

SUMMER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MEMO
Everything You Want to Know
Week of August 30, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

We are back! Our faculty and staff inservice week is well underway. Yesterday we gathered at Mass, followed by a faith formation activity led by Deacon Scott. It was a great way to “Reignite our spirituality” as we head into the school year. In addition to building our faith, we also spent time preparing for the school year. From decorating classrooms and learning cleaning/safety protocols to having team meetings to work out schedules and duties, all are working towards the big first day with our students next week.

St. John Fisher School will be practicing many mitigating protocols to help stop the spread of the new Delta variant and to keep our communities healthy. Our priority is to serve students safely in our classrooms and to keep students, faculty and staff healthy. One tool to stop the spread of COVID-19 is vaccination. Now that the Pfizer vaccine is fully approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the State of Oregon is requiring all school staff and volunteers, including private school staff and volunteers, to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 18. Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland will comply with the vaccine mandated by [OHA 333-019-1030](#). If you plan to volunteer in the classrooms, at lunch or recess, with CYO or in other ways, we will require that you submit a copy of your vaccination card for our records to Mrs. Michele Wasman at mwasman@sjfschool.org. If you have any questions and/or are seeking a medical and/or religious exemption, please contact me directly at mholub@sjfschool.org.

Thanks for your continued support and we are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Tuesday 9/7: GR 1-8 First Day of School (**Free Dress**)

Tuesday-Thursday 9/7-9/9: Kindergarten Slow Start Days

Wednesday 9/8: 1pm School Mass, 2pm Dismissal, 6pm New Family Orientation

Friday 9/10: Kindergarten 1st Day of School, Back to School Coffee and Uniform Sale after drop off

Sunday 9/12: Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) begins (9am Mass)

Tuesday 9/14: 5:30pm School Advisory Council (SAC) Mtg

Wednesday 9/15: 1pm School Mass (led by 8th grade), 2pm Dismissal

Thursday 9/16: High School Presentations for 7th and 8th grade, 5:30pm PTC Executive Mtg, 7pm Men’s Club Mtg

Saturday 9/18: 5:30pm Back to School BBQ

PLAYGROUND DUTY SCHEDULE

Tuesday 9/7: **Bachleder**

Wednesday 9/8: **Patankar**

Thursday 9/9: Currie
Friday 9/10: Schmidt

Monday 9/13: Fender
Tuesday 9/14: McClaskey
Wednesday 9/15: Montang
Thursday 9/16: Rodgers
Friday 9/17: Foreman

The playground duty calendar for the balance of September 2021 is attached. Please check to see if your family is scheduled this month. Playground duty is from 11:25-1:00. Check in at the school office and then head to the Corrado Family Center! Thank you for helping our students in the lunchroom and on the playground.

NEW SCHOOL INFORMATION SYSTEM

St. John Fisher is adopting a new school information system starting with the 21-22 school year. **We are moving from SchoolSpeak to FACTS, the same company that manages our tuition collection.** The transition to the FACTS system continues, and SJF will provide access information to families as it becomes available.

VOLUNTEERING AT SJF IN THE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR

We will have parent volunteers on campus in the coming school year! Since this was not an option for last school year, here is a review of the volunteer requirements :

NEW Volunteers - First Year Service Requirements

1. Clear Background Check
2. Signed Standards of Conduct Form
3. CASE (Creating A Safe Environment) Group Training

ONGOING Volunteers - Continuing Their Service with Minors

1. Academy Yearly Update completed online. *"It Happened to Me"* is the assigned course for the 21-22 school year

This information is all summarized on the attached flyer from the Archdiocese.

CASE TRAINING AT ST. JOHN FISHER

We will host CASE training at SJF for parent volunteers and coaches on Friday, Sept. 24 at 8:30am and 1:30pm (right after morning dropoff/right before afternoon pickup in the Corrado Family Center), and on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 5pm (before K-4 Back to School Night in the old school cafeteria). Each session lasts approximately 90 minutes. Advance registration is not required, but be sure to sign the attendance sheet at the session you attend.

SJF GLEE CLUB

Glee Club is open to students in grades 3-8. The Glee Club sings during the weekly school Mass and performs throughout the year at various assemblies, school events, and may also perform at community venues. Rehearsals will be in the Corrado Center music room, Wednesday & Thursday mornings from 7:30 - 8:00, beginning September 15th. Permission slips

can be picked up from Mr. Vecchione the first week of school and must be returned by the first practice.

M.U.S.E. BAND

The M.U.S.E. Band program will be offering Band for 6-7-8th graders during their rotating block class time on Tuesdays. Mr. Allard is hoping to attract middle school students to band using this opportune time. He will also be teaching Band for 4th and 5th graders on Thursdays right after school from 3:10-4:00

Please consider this wonderful opportunity for your child. Mr. Allard is the director of M.U.S.E and is excited to be back again this year for in person learning. Class sizes are limited so if you would like to be a part of this, please go the M.U.S.E. website for information and registration at www.museband.com . You can also contact him at 503-296-7713 or bryant@museband.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Good News: **Children's Liturgy of the Word** (CLOW) will begin again for the coming school year during the 9am Sunday Masses beginning on September 12, 2021. We are seeking parent volunteers to sign up to assist for one or more Sunday classes throughout the year. For each Sunday served, your family will receive one family volunteer hour. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Maura Timoney-DeVile at the parish office (mtimoneydeville@johnfisher.org) or Erica Benthin, the new CLOW coordinator directly: Erica Benthin erica.e.benthin@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION PREP AT SJF

We are currently seeking a volunteer to support this year's confirmation preparation program. If you feel you could support leading some of the preparation classes beginning in mid-September, please reach out to Maura Timoney-DeVile (mtimoneydeville@johnfisher.org).

Volunteers would be provided with all necessary materials and other relevant information.