



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

Though it was a short week, we were not short on learning or fun! Our 8th graders led us in our first All-School Mass of the school year. They did a tremendous job! We are motivated and inspired by their positivity, creativity, intelligence and sense of humor! We also completed our first iReady Diagnostic. We are beaming with pride at all our Falcons have accomplished so far this year.

Please save the date for our upcoming Parent Night. On September 21st at 7 p.m., please join us (adults only!) to hear a representative from the FBI speak to us regarding the importance of our children's safety with technology. We believe this will be a very helpful and informative evening for all! It takes a village to raise good kids and we are so grateful to be in this village together with you!

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. **You Belong Here.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- Our first **School Advisory Board meeting is this Tuesday, 9.12 @ 7 p.m. in Kane Hall.** This first meeting is a great one to listen in on to see how the School Board supports the school's goals. The focus of the meeting is setting goals and assigning committees for this school year. All are welcome.
- **Forgotten Items:** In an effort to emphasize this month's trait of the month, Responsibility, SJF can no longer accept forgotten assignments, supplies or Chromebooks before school. SJF will accept medication, lunches and water bottles.
- We have school on September 22nd. There seemed to be some confusion regarding this date, but we do have school on September 22nd.

- **Medical Forms:** Please fill out and return the medicine authorization form as well as any medicine you would want your child to take at school (Motrin, Tylenol). Please turn in your dental, vision and physical forms as well. Thank you!
- **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. We close @ 5 p.m. again this year.
- **Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade** should dress in their school uniforms every day. No SJF hoodies or spirit wear are allowed Monday - Thursday. Please see pages 15-16 of our Student Handbook linked here. Students can wear shorts until October 1st.
- **Falcon Fridays continue this year!** Students can wear Falcon spirit-wear t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies with their uniform bottoms on Falcon Fridays! (The You Belong Here t-shirts are for Falcon Fridays ONLY).
- **Band Practice will be on Friday mornings this year.** If your child is in the band, please be on the lookout for communication from Mr. Gula.
- **SJF's Homecoming** is Saturday, 9.23.
- **Octoberfest** is BAAAACCKK! **Save the day for 10.21.** See the below flyer for more detail!

Holy Name Society

- September 30th is our **2nd Annual Father-Son Sox Game**. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Pro Labore Dei

- The **past Saturday's lunch making was just incredible!** Thank you to all the students who volunteered their time. There was a perfect amount of students joining other community volunteers.
- The **next lunch making is Saturday, 10.7 @ 9:15** in the rectory basement. Please join us.
- We still collect for the PLD pantry every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on the parking lot.
- For questions or concerns please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881)

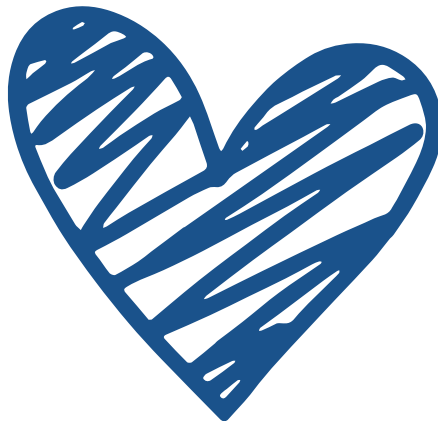


Just say hi!



Looking Ahead

Saturday, September 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. • 4 p.m. Mass All are welcome! 
Sunday, September 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. on Sunday • <i>11 a.m. is Grandparent/Special Person Mass</i>
Monday, September 11th	 <p>Never Forget</p>
Tuesday, September 12th	School Advisory Board Meeting, 7p.m. in Kane Hall
Wednesday, September 13th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.
Thursday, September 14th	
Friday, September 15th	Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your favorite spirtwear with your uniform bottoms!



SJF



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.**

JOIN US



ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

GRANDPARENT
MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

11:00am



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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

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

- Book Day & Packet Pick-up in Kane Hall: **8.17** ~ 5-7 p.m.
- School Supply Drop-off: **8.22** (*for students in grades pre-k – 3 ONLY*) ~ 4-6 p.m.
- First Day of School: **8.23** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Back to School Mass & Parish Picnic at Beverly Park: **8.27** ~ 11 a.m.
- Back to School Open House: **8.29** ~ 7-8 p.m.
- Labor Day – No School: **9.4**
- School Picture Day: **9.19**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.4, 10.5**
- No School: **10.6**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.9**
- Picture Day Make-up: **11.1**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **11.6**
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.22 – 11.26** *classes resume **11.27**
- **12.22** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.7** *classes resume **1.8**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.15**
- Graduation Pictures: **1.23**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass: **1.28**
- Confirmation: **2.10** ~ 11 a.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.15**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **2.16**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.19**
- First Reconciliation: **2.27 & 2.28**
- All-Staff Professional Development and Planning Day: **3.4**
- Graduation Picture Make-up: **3.5**
- All-Staff Religious Professional Development – No School: **3.27**
- Spring Break: **3.28 – 4.7** *classes resume **4.8**
- 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**, 10:45 a.m. “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.2** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.6** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **September 27th, October 25th, November 29th, January 31st, February 28th, March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**









St. John Fisher Men's Club
2nd Annual Father-Son Sox Game

Saturday September 30th 6:10pm

White Sox vs. Padres

4:45pm: Buses Depart SJF at (Beer/Water Included)

6:10: First Pitch

20 Minutes after Last Pitch: Buses Depart Bus Lot A

Game Tickets \$35 | Bus and Game Ticket \$50

**Limited Tickets Available! Email your Name, Ticket
Quantity, and if you will be riding the bus to
HNSeventRSVP@gmail.com**



The
Fisher Falcon
Education
Foundation
Presents:

Live Music



*Legendary
Musical Acts
Feat.*

*Anthony
Massaro*

Roundhouser

Oktoberfest

Saturday 10/21

@ St. John Fisher

6-11p



SJFOktoberfest.givesmart.com

BYOB



Tickets

\$35 Pre-Sale

\$40 at the Door

21+

EVENT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF LIVE MUSIC AND FUN.

- Food Truck
- NCAA Game of the week streaming
- Raffles



 SCAN ME



Save the Date

Service Day 2023
October 14th 2023

Small Groups will participate in service opportunities at 9 community locations. Watch the bulletin and parish websites for details!

Questions? Contact:

Dan Roth (CK) danieljroth9222@gmail.com

Karen Rugai Moran (SB) krugai@r4services.com

Kim Kiely (SC) k_kiely@comcast.net/815 600-3712

Jennifer Serpe (SJF) jserpe25@sbcglobal.net/773-575-7227

SSPPR SERVING OTHERS!

MANNA



How it works:

1

You buy gift certificates and shop with them. Hundreds of retail establishments available.

2

The store/brand/restaurant gives a percentage of the card value to SJF (2-14%). NO COST TO YOU!

3

You get 60% of the store rebate credited to your tuition at SJF, high school or college.

4

SJF gets 40% of the store rebate towards meeting operational costs.

Option 1: purchase physical cards, eCertificates or reloadable gift cards WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR HOME.



Online (via website or app) Go to www.raiseright.com or download the Raise Right mobile app

1. Complete the quick sign-up form either on RaiseRight.com or mobile app. Email sjfmanna@gmail.com for SJF Enrollment Number. Complete SJF [registration form](#).

2. Select "Join a Program"

3. Enter your organization's unique enrollment code to tie your earnings to your organization (Email sjfmanna@gmail.com for the code).

4. Complete the fields to create your account

5. Enter and verify your phone number for 2-step verification (2-step verification protects your account if you forget your password or someone is using your account without your permission)

6. Set Up Online Payment

Option 2: “Cash and Carry Program”: Stop by during open hours to buy local and national gift certificates.

Time:

Manna Hours:

Wednesdays: 6-7 PM

Saturdays 8:30-9:30

Location:

MANNA Sales Hours at the Convent *(Corner of 102nd and Fairfield).*

Email sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions.

Other Instructions:

- Fill Out [Registration form](#) so we can properly link all earnings to our account and choose delivery method.
- Email sjfmanna@gmail.com for SJF Enrollment Number for the app.
- Orders placed on the app for physical cards (Local and National) can be picked up during Manna hours or sent home with your child during the school year.
- Place order on the Raise Right App by **10 AM on Sundays** and gift cards will be ready to be picked up starting Wednesday evening at 6.
- Note: Grandparents or other family members or neighbors can use the Raise Right App and earn for you. Ask the manna team how to get that set up. Many families earn more by having family members order Christmas gift cards through the app.

Our Goal:

- Manna has historically been SJF's #1 School Fundraiser. Tuition alone does not cover the school's expenses. SJF proceeds from Manna help to make up the difference between operating costs and tuition. Participation is necessary and appreciated to balance school budget and maintain competitive tuition rates.
- Each family doing their part and meeting their requirement will raise \$100,000 annually for the school and will directly benefit the students of SJF.
- The school fundraising requirement per family is to raise \$300 FOR THE SCHOOL through manna sales. Meeting this requirement would result in about a \$450 tuition credit for you each year.
- Any shortage to the min \$300 Manna contribution will be billed to the school family by May 15th in FACTS.
- Parishioners can donate the full rebate to SJF School. Ask how!



The convenience of gift card fundraising

It's easy—and it works. By using gift cards to pay for everyday purchases, each individual can earn \$1,000 or more each year. No selling. No extra time. No extra money.

Gift cards that give back



BUY A GIFT CARD

Buy a \$100 Gap eGift card from RaiseRight, with 14% earnings. Pay with your bank account or credit card.



USE IT INSTANTLY

Your \$100 eGift card is delivered to your online "Wallet" instantly, ready to use or save for later.



EARN AUTOMATICALLY

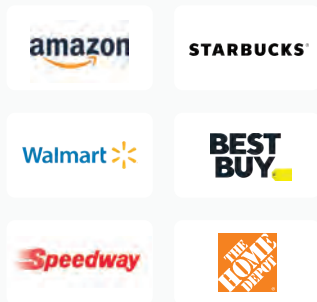
You automatically earned \$14 for your fundraising account. Way to go!



THANKS, GAP!

Your earnings come from the brand, so no extra money out of your pocket.

Hundreds of brands, hundreds of ways to earn



Watch the earnings add up

Expense Category	Monthly Budget*	RaiseRight Earnings Avg	RaiseRight Annual Earnings
Groceries	\$400	4%	\$192
Gasoline	\$300	3%	\$108
Dining Out	\$250	10%	\$300
Entertainment	\$200	8%	\$192
Clothing	\$250	8%	\$240
Home Improvement	\$100	4%	\$48
		Total	\$1,080

*Based on average spend for a household family of 4

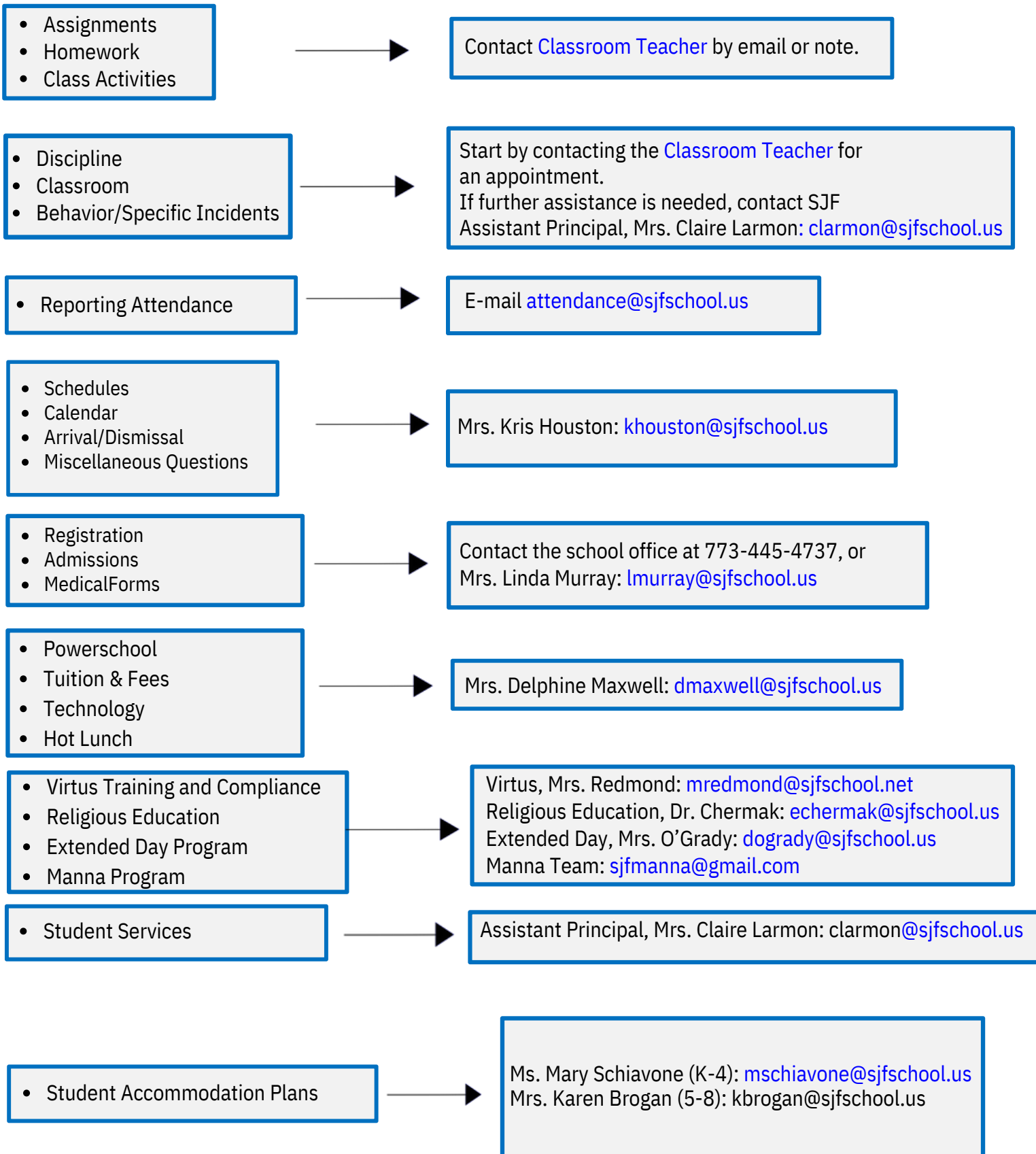


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2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...



(more information on the back page)



2023-2024 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

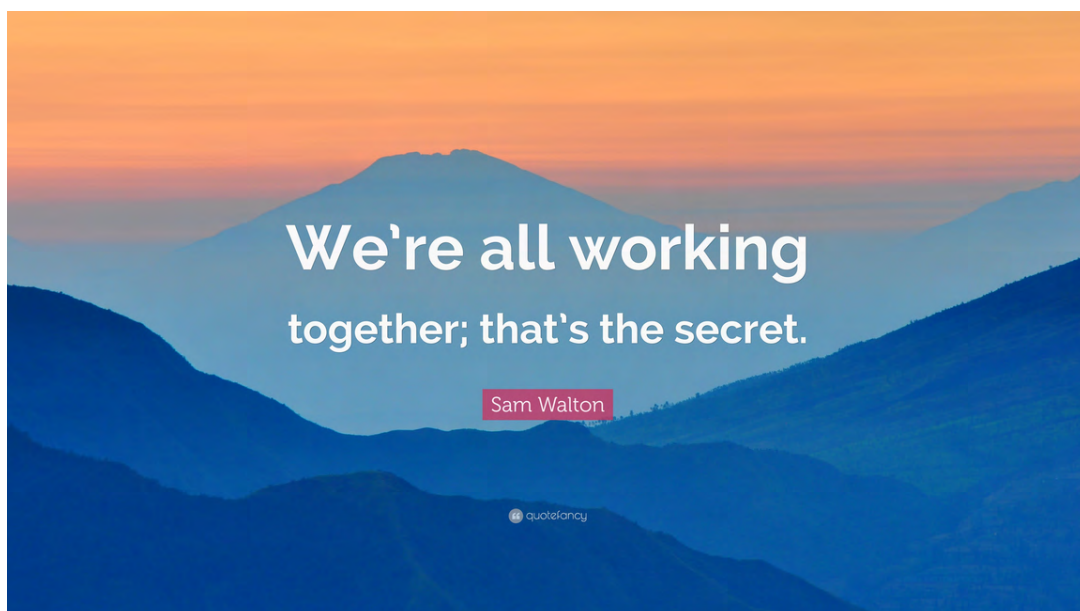
Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- 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



A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

AMEN

YOU

BELONG

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