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## **New Library and Technology Center Opens at St. John the Baptist DHS**

**WEST ISLIP, NY**— St. John the Baptist DHS recently unveiled a new library and technology center. It is reflective of modern college libraries and will help to expose St. John's students to the various uses of technology when doing research and other types of school work.

The new library is a state-of-the-art learning hub. It includes a Video and TV Production MAC lab, a flex classroom, a college preparatory scientific research center, a conference room, media presentation space with digital archiving and 3D printing capability. It is a completely wireless space, allowing students full access to WIFI. The library will also feature over nine thousand print books and over two-hundred thousand e-books. With an abundance of new and improved resources, students will be able to work collaboratively, pursue academic interests in order to learn how to conduct college level research projects. St. John's has partnered with the Library Science department and interns from St. John's University in order to learn and integrate coding and meta-data analysis, web design and information technology.

Mr. Robert Crossan, Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations stated, "We've been overwhelmed by the incredible support of our parents, alumni, and friends who have pulled together to make so many great things happen here at St. John's. It is only through the incredible generosity of our donors and fundraisers that this project is possible. It has been a dream to see the library project happen."

Historically, St. John's has shown a dedication to technology and providing their students with the best possible resources. SJB was the first high school in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to establish a Video and Television Production studio, Radio Station, and Computer Science Department. Over the last several years St. John's Visionary Campaign has continued to show its dedication to advancement by refurbishing science labs, auditorium, and all athletic facilities. St. John's principal, Nan Doherty, stated, "It is finally the time to renovate the most used and academically valuable space in the building. It is here that students pursuing a future in engineering, computer science, video production or research will use this space as their central learning hub, a place to brainstorm and collaborate and a springboard to their careers. I am thrilled that this can be a great educational collaborative space for our students and faculty that serves both curricular and co-curricular agendas. It is a thrill to see this come together and to join with the many community, collegiate and alumni benefactors who see and care about supporting this project for the benefit of our Long Island Community and the students and graduates of St. John the Baptist." It will be a terrific 50th anniversary celebration for all and serve St. John's for the next 50 years!



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*About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School: 1,500 students attend St. John the Baptist DHS, a college preparatory Catholic High School located on the south shore in West Islip. As part of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, St. John's offers a value-centered education that recognizes the unique talents and abilities of each child, while fostering a school environment that challenges students to reach their true potential. Open since 1966, St. John's offers a rigorous curriculum and extensive activity and athletic programs. Students have the opportunity to take numerous Advanced Placement classes and 99% of St. John's graduates continue on to higher education. For Mission Statement and additional information: [www.sjbdhs.org](http://www.sjbdhs.org)*