

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear (Soon to be) Senior Parent or Guardian,

Congratulations! You and your child have both arrived at an extremely important juncture in life. Senior year is very important educationally, and, in addition, it is socially a very significant period of time.

Although many seniors look forward to driving to school, please make sure you have requested bus transportation from your district and your child realizes that driving is a privilege, not a right. Historically, all senior drivers have been accommodated but should a shortage of spaces occur, driving privileges will be extended to seniors whose school district does not provide transportation to St. John's.

**In order to qualify for a parking permit, a student must:**

**A) Be a senior who holds a Class D License**

**B) View the SJB Virtual Driving Seminar Driver Safety PowerPoint Presentation (attached to this email)**

**C) Submit the attached paperwork with the proper payment and a copy of their Valid Class D license**

*The Virtual Senior Driving Seminar is an online PowerPoint Presentation. It is attached to this email. You can view the seminar on your own schedule. Please review this presentation carefully, and sign the attached declaration that you have viewed the presentation and that you agree to abide by St. John's Senior Parking Regulations.*

All cars will be registered with the school and must display an SJB parking permit.

Students may not park in the streets adjacent to the school or at the hospital. Students are expected to drive directly to school and return home without congregating at local parks, beaches or eating establishments.

If your child is intending to drive passengers to school, please indicate your permission on the driving registration form. All passengers are also required to have permission forms on file in the office and be in possession of the appropriate pass.

Please return the attached forms along with a photocopy of your valid Class D license, and a check or money order for the \$200.00 parking fee for the year made out to St. John's.

If a student does not yet have a Class D license, the student cannot drive to school under NYS law. We ask you to please review these important regulations with your child. Students who drive without following the correct registration procedure, or who drive irresponsibly, will be subject to school sanctions and may forfeit their right to drive to St. John's.

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of the University of the State of New York and by Cognia®.*

All of the necessary paperwork can be found in this mailing. To expedite this process and secure a spot, we ask that you fill out the paperwork, include your check and send back to St. John's, in a sealed envelope, with the attention to Mrs. Sloane, Office of Student Services.

In addition, the privilege of driving brings with it the responsibility of punctual daily attendance. Students are expected to be present in class at 7:50 a.m. each day. **Lateness to school will result in detention and denial of driving privileges and, in addition, lateness has a negative effect on academic performance.** Students need to manage their time - traffic is not an excuse for lateness.

As you know, at dismissal the parking lot is very congested. Therefore, senior drivers and their passengers are required to remain in the lot until all buses have departed and may not leave the parking lot until after the bus dismissal is complete, which is approximately 2:50 p.m. When planning any after school commitments, please take this time into consideration. Students are not permitted to congregate at their cars either before or after school. Also, no early dismissals are permitted during I period for seniors who drive to school. Seniors sent home from the Health Office will not be permitted to drive home.

We encourage all seniors to sign up for transportation with their local district, even if they have permission to drive to St. John's. There may be a situation where your child will not be able to drive to school, and they will need transportation. If you are uncomfortable with your child driving during inclement weather, we strongly advise that seniors take their district transportation on inclement weather days as an extra safety precaution.

We know that the Senior Class of 2024 will be great leaders in our school and we are looking forward to a year filled with wonderful promise. If you have any questions, please contact Student Services at (631) 587-8000 x 122.

Mrs. Gohn