

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

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To the Class of 2028:

**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. This letter is to provide you with important information about the Big Brother/Big Sister Program, 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**

### **(YOU ONLY NEED TO ATTEND THE ONE DAY YOU ARE ASSIGNED)**

**Freshman Forerunner Days are an opportunity to meet other freshmen, a chance to learn about life at SJB, and a time to participate in other fun activities.** The day runs from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Below, you will find your specific Freshman Forerunner Day assignment:

**Monday, August 26 - last names: A to F**

**Tuesday, August 27 - last names: G to M**

**Wednesday, August 28 – last names: N 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@sjbdhs.org](mailto:donohueh@sjbdhs.org) or [maherd@sjbdhs.org](mailto:maherd@sjbdhs.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: previous school, hometown, parish, team on which you play, dance studio for which you perform, or any other organization to which you belong.**

**Part of SJB's mission is to help those in need.** The school has partnered with the Gerald J. Ryan Outreach Center to provide assistance to local families who are experiencing food insecurity. **Therefore, we ask each Freshman to please bring one of the following on their Forerunner Day:**

- Canned tuna
- Pasta sauce (Ragu or similar)
- Canned corn
- Canned fruit
- Ramen and Cup O' Noodles packages
- Bags of Quick Oats
- Boxes of spaghetti pasta
- Boxes of elbow macaroni
- Bottles of vegetable oil
- Boxes of mac n' cheese
- Dry cereal in the usual 12-16 ounce sizes
- Boxes or bags of 1 or 2 pound white rice (*not pre-mixed Rice-a-Roni or similar*)
- Boxes of mashed potato flakes
- Jars of various kinds of jelly or jam
- Jars of peanut butter
- Pancake mixes
- Pancake syrup
- Chef Boyardee – cans of various styles of ravioli
- Canned beans – kidney, black, chickpeas, etc.
- Canned soups
- Canned vegetables

## **FRESHMAN ORIENTATION**

**On Thursday, September 5 and Friday, September 6, 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 a.m. with dismissal at 12:00 p.m. Transportation should be provided by your district, but please call your district ahead to confirm. You will need to be in full uniform (polo shirt and pants/skirt) 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@sjbdhs.org](mailto:donohueh@sjbdhs.org) or [maherd@sjbdhs.org](mailto:maherd@sjbdhs.org).** We are here to help you in any way we can.

We wish you a joyful summer and look forward to seeing you at your Freshman Forerunner Day!

Sincerely,



Heather Donohue  
Big Brother/Sister Program Moderator



Daniel Maher  
Big Brother/Sister Program Moderator