

July 2019

To The Class of 2023:

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 Big Brother/Big Sister, as well as a brief outline of our Freshmen Forerunner Days.

BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER PROGRAM

At this point, you should have been contacted by a Big Sibling. Sometimes because of vacations, conflicting schedules, computer errors, changes in addresses and the like, 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 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.

FORERUNNER DAY ASSIGNMENTS

Freshmen Forerunner Days will begin at 9:00 AM and will last until 12:00 PM; this day will be 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. At the end of your Forerunner Day, you will have the chance to take a tour of SJB. Below, you will find your specific Freshmen Forerunner Day:

Tuesday, August 27th last names: A to G
Wednesday, August 28th last names: H to P
Thursday, August 29th 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@sjbdhs.org or donohueh@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, 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 outreaches 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. **over →**

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

The first “**Official Day**” of school for the entire Freshmen Class is **Wednesday, September 4th**. School begins at 7:50 with dismissal **at Noon**. Transportation should be provided by your district, but please confirm that. On this day, you’ll have a chance to meet your Big Sibling in person, tour the school, enjoy breakfast 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.**

Thursday, September 5th is also a **half day of school** for **FRESHMEN ONLY**. You will need to be in uniform on this day as well.

On **Friday, September 6th**, we welcome our entire community back for their first full day. The day will include an abbreviated class schedule, as well as an Opening Day Mass with the entire school community.

On **Sunday, September 8th**, we invite you and your family to attend a special Mass for freshmen in the auditorium, 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 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 seeing you at the Freshman Forerunner Days!

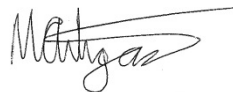
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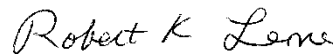
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