

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

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To the Class of 2025:

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 find some further information about the Big Brother/Big Sister program, as well as a brief outline of our Freshman Forerunner Days.

BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER PROGRAM

At this point, you should have been contacted by a Big Brother or Big Sister. Sometimes because of vacations, conflicting schedules, computer errors, or changes in phone numbers, there is a delay in making contact. **If you have not been contacted or there has been a change in the contact information we have for you on file**, please let us know as soon as you can by completing this [form](#). By letting us know, we can figure out the problem and make sure you are contacted.

FORERUNNER DAY ASSIGNMENTS

Freshman Forerunner Days will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will last until 12:00 p.m. This day will be an opportunity to meet other Freshmen, a chance to learn about life at SJB, and a time to participate in other fun activities. At the end of your Forerunner Day, you will be able to take a tour of the school building. Below, you will find your specific Freshmen Forerunner Day assignment:

Monday, August 30 - last names: A to D
Tuesday, August 31 - last names: E to K
Wednesday, September 1 – last names: L to Q
Thursday, September 2 - last names: R to Z

Please note that these days are NOT optional. If a serious reason exists that prevents you from attending on the day you have been assigned, please call 631.587.8000, x. 116 or e-mail maherd@sibdhs.org.

You will need to provide your own transportation on this day. Please use the South Lobby entrance (back of the school by the athletic fields). Dress is casual but neat (shorts, sneakers, flip flops etc.). **We also ask that you arrive in a t-shirt which identifies one of the following things about you:**

- your previous school
- your hometown
- your parish
- an athletic team on which you play
- a dance studio with which you perform
- any other organization to which you belong

In addition, as part of our school's mission to aid those in need we ask everyone to **bring at least one, new, unused school supply** that will be donated to local Parish Outreach Offices in our area. You'll be challenged greatly in the days, weeks and months ahead to care for the less fortunate in a powerful way. This is just the beginning.

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FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

The first “**Official Day**” of school for Freshmen will follow the below schedule:

- **Thursday, September 9 (last names A-L)**
- **Friday, September 10 (last names M-Z)**

School begins at 7:50 a.m. with dismissal at 12:00 p.m. Transportation should be provided by your local Public School District, but please call ahead to confirm. On this day, you’ll have a chance to meet your Big Brother/Sister in person, get your locker, meet your teachers, and much more as you begin your high school career. **FYI: You need to be in uniform (polo shirt and pants/skirt/skort) on this day.**

School will open for all grades on Monday, September 13th and follow a full-day schedule.

On **Sunday, September 19th**, we invite you and your family to attend a special Mass for Freshmen in the Ann Frances Dunne Auditorium, beginning at 9:00 a.m. which will be followed by breakfast in the cafeteria.

If you have any questions about the Freshman Forerunner Days, the first day of school or **ANYTHING** regarding SJB, please call us at 631.587.8000, x.116 or e-mail us at maherd@sjbdhs.org. 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 seeing you at the Freshman Forerunner Days!

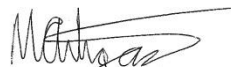
Sincerely,



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Principal



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Assistant Principal



Matthew Artigas
Assistant Principal



Daniel Maher
Big Brother/Big Sister
Program Coordinator