

# St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

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Dear Student:

Welcome to St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready to start your new educational career at St. John's. With a myriad of clubs, sports, and classes, there is no doubt in our mind that you will have a worthwhile, positive experience here.

We write today to invite you to New Student Orientation on Wednesday, August 31 from 4:00 pm – 6 pm. Our hope is that at New Student Orientation, you receive the information and support needed to feel confident at SJB. Please arrive to orientation at 4:00 in the back lobby (by the athletic fields); members of our community will welcome you and direct you to where you need to go. Please dress comfortably, but neatly; shorts and polo shirts are acceptable, but please use good judgment. Refreshments and light food will be served that evening.

Throughout orientation, you will meet some important SJB community members, hear advice for your first days of school, and become more acclimated with the building. Our sole purpose is to make your transition as smooth as possible. Our commitment to you is simple; we will do whatever we can to make your adjustment and time here as comfortable and welcoming as possible.

As a new member of the St. John's community, you will also be assigned a Big Brother or Big Sister through our Big Brother/Big Sister program. This mentor will help you get acclimated and assist you with any question that you may have. Many of these students were transfer students themselves, so they know how overwhelming it can be to enter a new school. They are here to help you, so feel free to ask them any question that you have.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact one of us at:

631-587-800 x116 or [maherd@sjbdhs.org](mailto:maherd@sjbdhs.org) or [donohueh@sjbdhs.org](mailto:donohueh@sjbdhs.org).

Once again, welcome to St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. We look forward to seeing you on August 31<sup>st</sup> !

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donohue & Mr. Maher

**Big Brother/Big Sister Program Coordinators**