

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL



**PARENT / STUDENT GUIDE EASTERN
LONG ISLAND BUS PROGRAM
2022-2023**

Eastern Long Island Busing Guide

In order to support students and their families' desire to attend Catholic High School from Long Island's East End, St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is currently pleased to offer East End students complimentary transportation to and from St. John the Baptist DHS.

This bus service is a courtesy for currently enrolled students of St. John the Baptist DHS and is contingent upon student enrollment and manageable financial costs incurred by St. John the Baptist DHS. St. John the Baptist DHS reserves the right to change or discontinue any Pick up/Drop Off Site Locations, modify approximate times and/or Routes, or discontinue any Route as enrollment or financial costs warrants at anytime. Any changes that may be implemented during the school year will be communicated through St. John the Baptist DHS communication systems.

St. John the Baptist DHS and its contracted partner, Montauk Bus Company, provide this courtesy service for families that have a student currently enrolled in St. John the Baptist DHS and reside outside the 15-mile radius on the East End of Long Island. The service transports students directly to St. John the Baptist DHS in West Islip in the most efficient amount of time possible. Pick up/Drop off Site Locations (bus stops) are Dioceses of Rockville Centre owned properties to help ensure the safety and convenience of those utilizing the service. The buses are air conditioned and Wi-Fi equipped to allow students to get ahead on any school work during their commute or to simply relax and enjoy the ride. St. John the Baptist DHS and Montauk Bus Company follow the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, New York State Department of Education, New York State Department of Health, and New York State Department of Motor Vehicles guidelines in our efforts to ensure the health and safety of all East End students and our drivers. Currently, there are no health restrictions for riding the bus.

This guide will detail the routes, schedules, and procedures for students and their families utilizing the Eastern Long Island Busing Service. This guide augments the **St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Student Handbook** which details the **Code of Conduct** and other school specific rules. The Eastern Long Island Bus Service offered by St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is a courtesy and privilege and not a student right. The Administration of St. John the Baptist DHS reserves the right to discontinue the East End Bus service to any student that does not follow the rules nor exhibits the behavior expectations of a St. John the Baptist DHS student as detailed in the Student Handbook. All inquiries relating to student behavior on the East End Busing Service should be directed to the Dean of Students by contacting the St. John the Baptist DHS at 631-587-8000.

The final two (2) pages provide you with the specific Routes and Site Locations TO and FROM St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. The posted times are estimates for students to arrive at school for 7:30am in order to access their lockers prior to being in their advisory class for 7:50am AND for a 2:50pm dismissal/departure for home schedule. Montauk Bus Company drivers will adjust the timings by the second week of school. We anticipate that times will be settled by the second week of school. In the event of altered schedules (noon dismissal, etc.), after school activities or athletics, please estimate the arrival time according to the scheduled commute time. For example, if a Route from St. John the Baptist DHS takes 40 minutes to arrive at a specific Site Location, i.e. 2:50pm dismissal and 3:30pm expected time of arrival at Site #1, then you need to anticipate a similar commute time for the Late buses – i.e. 5:30pm departure from St. John the Baptist DHS with an anticipated 6:10pm arrival at Site #1.

I. BASIC INFORMATION

- A) There are **FOUR** different Routes, each designated by a specific color:
RED – BLUE – GREEN – ORANGE –
- B) Pick up/Drop off Site Locations (bus stops) are Dioceses of Rockville Centre owned properties. Depending on enrollment and the number of students anticipated on each Route, specific properties are utilized as pick up/drop off site locations and are subject to change. The anticipated times for pick up and drop off are estimates and will be adjusted accordingly as the school year progresses based on traffic patterns.
- C) Families are required to submit a digital form (by April 1st each year while enrolled at SJB) indicating their intention of utilizing the East End Bus Service and the Site Location indicating student drop-off and pick up points. St. John the Baptist DHS, as required by the NYS Dept. of Education and the Department of Motor Vehicles, must keep accurate records regarding the Bus Route and what Site Location the student is utilizing. Therefore, St. John the Baptist DHS **MUST BE NOTIFIED** if there is a change in Route or Site Location from the initial form. If a change needs to be made for any reason at any time, please contact the Dean of Students at St. John the Baptist DHS at 631-587-8000.
- D) St. John the Baptist school days begin with Advisory period at 7:50am and end after period “I” at 2:34pm. After school announcements are made between 2:34pm-2:36pm. Students are dismissed after announcements. Any modified schedule days (noon dismissal, etc.) will be posted and communicated through different St. John the Baptist DHS platforms. The estimated times for Pick up /Drop off at the Site Locations are based on having the students arrive at school for 7:30am and leaving school at 2:50pm (normal school day). Again, these times are estimates and are subject to change based upon traffic patterns, traffic delays, etc. Montauk Bus Company drivers will have their Routes settled by the 2nd week of school and times will be more consistent after this point. Late buses for after school activities (athletic events or extra-curricular activities) departs the school at 5:30pm.
- E) Site Coordinators will be stationed at most locations for morning pick up, afternoon drop off, and after school late busses. The Site Coordinators are there to assist families and students utilizing the East End Bus Service. They will also facilitate access to and from the property during inclement weather or for use of the restrooms prior to or following the commute to and from St. John the Baptist DHS. The Site Coordinators are first in the line of communication between St. John the Baptist DHS, Montauk Bus Company, and the families regarding any delays or busing issues. It is strongly suggested that families exchange contact information with the Site Coordinators so that any relevant information regarding any busing issues may be communicated quickly. **Students should expect to be at the morning stop at least 10 minutes prior to pick up time.** Conversely, families are expected to be at the afternoon drop off no later than 5 minutes after the expected time of arrival. Please be respectful to the Site Coordinators who are generously helping us monitor the site. Do not have them waiting for you to pick up your student. Any family that is repeatedly late to pick up student(s) may be subject to discontinuation of the East End Bus Service.

- F) Eastern Long Island Buses are strategically stationed on the East side of St. John the Baptist DHS (next to the Tennis Courts) at dismissal (after school and late busing) for the student's convenience and ease in locating the bus. Each bus will have a sign indicating their Color Coded Route for the student to easily identify. The Dean of Students and the security officers at St. John the Baptist DHS are always available to assist the students in locating their bus at the end of their day.
- G) Students must wear their St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School issued picture ID to utilize the East End Bus Service. Students are required to wear their ID's to and from school every day once classes officially begin. ID's will be issued during Forerunner Days in August for freshmen students and during Orientation for transfer students.

II. IMPORTANT DATES

The Montauk Bus Company will provide transportation for the Eastern Bus Service for St. John the Baptist DHS according to the 2022-2023 School calendar. The school calendar can be located on the St. John the Baptist DHS website @ www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net. In the event of inclement weather forcing the delayed opening or closing of school, St. John the Baptist DHS will make every effort to provide early notification to our families to avoid traveling to the Site Locations. However, due to the large geographic area the Eastern Bus Service is serving, weather conditions may vary depending on which shoreline you reside. Families are asked to consider travel safety in their specific area before taking their student to the Site Location. The safety of our students and their families are our primary concern.

- A) **East End Bus Services Starts for Orientation Days**
Orientation Days and Times for September (usually the Wednesday and Thursday after Labor Day) will be communicated to the freshmen and any transfer student during the month of August. The school calendar can be located on the St. John the Baptist DHS website @ www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net
- B) **Forerunner Days** – last week in August for Freshmen only
Bussing service is **NOT** provided for Forerunner Days
- C) **Fall Sports Tryouts** – tryouts for Fall sports begin the 2nd to last week in August
Bussing Service is **NOT** provided for Fall Sports tryouts during the month of August
Please contact the Athletic Department for specific times for Fall sports tryouts
- D) **First Day of Classes** – the Monday after Labor Day
*September 2022 – 1st Day of transportation is **September 7th***

III. UNIQUE CHANGES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

COVID 19 – There are no COVID restrictions at this time. This may change based on New York State guidance.

TO St John the Baptist DHS:

Red Line

- 1) 6:00am - St. John Paul II Regional School
515 Marcy Ave., Riverhead
- 2) 6:20am - St. John the Baptist Church
1488 N. Country Rd., Wading River
- 3) 6:30am - St. Anthony's Church
614 Route 25A, Rocky Point
- 4) 7:30am - St. John the Baptist DHS
1170 Montauk Hwy., West Islip

Green Line

- 1) 6:15am - Church of St. Rosalie
31 E. Montauk Hwy., Hampton Bays
- 2) 6:40am - Sts. Peter & Paul Church
1 Wading River Rd., Manorville
- 3) 7:00am - St. Sylvester Church
68 Ohio Ave., Medford
- 4) 7:30am - St. John the Baptist DHS
1170 Montauk Hwy., West Islip

Blue Line

- 1) 6:30am - St. Gerard Majella CCD
300 Terryville Rd., Port Jefferson
- 2) 7:00am - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
495 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue
- 3) 7:30am - St. John the Baptist DHS
1170 Montauk Hwy., West Islip

Orange Line

- 1) 6:45am - St. John the Evangelist Church
25 Ocean Ave., Center Moriches
- 2) 7:30am - St. John the Baptist DHS
1170 Montauk Hwy., West Islip

NOTE:

The bus service is run by St. John the Baptist DHS as a courtesy to the families on Eastern Long Island. The times listed are estimates and may vary due to circumstances such as traffic delays or weather. Students should arrive at the site at least 5 minutes in advance of the estimated times. Students must be in their Advisory class by 7:50am. This service is for currently enrolled students of SJB that reside outside the 15-mile radius on the East End of Long Island and will be continued as long as student enrollment and financial costs support it. SJB reserves the right to change or discontinue pick up/drop off locations, adjust times, or discontinue service lines as needed.

SJB uses Diocese of Rockville Center properties as secure pick up/drop off locations. SJB provides Site Coordinators at each location for additional security. We recommend that you exchange telephone numbers with your Site Coordinator in the event of an emergency.

FROM St. John the Baptist DHS: Regular dismissal and departure occurs at 2:50pm

Red Line

- 1) 2:50pm - St. John the Baptist DHS
1170 Montauk Hwy., West Islip
- 2) 3:35pm - St. Anthony's Church
614 Route 25A, Rocky Point
- 3) 3:45pm - St. John the Baptist Church
1488 N. Country Rd., Wading River
- 4) 4:05pm - St. John Paul II Regional School
515 Marcy Ave., Riverhead

Blue Line

- 1) 2:50pm - St. John the Baptist DHS
1170 Montauk Hwy., West Islip
- 2) 3:20pm - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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- 3) 3:50pm - St. Gerard Majella CCD
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LATE BUSSES: Departure from SJB @5:30pm

Students that participate in after school activities or athletics will be provided transportation along the same routes and stops. The LATE BUS will depart SJB at 5:30pm. Estimated arrival times should be planned accordingly; excluding traffic delays. (Example – 2:50pm dismissal - 3:30pm arrival at stop = 40 minutes travel time).

