

July 2022

To the Class of 2026:

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 information about the Big Brother/Big Sister program, as well as a brief outline of the Freshman Forerunner Days and Freshman Orientation.

### **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 Google 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 AM and will last until 12:00 PM; 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. Below, you will find your specific Freshman Forerunner Day assignment:

**Monday, August 29 - last names: A to F**  
**Tuesday, August 30 - last names: G to O**  
**Wednesday, August 31 – last names: P 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, ext. 116 or e-mail [donohueh@sibdhs.org](mailto:donohueh@sibdhs.org) or [maherd@sibdhs.org](mailto: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 - NO flip-flops or slippers) and appropriate for a school function. 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
- your athletic team
- your dance studio
- any other organization to which you belong

Part of SJB's mission is to help those in need. **Therefore, we ask each freshman to please bring at least one of the following travel sized toiletries to their Forerunner Day: shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, conditioner, body wash, wipes, gallon size plastic bags.** If possible, a donation of 1 package of men's underwear would also be appreciated. These items will be organized into packets during the Forerunner Day and distributed to the homeless in NYC throughout the year by SJB students and faculty.

### **FRESHMAN ORIENTATION**

**On Wednesday, September 7 and Thursday, September 8,** incoming freshmen will have two days to acclimate themselves to the school building prior to the official opening of school. Each day will begin at 7:50 with dismissal at 12:00PM. Transportation should be provided by your district, but please call ahead to confirm. You will need to be in full uniform (polo shirt and pants/ skirt/skort) and in compliance with all grooming regulations. On these days, you'll have a chance to tour the school with your Big Brother/Sister, get your locker, meet your teachers, receive your school issued Chromebook, and experience much more as you begin your high school career.

If you have any questions about Freshman Forerunner Days, the first day of school, or ANYTHING regarding SJB, please call 631.587.8000, ext.116 or e-mail [donohueh@sibdhs.org](mailto:donohueh@sibdhs.org). or [maherd@sibdhs.org](mailto:maherd@sibdhs.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 your Freshman Forerunner Day!

Sincerely,



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