

Welcome
To

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School





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Who We Are



In the spirit of Saint John the Baptist, and guided by Catholic tradition, we educate young people of diverse abilities and backgrounds in an environment of mutual respect and compassion. We prepare them for higher education, instill in them the skills and desire necessary to continuously learn and adapt in our rapidly changing world, to serve their communities with conviction and grace, and embrace lives rich in faith and gentleness.

What We Believe

We believe in the teachings of Jesus and the mission of the Church. As stewards of the Catholic tradition, we educate our students in the faith, we worship as believers, and we live out Catholic social teaching. St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is a place where a diversity of students, families, faculty and staff find acceptance and sense of community.

We believe in academic integrity and excellence as an educational institution. Each student in this community is challenged to discover, utilize, and develop his or her intellectual abilities. Maximizing academic potential prepares the student for both college and opportunities in the world.

We believe in the development of the whole person. We empower young people to handle not only the academic, but the spiritual, social and psychological challenges of adolescence. To achieve this end, we hold each student responsible for his or her own decisions. Discipline is embraced in a spirit of accountability, trust, and justice, but it is tempered with compassion and understanding.

We believe in giving every student the opportunities to discover, utilize, and develop his or her God-given gifts and talents. Extensive co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities allow the student to grow to his or her full potential. Such endeavors build friendships as well as a spirit of collaboration and cooperation.

We believe we are called to serve each other. Students are challenged to give of their time and talent, starting within our St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School community and then extending into their local neighborhoods, churches and the global community.



Catholic Identity



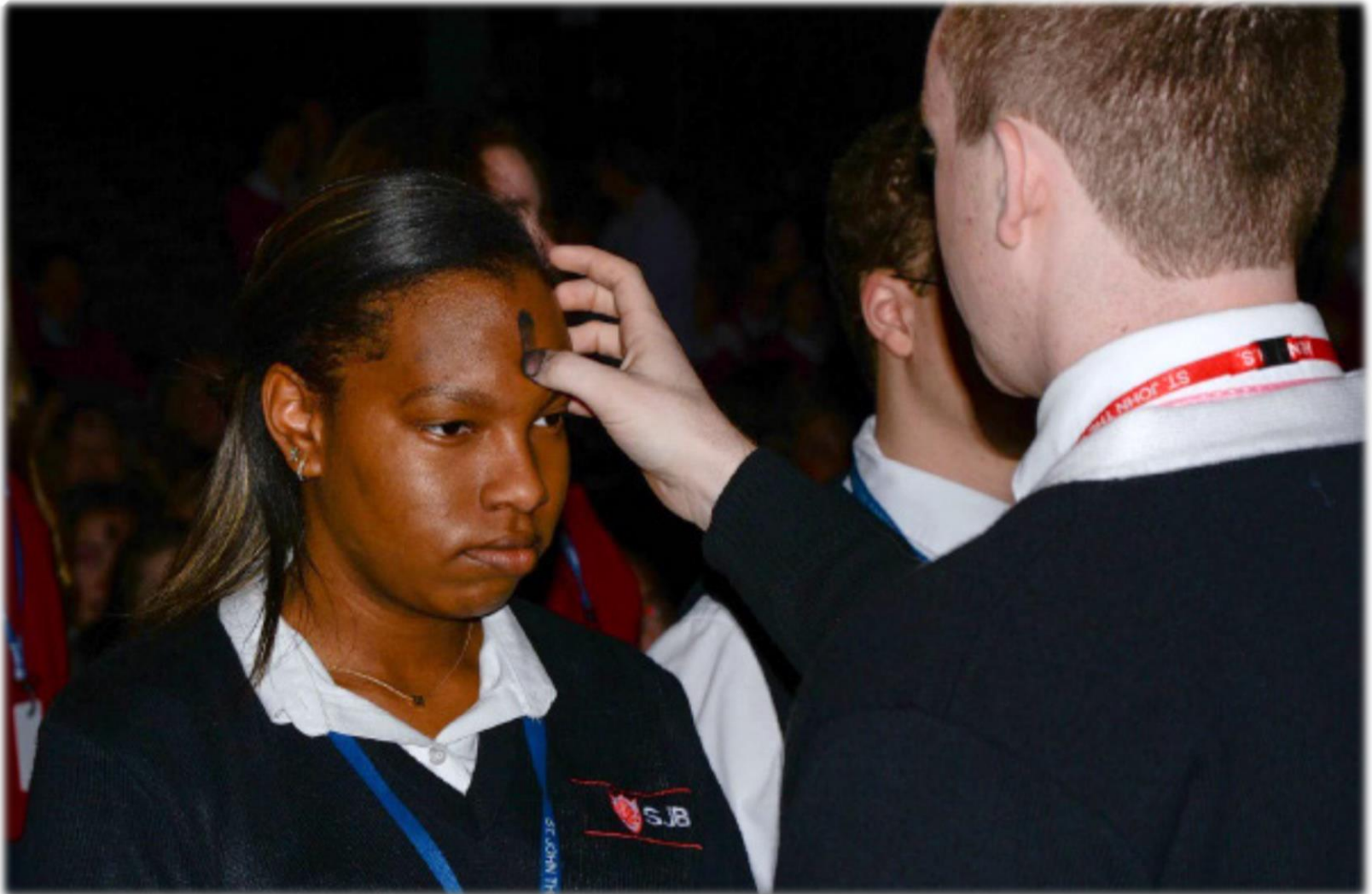
The Catholic Identity of St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School provides us all the freedom to foster in our community a personal relationship with the Risen Christ through the Catholic Church. From this relationship, we can invite all to participate in liturgical celebrations, sacraments and fellowship. In addition, through the Church's teachings and our commitment to social justice, we have the ability to show great care for others, whether they are in our community, on Long Island, or elsewhere. With these two dimensions, our Catholic identity leads the way and defines who we are and what we do.

Our Campus Ministry team consists of our school Chaplain and two full time Campus Ministers. Campus Ministry fosters a life of faith that is desirable, beautiful and appealing. Every school day begins and ends with prayer in keeping with our mission.

Campus Ministry's Invitations to Share our Faith

- Daily Mass Celebrations
- Monthly nights of prayer, fun, and fellowship
- Students are trained to become Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
- Mission Trips to Central America
- National Catholic Youth Conferences
- School-Wide Liturgies
- Midnight Runs to NYC to serve those experiencing homelessness
- School wide service opportunities including fundraising, donations, and drives
- St. Joseph's Refuge Room





Academic Program



Student Centered Curriculum



St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is fully accredited by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, by Cognia®, and by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. Our rigorous Core Curriculum prepares students for the challenge of post-secondary studies and inspires lifelong learners. Our wide array of electives provides students the opportunity to discover and enhance their God given gifts.

Students can qualify for Regents, Honors, Advanced Placement, or College Advantage level courses. Students are enrolled in courses based upon their individual strengths and interests. Our graduates exceed the NY State credit requirement for graduation. Through our College Advantage Program, many students graduate with at least a full semester worth of college credits. Our students have the opportunity to acquire college credit as early as freshman year! Our Seniors have applied, been accepted to, and have earned degrees from some of the most competitive Colleges and Universities across the country.

Preparation for post-secondary studies requires that all students take the NY State minimum sequence of Mathematics courses of Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra II/Trigonometry. We follow the NY State recommendation in Science sequencing with Earth Science, Living Environment/Biology, and Chemistry. Many of our students take advanced level fourth year math and science courses to further enrich their academic program.

In preparing our students for a global community, students have a choice in their World Language Studies with options in French, Italian, or Spanish. Every student completes the Checkpoint B sequence (Level III course) while in attendance. Electives are available after their required sequence for deeper cultural knowledge in their chosen studies or students can select courses in American Sign Language.

Students have numerous choices to fulfill their NY State mandate for their Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater credit. Electives in our renowned Performing Arts Program, electives within our Art Department, as well as courses in our popular Engineering program offer students opportunities to satisfy these requirements while also pursuing their individual interests.

We require all students take at least a semester worth of Computer Science to ensure readiness and safety in utilizing the latest technology in our rapidly changing world.

Our students are not just enriched academically, but also spiritually. Students must complete five hours of volunteer community service each marking period as part of our Religious Studies Curriculum. Many of our students assist their classmates with our Peer Tutoring Program to help create that “family feel” at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School.



Academic Research & Partnership Programs

Project Lead the Way

All students have the opportunity to enroll in our Engineering Program, Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Each PLTW Engineering course engages students in interdisciplinary activities like working with a client to design a home, programming electronic devices or robotic arms, or exploring algae as a biofuel source. These activities not only build knowledge and skills in engineering, but also empower students to develop essential skills such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and perseverance.



Students may receive three (3) college credits from the Rochester Institute of Technology upon completion of each course's required End of Course exam (EoC) and scores achieved.

GENESIS Research Program



The GENESIS Research Program was created to give students an opportunity to pursue areas of study in which they have a passion or interest that would go beyond the traditional classroom learning experience. Students will work with the Program Director and Project Mentors to design GENESIS projects in a field of their own interest, combining their passion and scientific methods for real life experiences.

Project Mentors may be teachers, college professors, and/or professionals from the field of study who can share their interests and expertise with the student. Students in the GENESIS Program will learn and work in a challenging, supportive, high-tech environment where exploration, questioning, reasoning, and critical thinking are encouraged and required. The program will also afford students an opportunity to expand their personal awareness and perspectives beyond their local community to develop a global social consciousness and a lifelong desire to learn through exploration.



AP Capstone Program



AP Capstone™ is a diploma program from the College Board. It's based on two-year long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. Rather than teaching subject-specific content, these courses develop students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting. Students who complete the two-year program can earn one of two different AP Capstone awards, which are valued by colleges across the United States and around the world.

Good Samaritan University Hospital – WE CARE Partnership

Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) and St. John the Baptist DHS (SJB) have partnered to bring various career professionals from GSH to SJB students. The program currently consists of two (2) components: 1) speakers from a variety of Departments from GSH will present information to interested students once a week after school during our Lecture Series within the first semester. These lectures include departments within the Medical Professionals, Plant Operations, Legal Careers, Medical Billing, and Administration. And 2) SJB students will be able to 'shadow' professionals from GSH in their areas of choice, once per week after school during the second semester. Participation in the program will result in the students receiving one (1) St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School credit, similar to our GENESIS Program.



Student Support



The Guidance Department consists of New York State Certified School Counselors to assist our students in facilitating their academic success.

Students are assigned a Counselor in their first year of attendance and remain with that Counselor until graduation.

Counselors will assist students in identifying their strengths and weaknesses to help create academic plans with realistic goals. Our Counselors guide students in selecting the most rigorous courses available to help reach their goals. Students are introduced to our College & Career Readiness Program; Naviance, during their first year to help plan and strategize for their high school academic plan. During the spring of the student's junior year (11th grade), a formal meeting with the student and their parent(s) is scheduled to discuss college planning and to personalize the process.

Our Counselors also offer support for students' emotional and social growth. The Guidance Center is equipped with a Quiet Room for students to decompress from the daily rigors of high school. The counselors will also direct students to access our [SJB Calming Room](#); a virtual resource to assist students with techniques and strategies to help cope with any possible daily stressors.

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School has full-time Licensed Clinical Social Workers. Our Social Workers serve as a resource for referrals to community agencies and outreach to help address any personal health or family issues. They also coordinate support groups to help address issues such as anxiety, bereavement, and depression. The students have access to our Social Workers for individual counseling in addition to any support groups. Our Social Workers advocate on behalf of the student to ensure that the students' educational, social, emotional and material needs are met in agreement with NY State and school laws, rules and regulations.

The Social Work Office collaborates with the Guidance Department and Campus Ministry as part of the Student Crisis Response Team to provide psychosocial support and crisis intervention for all students and their families.

Fun Fact Sheet




 **1,000**
approximate # of
students attending

 **13:1**
student:faculty ratio

 **25**
average class size

 **99%**
of students routinely
accepted to 4-year
college

 **\$38M**
Academic & Athletic
scholarships earned
from recent Grads!

 **25 +**
of AP and College
Credit Courses

The SJB mascot is a Cougar
#CougarNation



 school colors
are red, white,
& navy blue

1966
the year SJB opened



SJB is minutes from
the Great South Bay

24
of acres on SJB
campus

SJB is the only Diocesan
High School in Suffolk
County



 **34**
athletic teams

193 championships
in **56** years 

11 Unique Features
on Campus

Anatomege Table
Ceramics Room
Chapel
Court Yard
Dance Studio
Dark Room
Digital Studio
Engineering Labs
Lecture Hall
TV Studio
Wrestling Room



19 
of Alumni employed
at SJB

 **50+**
of extracurricular
activities offered

Technology



Every student is issued a touchscreen Chromebook during Orientation before instruction begins in September. Students are shown how to access their SJB Google Account and their school Plus Portals account. The use of the Chromebook in conjunction with the classroom Smartboard technology is part of our daily instruction in addition to tradition instructional methods.

Students have access to four (4) Computer labs; a MAC lab, two (2) PC labs, and a PC lab attached to our Engineering classroom. The MAC lab, located within our state-of-the-art library, is utilized by the GENESIS Research Program and our Media Firm Club. After school, the library can be used for independent study or as a location for students in need of Peer Tutoring from our National Honor Society. Students can study a variety of Computer Science topics ranging from Advanced Placement level to introductory level. Students also have access to three (3) 3-Dimensional printers on campus.



Every day begins with a morning prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the morning announcements conducted from our TV Studio and streamed live into the classrooms via the Smartboard technology. The TV studio is student-run with the guidance of qualified personnel to help the students master skills necessary in TV/Video production such as camera angles, lighting, sound boards, green screen technology, graphics, and broadcast techniques.

Our campus is also equipped with a Digital Radio Station where students can record podcasts that can be found on our YouTube page. Students interested in photography and film development have access to our fully operational Photography Dark Room.

A newly funded Science Anatomage Table has been installed for our future medical students. The table is the most technologically advanced 3D anatomy visualization and virtual dissection tool for anatomy and physiology education and puts St. John the Baptist DHS on the cutting edge of curriculum advancement. Growing publications show improved test scores, more efficient lab sessions, and enhanced student experiences leading to more effective educational outcomes.







Go Cougars!

We are very proud of our competitive and comprehensive athletic program. We offer the following sports on a variety of levels – from freshman level to our renowned varsity squads. Numerous quality scholar athletes have received athletic scholarships from many Division I and Division II Colleges and Universities. We have multiple All League, All State, and All Long Island award recipients. Many of our athletes pursue their sport on a professional level. Currently, we have Alumni who play professional baseball and compete with the U.S. Olympic team!

Team Sports

BOYS' FALL

Crew (Rowing)
Cross Country
Equestrian
Football
Ice Hockey
Sailing
Soccer

BOYS' WINTER

Basketball
Bowling
Equestrian
Indoor Track & Field
Swimming
Wrestling

BOYS' SPRING

Baseball
Crew (Rowing)
Golf
Lacrosse
Sailing
Spring Track & Field
Tennis
Volleyball

GIRLS' FALL

Cheerleading
Crew (Rowing)
Cross Country
Equestrian
Kick line
Sailing
Soccer
Swimming
Tennis
Volleyball

GIRLS' WINTER

Basketball
Bowling
Cheerleading
Equestrian
Indoor Track & Field
Kick line

GIRLS' SPRING

Badminton
Crew (Rowing)
Golf
Lacrosse
Sailing
Softball
Spring Track & Field





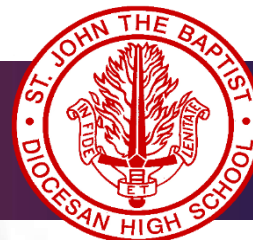
A photograph of two men in naval uniforms standing on a ship's deck. The man on the left is wearing a white cap with a red band, glasses, and a dark uniform with a white shirt and tie. The man on the right is wearing a white cap, glasses, and a dark uniform with a white shirt and tie. They are standing on a blue metal railing. The background shows the ship's hull with several portholes.



Visual Arts



Student Life



We offer a wide array of clubs and activities for our students to participate in after school. Many of our students are actively engaged in one or more clubs or activities and every year there is always a new club created by our students. Students can join clubs throughout the year. There is something for everyone and everyone is something at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School! Please see our SJB Club Booklet for in depth club descriptions.

Ambassador for Admissions
Art Club
Astronomy Club
Backyard Games Club
Baking Club
Big Brother/Big Sister
Board Game Club
Book Club
Computer Programming Club
Culinary Arts Club
Danceworks
Drama Club
Environmental Club
Emerging Technologies
Fashion Club
Flute Club
French Club
Gianna Club
Inclusivity Corner Club
Irish Club
Italian Club
Mathletes
Media Firm

Mock Trial
Notorious/Noteworthy
Peace and Justice Club
Pep Band
Random Acts of Kindness (RAK)
Robotics Club
SADD
Service Dog Club
SJB Dance Company
Spanish Club
Spring Musical
Stained Glass Club
Student Council Executive Board
Student Council Freshmen
Student Council Sophomores
Student Council Juniors
Student Council Seniors
Table Tennis Club
The Forerunner (Yearbook)
The Prophet (School Newspaper)
The Train Club
Voices & Visions
Writing Center



Life after SJB

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Graduates are among the most distinct high school scholars from across the nation.

Routinely **99%** of our seniors are accepted into 4-year Higher Education Institutions including Ivy League schools.

Recent list of colleges and universities where graduates attend:

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| Adelphi University | Cornell University | Iona University |
| Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences | Columbia University | Ithaca College |
| Alvernia University | Culinary Institute of America | Jacksonville University |
| American University | Dartmouth College | James Madison University |
| Amherst College | Dean College | John Carroll University |
| Anna Maria College | DeSales University | Johnson & Wales University |
| Appalachian State University | Dillard University | King's College |
| Arizona State University | Drexel University | La Salle University |
| Assumption College | East Carolina University | Le Moyne College |
| Auburn University | Elon University | Lebanon Valley College |
| Barry University | Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | Lehigh University |
| Baylor University | Emerson College | LIU Post |
| Bentley University | Fairfield University | Louisiana State University |
| Berklee College of Music | Fairleigh Dickinson University | Loyola University |
| Binghamton University | Five Towns College | Maryland Lynn University |
| Boston College | Flagler College-St Augustine | Maine Maritime Academy |
| Boston University | Florida Atlantic University | Manhattan College |
| Brandeis University | Florida Gulf Coast University | Manhattanville College |
| Brown University | Florida Institute of Technology | Marist College |
| Bryant University | Florida Southern College | Marquette University |
| Bucknell University | Florida State University | Marymount Manhattan College |
| California College of the Arts | Fordham University | Marywood University |
| California Institute of Technology | Franklin Pierce University | Massachusetts College of Art & Design |
| Catholic University of America | George Mason University | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| Central Connecticut State University | George Washington University | Mercy College |
| City University of New York Macaulay Honors College | Georgetown University | Merrimack College |
| Clarkson University | Georgia Southern University | Messiah College |
| Clemson University | Gettysburg College | Miami University-Oxford |
| Coastal Carolina University | Grambling State University | Michigan State University |
| College of Charleston | Hampton University | Misericordia University |
| College of Mount Saint Vincent | Hartwick College | Mississippi State University |
| College of New Jersey | Harvard University | Molloy University |
| College of the Holy Cross | Hawaii Pacific University | Monmouth University |
| College of Saint Rose | High Point University | Montclair State University |
| College of William & Mary | Hofstra University | Morgan State University |
| | Howard University | Mount Saint Mary College |
| | Husson University | Mount St. Mary's University |
| | Indiana University-Bloomington | Neumann University |



Our recent graduating class received over **\$38 million** in scholarships from colleges and universities while also earning the following achievements:

5 Capstone Diplomas
25 Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction
20 Advanced Placement Scholars with Honors
55 National Advanced Placement Scholars

New Jersey Institute of Technology
New School - All Divisions
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Niagara University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio State University
Pace University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute-Main
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roanoke College
Robert Morris University
Roberts Wesleyan College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Edward's University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Louis University
Saint Michael's College
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago

School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
Shawnee State University
Siena College
Slippery Rock University of PA
Southern New Hampshire University
Springfield College
St. Bonaventure University
St. Francis College
St. John's University
St. Joseph's University
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stevenson University
Stonehill College
State University of New York
Syracuse University
Temple University
Towson University
Tuskegee University
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia

University of Hartford
University of Houston
University of Iowa
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Vermont
Vassar College Villanova
University Virginia Tech
Virginia Wesleyan
University Wagner College
Wake Forest University
Webb Institute
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
Western Connecticut State University
Wilkes University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University



Lauren Messina, Class of '12

Guidance Department

I can honestly say I had the best time as an SJB Cougar. I made lasting memories and amazing friendships in and out of the classroom. I remember how much I loved Spirit Week and all the well planned out activities that happened during Pep Rally and Homecoming weekend. It made my high school experience all that much more enjoyable!

SJB molded me into the person I am today and I am forever grateful for the education I received. SJB unquestionably prepared me for my college and professional life. I chose to come back here because of the close-knit community and the sense of being home. The faculty and staff are always willing to help and make you feel safe, happy, and comfortable. I love SJB and I am so proud to be an alumna and now employee!

John Santamaria, Class of '09

Computer Science Department

My memories of being an SJB student are full of positive ones. I loved being a part of the Television and Radio stations where I was the anchor of the SJB Sports Desk during my Junior and Senior year. I remember having numerous opportunities to be involved whether it was the Big Sibling Program or becoming a Eucharistic Minister. SJB brought out the best in me outside the classroom. I am still friends with many classmates and with faculty members who I couldn't be happier to now call colleagues.

I came home to SJB in September 2021 and I am so glad to be part of this community once again. I love helping our students enjoy SJB the same way I did during my time as a student; displaying incredible school spirit and taking advantage of all SJB has to offer. SJB remains the best home away from home!



Dominick Veneziano, Class of '02

Social Studies Department

SJB has always been a welcoming place to attend high school. It was my 2nd home as a student and now as a teacher. For me, SJB never felt like I was going to school, nor does it feel like I'm coming to work - it feels more like being with family. My former teachers and current colleagues care so much about the school and our students. The school offers rigorous academics, competitive athletics and a multitude of different clubs/activities for students to choose from that makes SJB a unique school to attend!

How to Become an SJB Cougar



How to Apply:

- Current 8th graders should register for the **TACHS Exam** and indicate **SJB** as one of your choices using our **code #698**. The test is administered the first Saturday in November. After the exam, a TACHS Academic Report must also be submitted to SJB. Scholarship considerations are based upon TACHS scores and 1st and 2nd choice applicants. Acceptances, based upon the TACHS results and Academic Reports, will be sent out in early January.
- Any 8th grader that missed the exam, can still apply using our **Online Application**. There will be additional documents that are required before we will review the application. An interview with the Director of Admissions will be scheduled after review of the completed application. Please see our website to access the **Online Application**.
- Students looking to transfer into SJB (grades 9-11) need to complete the **Online Application** and submit the subsequent required documents. An interview with the Director of Admissions is also required. Applicants looking to enroll for the current school year need to apply before the end of the 1st semester. We do not accept current senior year (12th grade) transfers or entering 12th grade transfers. Please see our website to access the **Online Application**.
- Visit our website @stjohnthebaptistdhs.net. Access our **Online Application** under the **Admissions** tab, then select "Apply Online!"

Need to see more?

- Follow us on social media, look in your local church bulletins, or find our ad in local print media indicating when our Fall Open House is scheduled. Our Fall Open House is usually in mid to late October.
- Schedule a **Private Tour** or **Cougar for a Day** using our online Inquiry form. Please see our website stjohnthebaptistdhs.net and click on the Admissions tab to access "Visiting St. John's" info.

For further information, please contact the Admissions Department via phone (631) 587-8000 x113 or e-mail: Admissions@sjbdhs.org

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All Things SJB



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Athletics



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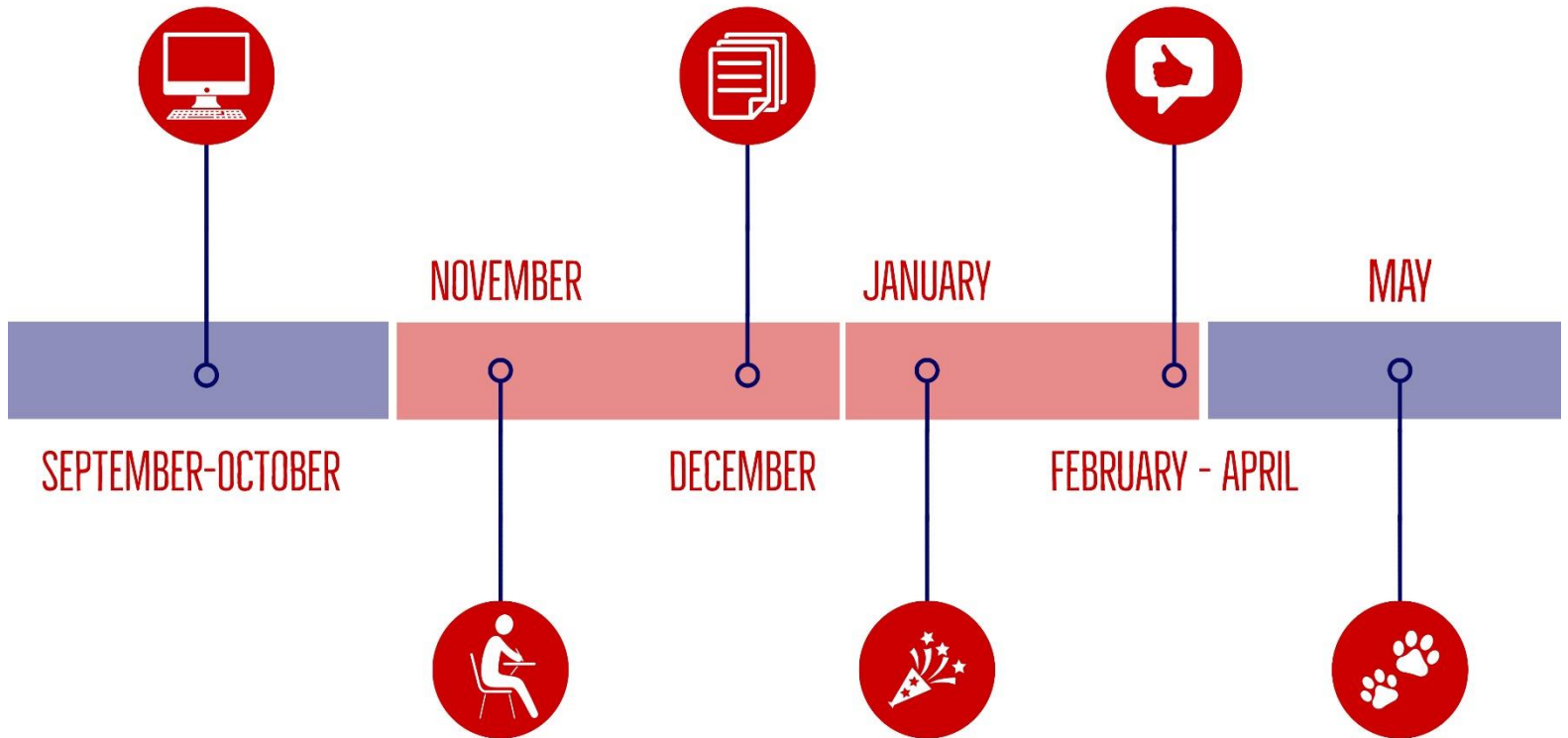
The Arts



SJBDHSARTS



Admissions **TIMELINE**



September - October

1. Check the SJB website, SJB social media, parish bulletins and print media for date and time of **SJB Open House**.
2. Register to take the TACHS exam (Test for Admissions into Catholic High Schools) @ TACHSINFO.COM. Be sure to enter **St. John the Baptist DHS code #698** as your 1st or 2nd choice.
3. Schedule a **Private Tour** of our campus after Open House.
4. Schedule your child to be a **Cougar for a Day** after Open House.

November

1. First Saturday in November is the TACHS Exam.
2. Be sure **SJB HS Code #698** is listed on admission ticket for the exam.

December

1. Send TACHS Academic report to SJB. (NOTE: Students attending Catholic Elementary Schools will have their info automatically sent via the TACHS Portal. Students attending Public or non-Catholic Private Schools must request their records be sent by their school.)
2. Submit any legacy forms for consideration of acceptance.
3. Student receiving services via an IESP/IEP or 504 Accommodation Plan must submit the most recent document to the admissions office.
4. Students that missed the TACHS exam should apply online utilizing our Online Application from our website. An interview with the Director of Admission will be scheduled after review of completed application.



January

1. Acceptance notices sent home in early January via postal mail and email.
2. Attend Accepted Student's evening for a 2nd look Open House.
3. Secure your child's seat for the subsequent school year by submitting your Registration Fee by the Priority deadline.
4. Purchase your SJB Swag for Catholic Schools week.

February - May

1. Submit your application for Financial Assistance via TADS account @secure.tads.com.
2. Attend the Welcome Evening for instructions on selecting courses, complete your Big Sibling Interest Form, and meet your future Cougar classmates!
3. Access your SJB School account: Plus Portals.
4. Submit all remaining required documents by deadlines to ensure a smooth enrollment for September.



*St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School
is located on the majestic South Shore of Long Island, in Suffolk County
Our Address is:
1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip, NY 11795*

GO SJB
COUGARS!

