effort to partner and support students’ needs sooner and PRIOR to the end of the first trimester.

***1 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings and PLC work: **November 3rd, December 1st, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th.**

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2021-2022 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@sifschool.us

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sifschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Kate Spadoni: kspadoni@sifschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms

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

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sifschool.us

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

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

- Counseling, pre-k – 4th

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Lauren Lordo: llordo@sifschool.us

- Counseling, 5th – 8th
- iReady

SJF Counselor and Assistant Principal, Student Support
Mrs. Nichole Carey: ncarey@sifschool.us

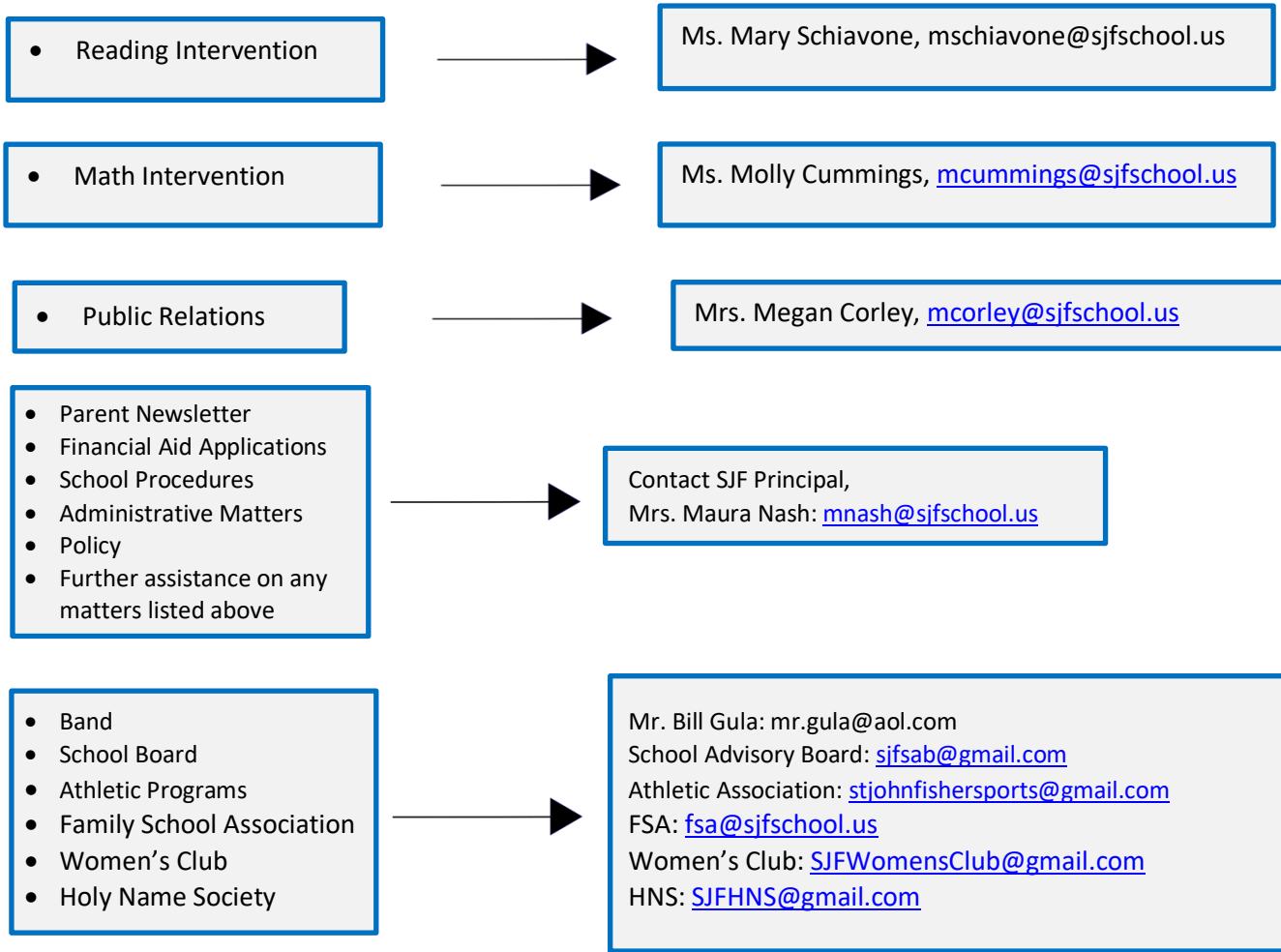
- Student Accommodation Plans

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



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If you have a question or concern...



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Beverly Park



CELEBRATE BACK TO SCHOOL WITH MASS IN THE PARK.

AUGUST 29TH • 11:00 AM MASS

Stay for some Food & Football!

A SJF Tradition - Blue/Gray Football Scrimmages

1:00 pm - 4th Grade

2:00 pm - 5th & 6th Grade

3:00 pm - 7th & 8th Grade

FUTURE FALCON CHEER CAMP

Friday, September 10, 2021 3pm-5:30pm
(Additional practice will be held Wednesday Sept. 15th, at 4pm).
(please meet outside the main entrance)

Kindergarten – 4th grade

St. John Fisher School

\$25

Come and train to be a Future Falcon Cheerleader. The girls will learn a cheer and a dance routine to be performed the day of homecoming at Beverly Park on Saturday, September 18th (more info to follow). The fee includes a Cheer Camp t-shirt to be worn on game day. Please have them wear comfortable clothing and gym shoes. They also need to bring a snack and water bottle. Please fill out the attached form and return to school marked *Future Falcon Cheer Camp*. Please make checks payable to SJF athletic club or send money via zelle/venmo (Mark as Future Falcons). Forms are due by Friday, September 3rd. Due to the short time between camp and homecoming we cannot accept any late registrations, we need to get the shirt order in earlier than usual. If you have any questions please feel free to email Katy

Collins at kkcollins27@yahoo.com

Zelle: sjfaatreasurer@gmail.com

Venmo: SJFAA Treasurer (SJFAA-Treasurer)

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Grade:

Phone: cell/home:

Parents Names:

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Class Information

School Name: St. John Fisher School

Dates: 09/20, 09/27, 10/04, 10/18, 10/25
11/01, 11/08, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29

No Class on: 10/11

Class Day and Time: Mondays at 3:00-4:00PM

Total # of Classes: 10

Price: \$200 Location: TBA

Child Information

Student name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher name: _____

Emergency Contact person: _____

Phone No.: _____

E-mail: _____

Pick up by: Parent Aftercare

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