

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

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To The Class of 2024:

Welcome to St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School! We hope you are getting ready for a new experience that will help you learn more about yourself, your relationship with God, and your relationship with others. In this letter, you will be provided with some important information as we get ready to commence the upcoming school year.

BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER PROGRAM

At this point, you should have been contacted by a Big Sibling. However, because of vacations, conflicting schedules, computer errors, changes in addresses and the like, there may have been a delay in making contact. **If you have not been contacted or there has been a change in the contact information which the school has on file,** please let us know as soon as you can at 631.587.8000 ext. 116 or e-mail maherd@sjbdhs.org or donohueh@sjbdhs.org. By letting us know, we can figure out the problem and make sure you are contacted.

FRESHMAN FORERUNNER DAY

This day is an opportunity to meet members of your class, a chance to learn about life at SJB, and a time to participate in other fun activities. Please note that in order to comply with social distancing protocols, **Freshmen are only permitted to attend on their assigned date.** A virtual Forerunner Day will be posted to the school website on Friday, September 4 at 10:00AM for all students who are unable to attend this event in person.

Below, you will find the scheduled date of your Forerunner Day. Please click on the date to open a Google Form where you can confirm whether or not you will be attending. **Please complete this by Wednesday, August 26, as it will enable us to plan accordingly.**

[Monday, August 31 \(Last Names A-D\)](#)
[Tuesday, September 1 \(Last Names E-L\)](#)
[Wednesday, September 2 \(Last Names M-P\)](#)
[Thursday, September 3 \(Last Names Q-Z\)](#)

Forerunner Days run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All Freshmen need to provide their own transportation to this event. Please get dropped off at the building's South Lobby Entrance (back of the school by the athletic fields). The dress code is casual (t-shirt, shorts, sneakers or flip flops are all fine), but your appearance should be neat and appropriate for school. **All participants will also be required to wear a face mask during the entire day's activities.**

Only Freshman students who are scheduled for the Forerunner Day will be permitted to enter the school. No other individuals (parents, relatives, siblings) will be allowed in the building at any point during the day's program.

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FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

The Class of 2024 will be divided into the following two groups for the “first official day of school”:

Thursday, September 10 (Last Names A to L)

Friday, September 11 (Last Names M to Z)

The day will begin at 7:50 a.m. and students will depart at 12:00 p.m. Local districts should provide busing, but it is advisable to contact them to confirm this. You will need to be in full uniform on this day (SJB polo shirt, pants/skort/kilt, school belt, White Cross shoes). It is not necessary to bring anything with you on this day other than a pen or pencil. School issued Chromebooks will be distributed to all Freshmen who have completed the Technology Use and Behavior Policy form.

REMOTE LEARNING CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Freshmen who have opted for remote learning during the first semester must come to the school to get their Chromebooks. Students with last names A-L should pick them up on Thursday, September 10, and students with last names M-Z should pick them up on Friday, September 11. Chromebooks will be distributed in the front lobby of the school from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Hopefully, the preceding information has answered any questions that you have about the start of school. However, if you require any additional details about the Freshman Forerunner Days, the Freshman Orientation, or **ANYTHING** regarding SJB, please call us at 631.587.8000 ext. 116 or e-mail us at the addresses above. We are here to help you in any way we can.

We hope the remaining days of summer are good for you! We look forward to your becoming a part of the SJB community.

Sincerely,



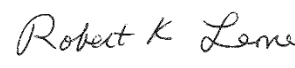
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