Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School Children's House Fall 2026

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 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. 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 ***Friday, 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:

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

August 26-August 27: These days are to help acclimate **ALL STUDENTS** back to school.

TO RECAP:

Aug 17 **None**	**Aug 18** **Back to School Night** 6-7:30 PM	**Aug 19** **None**	**Aug 20** **None**	**Aug 21** **New Students:** 30 min Orientation
Aug 24 **ALL NEW STUDENTS:** 9:00-10:30 AM	**Aug 25** **ALL NEW STUDENTS:** 9:00-10:30 AM	**Aug 26** **All 3 & 4 yr olds:** 9-11:15AM **All Kinders:** 11:30-1:30PM (bring lunch)	**Aug 27** **All 3 & 4 yr olds:** 9-11:15AM **All Kinders:** 11:30-1:30PM (bring lunch)	**Aug 28** **NONE**
Aug 31 **First Full Day of School**				

**** If your child is not able to attend Phase In scheduled above, once phase-in has been completed, the child's regular schedule will begin.***