

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear St. John's Students in Grades 10, 11, 12 and Families,

Congratulations on your successful completion of this very challenging school year!! We are very excited to be reunited with our St. John's Family in the Fall and trust it will be a rich experience for us all.

While we are waiting for further directives regarding a reopening plan from the Governor's Office, State and local public health agencies, we remain committed to resume on campus operations for the Fall 2020. As a result, we are providing you with this information designed to assist families and students to prepare for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Please be aware, given the uncertain nature of the COVID-19 situation, we have also begun creating an alternative plan for classes in the Fall should we be unable to open. We understand you have questions and concerns regarding our reopening plans, as well as the logistics of transportation, social distancing and safety procedures, cleaning and sanitizing protocols, extracurricular activities, tuition, fees, uniforms, and schedules but we unfortunately cannot provide you with concrete answers at this time. We will communicate directly with you when these answers can be given and thank you for your patience in this matter. Please know the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff remain our priority in all circumstances.

Start of School

The first day of school for all students will be September 14, 2020 (9th Graders are to report on Wednesday, September 9, 2020). All students are to be in full uniform on this day. Students may wear the Fall/Spring Uniform polo shirt on this day until mid-October. Polo shirts are available for **online purchases only** in the School Store.

Health Office Information/Immunizations

All students entering 11th grade in September 2020 must have a Valid Physical. All students entering 12th grade in September 2020 must have the Meningitis Vaccine. All physicals and immunizations must be submitted to the St. John's Health Office **prior to the first day of school in September**.

Summer Reading

All SJB Students are responsible to read one book over the summer, unless they are taking AP courses. There will be several assignments from our English, Social Studies, and Religion Departments based on the selected book. The books and assignments will be posted on the SJB website within the next week.

Textbooks

You must contact your local school district about your child's textbooks.

Athletics

It is our plan to resume our athletic program as soon as we can, dependent upon the directives of the Governor which are anticipated sometime in July or August. We will contact you via email and post information on the SJB school website as it becomes available to us.

A Diocesan Catholic school fully accredited by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and by Cognia®, North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement

Transportation

Students at St. John's have three different options for transportation.

1. **District Provided Transportation:** This is determined by your home school district. Please contact your local school district's transportation department if you have any questions.
2. **Free Diocesan Shuttle from the East End:** In order to serve the Catholic families of eastern Long Island, where the distance to St. John's is greater than the 15 miles that the local public school district is obligated to serve, St. John the Baptist High School and the Diocese of Rockville Centre operate a transportation system. Busses are provided at no charge to serve Diocesan high school students. There are three lines, one serving the north shore of Suffolk, one begins in Riverhead and runs down the center of the island, and one begins on the South Fork and runs along the south shore. For more information and a registration form, please refer to the Transportation Tab on the St. John's website. If you are interested in this service, please submit the Diocesan Shuttle Request form from our website. You can mail the form to Mrs. J. Ferretti in the *Office of Student Services* at St. John's or email the completed form to studentservices@sjbdhs.org.
3. **Shuttle from Babylon LIRR Station to St. John's:** St. John's offers a complimentary shuttle each day to and from the LIRR Babylon Train Station which operates in the morning, at dismissal and when the late buses depart at 5:30 PM. If you are interested in this service, please locate the LIRR/SJB Shuttle Request form on our website and submit it by mail to Mrs. J. Ferretti in the *Office of Student Services* at St. John's or email the completed form to studentservices@sjbdhs.org.

Lockers

On Thursday, September 10, all sophomores, juniors and seniors will have an opportunity to come into the building to set up their lockers. Locker assignments will be posted on the student schedules. Students will be permitted to go to their lockers between 12:30-2PM. They do not have to be in uniform. Only school locks are permitted on the lockers. Replacement locks will be available in the school store. Students will need to provide their own transportation if they choose to come set up their locker on this day.

Parent Portal

Parents can access student grades, attendance, and conduct reports via the Parent Portal. The link to access the portal is located on the St. John's Homepage. Login and password information is given to parents in the student's first year. Parents should contact the school to resolve any problems related to the Parent Portal. **It is important that all students and parents log in and actively refer to the St. John's Information Portal for information about their child's performance, as well as for all school notices and announcements. This is our prime way of communicating with families.** Instructions on how to use the portal can be found on the St. John's Homepage.

Student Schedules

Class schedules will be posted on the portal system in late August. Guidance Counselors will be available beginning Monday, August 31 through Thursday, September 3. Since all change requests need to be in writing, please email your child's Counselor directly with the details of your request, or call the Counselor during the above scheduled dates.

School Calendar/Student Handbook

You will receive a copy of the 2020-2021 School Calendar in August. The Official St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Student Handbook will be emailed to you in late August. You will be required to submit a signed statement confirming that you and your student have read the handbook and understand the expectations of all SJB students.

Postponed Events from the 2019-2020 School Year

Please note that the 2020-2021 school calendar will contain the following rescheduled events: Class of 2021 Junior (now Seniors) Ring Ceremony and Banquet and the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. These events were postponed from the Spring of 2020.

Cashless Cafeteria Account

This cashless system provides students to pay for lunch using their SJB ID Card. For more information and to register for this program, visit <https://www.mykidsspending.com>. Students can begin to use their accounts when they get their SJB ID cards in early October.

Chromebook Information and Policies

Please remember to keep your Chromebook in a safe place so it is ready for September. If you are having a problem with your Chromebook, you will have an opportunity to get it repaired in August.

Dress Code

FlynnO'Hara remains our uniform provider while the *White Cross Shoe Company* provides our school shoes. Each company offers a number of shopping options to make your uniform purchasing experience easy and convenient. Please refer to their websites for more information: www.flynnohara.com and www.schoolshoe.com. Early summer uniforms orders will insure your receipt of uniforms for the first days of school.

Special Announcement from FlynnO'Hara concerning Uniforms

Mindful of COVID-19, FlynnO'Hara will be offering a series of back-to-school promotions this summer in an effort to make uniform shopping more affordable. In return, we are asking for support from our partner schools in making this back-to-school season a safe one. In order to encourage families to shop early, discount percentages will decline over the course of the summer. Therefore, it is important to shop early. Additionally, in the interest of safety, discounts can be applied only to remote orders (online & over the phone) to encourage customers to shop from home. Once our stores reopen, this will include curbside pickup!

SJB School Store


The school store is open for **online purchases only** from July 15th to August 14th. More details will follow.

We hope this information has been helpful. We will continue to communicate to you through email updates for the 2020-2021 school year. Please continue to refer to our school webpage <https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net> for the most up to date information.

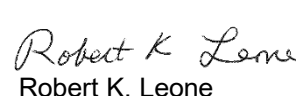
Be assured of our ongoing prayerful support for the health and safety of the members of the St. John's Community and for a successful start to the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,


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