



# MEET THE EXTENDED DAY STAFF

At JFK, our Extended Day Program is more than just childcare, it's an extension of our commitment to faith, learning, and community. Our dedicated and caring staff create a safe, welcoming, and enriching environment where students can grow socially, emotionally, and spiritually outside of regular school hours.

Each member of our team is passionate about working with children and upholding the values of our Catholic faith. Whether helping with homework, leading creative activities, or simply being a supportive presence, our staff members are here to ensure every child feels valued and cared for.

We invite you to get to know the incredible individuals who make our Extended Day program a warm and engaging place for our students!

## HEATHER SCANLON EXTENDED DAY MANAGER

Heather Scanlon is back to After Care for her 13th year, being a part of the JFK family for 18 years, and having her 3 children all graduate from JFK. She has worked with children and families ranging from early childhood to teenagers for over 20 years including at Bright Start Learning Center, Kindercare, Point Park, and Pennsylvania Parent to Parent. Included in the number of reasons why JFK After Care is one of her favorite places is she treasures watching the bonding that happens between the younger students and the "tweens". She sees a nurturing side in our middle schoolers, and sees them extend outside their own comfort zone when interacting, playing and conversing with the younger children and the joy with how they surprise even themselves. "Miss Heather" appreciates being able to accommodate that parents can keep working and their children from JFK can still join and participate in many sports and clubs even though their parents have to work since After Care is able to help facilitate on campus practices after school. "Miss Heather" also loves working with families. She has had a busy summer continuing to work in the JFK school office, lots of extra family time, celebrations, volunteering, wood working, and memory making.

## MISS MARY LOU MORNING CARE



My daughter began in 3-Year-Old Preschool at JFK in 1993, and I joined the PTG the following year in 1994. I started working as a preschool aide in 1998 and continued in that role until my retirement in 2021. Somewhere along the way, I also began working with morning care—and I'm still happily doing that today. I'll let you do the math!

JFK has always felt like a second family to us. I'm deeply grateful for the staff, the families, and most of all, the students who have brought so much joy to my life over the years. These days, I enjoy spending time with my granddaughter, my family, and my friends. I'm active in our parish and love volunteering both there and at special events throughout the year.

I've been an active member of the PTG and a proud part of the JFK community since 2019. Originally from Johnstown, I'm a product of twelve years of Catholic education. My husband John, a JFK alumnus, and I are parishioners at St. James Parish. We have three beautiful children—Dominic, Ava, and Sophia.

In my spare time, I work as a medical laboratory scientist and love going on new adventures with my family. One of my favorite parts of helping with After Care is getting to know so many wonderful JFK families and spending time with all the amazing kids. I'm looking forward to another wonderful school year!



Miss Amy

"A safe harbor before & after school, where learning and fun go hand-in-hand."

Sign up link



Mrs. Butterfield  
After Care

We are happy to announce Mrs. Clara Butterfield is returning to After Care for her 28th year loving our JFK students. Mrs. Butterfield has been working with children for decades including at the Bronson House, Easter Seals, teaching at St. Hilary School (just to name a few) before coming to JFK to teach and care for our children all these years. Her wisdom, insight, and loving care for each individual child is easily felt by our students. "I don't like to teach- I love to teach!" is her quote she lives by. This long time parishioner of St. Hillary and now St. James parish continues to keep up with her 3 children, her grown 3 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren who call her "Nooni". She has kept busy this summer as she does all year long, reading her novels, doing crosswords, playing cards and bingo with friends, and praying her morning rosary everyday. We are so blessed to have her care, adoration, and dedication to our JFK students.



Mrs. Papia  
After Care

After an enriching 35-year career teaching in Pittsburgh Public Schools and 13 years into retirement, I heard that JFK was looking for substitute teachers. I happily signed up—and what a rewarding experience it has been! The JFK community is wonderful, and the students are simply fabulous!

This is my second year working in the After Care program at JFK, but I'm certainly not new to the school! Both my daughter and son attended JFK—and so did I, back when the building was brand new. I still remember carrying my schoolbooks from the old school on West Chestnut Street to the new building in sixth grade. What a memory! I graduated from IC High School and have been a kindergarten catechist for the parish for over 18 years. I truly love working with the children here. They always make me smile and bring so much joy to my days. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, doing jigsaw puzzles, and, most of all, spending time with my family.

Miss Janice  
After Care



Miss Marie  
After Care

Marie Mazza-Higgins grew up in Pittsburgh and graduated from Robert Morris University. She spent many years as a medical transcriptionist and office assistant. For 21 years she was a social worker, where she enjoyed working with adults and children. She has taught classes, helped with trainings, and spent 2 years teaching English as a second language. She enjoys going to the ocean, being with family and friends, going to the gym, playing pickleball, and volunteering with environmental and community projects. "Miss Marie" feels "the staff at JFK are very kind and talented. The kids are great, super smart and enjoyable. It has been a pleasure interacting with everyone and being a part of the JFK team."

