

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

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August 24, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are sure you can fully understand that these times in education are extremely trying for us in the school community, as well as for you at home. The Administration has been working on plans for the re-opening of school since June. Throughout the summer months there have been changes mandated by either the CDC or the DOH, some of which only came about this past week.

We greatly appreciate those parents who have contacted us either by email or personal phone calls, which have been followed up by our Assistant Principals. In making our final decisions, we must keep in mind that first and foremost, the safety and health of our faculty, staff, and students are our primary objectives. However, there are constraints and guidelines that we must adhere to not only because St. John's is a Diocesan Catholic High School under the direction of the Department of Education of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, but also because we also must work in conjunction with our teachers' union.

It is not our intent to make excuses for any delays, but meetings were held with Administration, food service, teachers, staff, etc. to discuss the revisions to the Re-Opening Plan that you will receive today. At this time, unless there are any other changes that are mandated by the New York State Department of Education or other entities above, this is the plan we will follow for the opening of school. If there are any unanswered questions or if you need further explanation, please do not hesitate to email or call one of our Assistant Principals – they will be more than happy to respond to you.

The major change that is taking place is that students will follow a Hybrid Model for in-school instruction. Students will come to school every other day, instead of the previously announced five-day model. Students will be split into two cohorts by last name: (A to K) and (L to Z) for all grade levels. Each cohort will meet in-person every other day. On days where your child's cohort is not scheduled to be in the building, they will learn remotely from home. Even though a student may be home and not scheduled to be in the building, they are expected to be participating in all classes on these days via Zoom on their Chromebook. Students will have the ability to use the "raise your hand" and "chat" functions in Zoom to participate, as well as verbally communicate with the teacher. Attendance will be taken in each class.

The Remote Distance Learning Option of five days per week from home will remain the same for those students that have chosen this option.

Our one last request is to please review, carefully, the **Revised Re-Opening Plan**. The revisions will be in **bold and italics** and to **follow the link below** to make your commitment to choose either the Hybrid Model or the Remote Learning Option. **Please note that even if you responded previously, you must re-enter your decision no later than Monday, August 31.**


[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9csyCtLCOXXTPLQ9SzfM67x7CaPJqToUB26PIOre6ToJrhQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9csyCtLCOXXTPLQ9SzfM67x7CaPJqToUB26PIOre6ToJrhQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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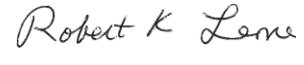
Once again, we sincerely appreciate all of your efforts in working with us to open school and offer the best possible Catholic education to your child that can be afforded them.

Sincerely,

  
Biagio M. Arpino  
Principal

  
Claire Gohn  
Assistant Principal

  
Matthew Artigas  
Assistant Principal

  
Robert K. Leone  
Assistant Principal

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## Important Information

➤ **Contact info for Assistant Principals:**

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Mr. Matthew Artigas – [artigas@sibdhs.org](mailto:artigas@sibdhs.org)

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➤ **Tentative School Calendar is available on the SJB website**

➤ **School Store Hours\* - Enter through South Campus Lobby Only**

- ✓ Tuesday, August 25 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- ✓ Wednesday, August 26 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- ✓ Thursday, August 27 - 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
- ✓ Monday, August 31 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

*\*If the above times are not convenient, please order online 24/7*

➤ **Senior Ring Pick Up – use front entrance on Montauk Highway**

Monday, August 31 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (last name A - M)

Tuesday, September 1 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. (last name N – Z)

➤ **Freshman Forerunner Days 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – see separate letter**

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)

Friday, September 4 – 10:00 a.m. (**Virtual Forerunner Day**)

➤ **Spanish Placement Test at SJB 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, September 2

➤ **Freshman Orientation Days – 7:50 a.m. to 12:00 noon - see separate letter**

Thursday, September 10 (Last Names A-L)

Friday, September 11 (Last Names M-Z)

➤ **Chromebook Distribution for Freshman Remote Learners – 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Thursday, September 10 (Last Names A-L)

Friday, September 11 (Last Names M-Z)

➤ **Transfer Student Orientation – Grades 10 and 11 – 7:50 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Thursday, September 10

➤ **First Day to Start the School Year – 7:50 a.m. – 2:36 p.m.**

Monday, September 14