Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School

You have chosen a Catholic Montessori learning environment for your children, and it is important to know that there are some differences from a traditional preschool setting. One of these is the phase-in process. This process is specifically designed for the children who are new to the Montessori Children’s House. It is a time when we assist the young child in becoming familiar with his/her teacher, the environment, and the natural functioning of the new community they are about to enter.

The two-week long phase-in allows the Guide to spend uninterrupted, short increments of time with a small group of children in order to help them acclimate to their environment at a slower pace, which is necessary for a young child’s development. During the second week of phase-in, the children returning as Kindergarteners will also return to their Children’s House as a small group, which helps them reorient into the environment, introduce them to any changes which may have occurred since the previous year, and begin to encourage them to become this year’s leaders in the Children’s House environment.

We know that this phase-in schedule may cause some inconvenience for you, but please know that this is an extremely important time for your child. As always, our goal is to protect the tender, innocent little ones you have entrusted into our care, while gently guiding them into their new experience of school. We greatly appreciate your patience, your understanding and cooperation.

We welcome the new and returning families to a rewarding and blessed new year at St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School.

*Please see the attached schedule for Phase-In
**Children’s House Welcome**

Our Children’s House team is so excited to welcome children to school this fall. The first day of full schedule for returning children is September 3rd. Before that day, we hold two weeks of “phase-in” to help new and returning children transition into the Children’s House environment. Uniforms during phase-in is not necessary but welcome. Please read carefully to see your child’s opportunities to begin orientating to the school before the first day.

**Children’s House Orientation 2019-2020**

New children joining Children’s House are invited to a 30-minute orientation with their teacher Wednesday, August 21st. An electronic invitation will be sent for you to sign up for a time once your child’s class placement has been finalized.

**Children’s House Phase In Schedule 2019-2020**

**August 22 and August 26-27** from 9:00-10:30AM:
All **NEW** children in Children’s House participate in a phase-in period at school. During phase in, parents are welcome to stay (along with your other children) to play on the playground, enjoy hospitality and learn more about our Catholic Montessori School.

**August 28-30th**: The second week of phase-in to help acclimate ALL STUDENTS back to school. All 3 and 4 year olds in Children’s House attend phase-in from 9:00-11:30AM. All Kindergarten children phase-in 11:30-2:00pm. Kindergarteners will eat lunch together; please bring a cold lunch.

**TO RECAP:**
**August 21**: All new students have a 30min orientation with Guide
**August 22**: ALL NEW CHILDREN to SJB: 9:00-10:30 AM Phase In with Classroom Guide
**August 26**: ALL NEW CHILDREN to SJB: 9:00-10:30 AM Phase In with Classroom Guide
**August 27**: ALL NEW CHILDREN to SJB: 9:00-10:30 AM Phase In with Classroom Guide

**August 28**: ALL 3 & 4 year olds in Children’s House: 9-11:30AM & All Kindergarteners 11:30-2:00 PM (bring a cold lunch)
**August 29**: ALL 3 & 4 year olds in Children’s House: 9-11:30AM & All Kindergarteners 11:30-2:00 PM (bring a cold lunch)
**August 30**: ALL 3 & 4 year olds in Children’s House: 9-11:30AM & All Kindergarteners 11:30-2:00 PM (bring a cold lunch)