Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School
Toddler Community 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 Toddler Community. 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.

There are four separate days of phase-in for the toddler. One is at the child's home called a Home Visit while the other three are at school in the Toddler Community.

Home Visit (<u>NEW</u> Students): The home visit is an opportunity for your child's teacher to come visit him or her in his/her own home prior to the start of school. A home visit is basically a playdate for the student and his/her teacher. The visit is an opportunity for your child to get to know his/her new teacher on his/her own turf, so to speak. The home visit is simply one more tool for easing your child's transition. The teacher will arrive and her focus will be on establishing a bond between her and your child. She will allow the child to lead the visit, allowing him or her to select where they play and what they do together. Overall, it is a casual time meant to introduce the child to his teacher and establish bonds of trust. This visit will last 30-45 minutes. This is a great time to ask any questions you may have.

Phase-in in the Toddler Community (<u>NEW</u> Students): This visit will be for an hour. Parents may drop off their child at the Toddler Community door. <u>This visit is for the child only.</u> Your child will be given a tour of the classroom, and his/her teacher will give presentations on the different areas within the environment. Your child will have the opportunity to interact with the various elements of the classroom and become familiar with the space they will be in for the school year.

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.

Phase-in in the Toddler Community (ALL Students): August 24th & 25th: Group 1 (9-11:30am) and Aug 26th & 27th: Group 2 (9-11:30am): All Toddler children participate in a phase-in period at school. During phase in, students will experience the morning work cycle which includes a snack.

Drop your child off at the Toddler door at 9am. When picking up at 11:30am, please pick up at the main Toddler door, as well.

Group 1 **August 24th & 25th** **9-11:30AM**	**Group 2** **August 26th & 27th** **9-11:30AM**
Names of children	Names of children

*If your child is in the Summer Program, we will take care of getting your toddler to phase in and picking them up.

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 Sign-Up Genius for scheduling the home visit and new student phase-in time (will be sent later in the summer).