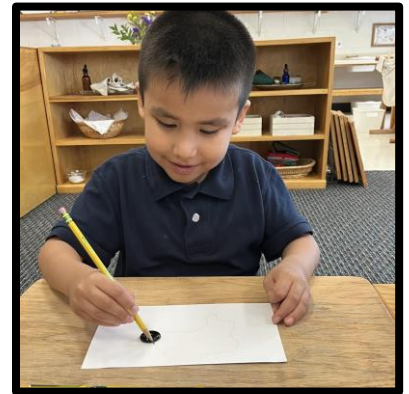


Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School Children's House



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 period 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 read carefully to see your child’s opportunities to begin orienting to the school before the first day.

Children’s House Orientation: *New children* joining Children’s House are invited to a 30-minute orientation with their teacher **Wednesday, August 23rd**. 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:

August 24 and 25 (9–10:30am) and August 28 (9–11:00am): All **NEW** children in Children’s House participate in a phase-in period at school. See calendar below for specific times.

August 30–September 1: The second week of phase-in is to help acclimate **ALL STUDENTS** back to school.

TO RECAP:

<u>Aug 21</u> None	<u>Aug 22</u> Back to School Night 6–7:30pm	<u>Aug 23</u> New Students: 30 min Orientation with Guide	<u>Aug 24</u> <u>ALL NEW STUDENTS:</u> 9:00–10:30AM	<u>Aug 25</u> <u>ALL NEW STUDENTS:</u> 9:00–10:30AM
<u>Aug 28</u> <u>ALL NEW STUDENTS:</u> 9:00–11:00AM	<u>Aug 29</u> <u>All 3 & 4 yr olds:</u> 9–11:30AM <u>All Kinders:</u> 11:30–2:00PM (bring cold lunch)	<u>Aug 30</u> <u>All 3 & 4 yr olds:</u> 9–11:30AM <u>All Kinders:</u> 11:30–2:00PM (bring cold lunch)	<u>Aug 31</u> <u>All 3 & 4 yr olds:</u> 9–11:30AM <u>All Kinders:</u> 11:30–2:00PM (bring cold lunch)	<u>Sept 1</u> NONE
<u>Sept 4</u> Labor Day	<u>Sept 5</u> First Full Day of School 8:45am–3:30pm			