

## **FAQ for Transfer Students from OLMA:**

We are all saddened by the news of the closing of Our Lady of Mercy Academy for the 2024-2025 school year.

We are pleased that you are choosing to complete your high school education at a Catholic Institution. Your interest and possible transition into St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School are our top priority. Below we have created a list of questions and answers to help you with your decision to enroll into SJB:

### **Question #1) How do I explore/experience what SJB has to offer me?**

**Answer #1)** Students that are interested in Shadowing – we call it Cougar for a Day- can submit an Inquiry Form. The Inquiry Form can be found on our website, under our Admissions tab, under “Visiting St. John’s”. The Inquiry form is set as SJB policy and we do not normally accept senior transfers, *but we will make an exception for OLMA students*. Please indicate you are a current junior and where applicable, indicate 11<sup>th</sup> grade interest – we will change your info on our end once we contact you to schedule the Shadow Day.

If enough students ‘inquire’ we will try to coordinate an “OLMA Day”. Guests students will be partnered with one of our Ambassadors for Admissions with similar interests. Our Admissions Director, Administration, and Guidance Chairperson will speak with all students prior to leaving on their OLMA day.

OLMA families can tour our building by also submitting an inquiry. We offer Tours every Tuesday and Thursday – we call it Touring Tues and Thurs – either at 3pm or 3:15pm.

### **Question #2) How do I apply/enroll into SJB?**

**Answer #2)** If you decide we are the right fit for you, we ask that you apply online through our Admissions Portal. You can access the portal from our website, under the Admission tab under “Apply Now”. The “Apply Now” page also details the required documents that need to support our application. As current students from OLMA, we want to make this process as easy as possible, so the following accommodations will be made to the application process:

- We will waive the \$75 application fee
- We will accept applications for senior transfers
- We will only require 1 letter of recommendation from a current teacher/counselor
- A copy of your unofficial transcript and current report card is sufficient for rising senior and junior transfers.
- Rising sophomore transfers, we will require your final 8<sup>th</sup> grade report card in addition to your most current report card from OLMA

Any incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grader that wants to consider SJB as a possible High School destination that did not indicate SJB prior also needs to complete an application, however, all required documents referred to on the “Apply Now” page must be submitted. The \$75 application fee will be waived. TACHS results will be reviewed and a merit scholarship may be awarded based on review as other who indicated SJB. We will not re-review any TACHS applicant that previously indicated SJB as one of their three (3) choices as our due diligence has already been applied to those students.

**Question #3) Can I enroll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 2023-2024 school year?**

**Answer #3)** Students are being strongly encouraged to remain at OLMA through June 2024. Our Counseling Department will work closely with any rising seniors and how to address their transcripts for the college application process in September. We may also schedule an OLMA night for those rising seniors to help prepare you for that process after the Easter Recess.

**Question #4) What if I have a scholarship from OLMA? Does that transfer to SJB?**

**Answer #4)** Unfortunately, it does not. We understand the financial support you may have received from OLMA helped offset tuition costs, however, SJB does not offer scholarships for transfer students and our budget is not inclusive of these additional costs. OLMA has indicated that some financial assistance you may have received was through “donor contributions” and may ‘follow you’ to SJB. OLMA transfers are eligible for financial assistance within our budget and can be access through our TADS Account.

Any previous offered merit scholarships from TACHS exams review earlier than 2024 decisions are no longer valid. i.e. – we offered a Scholar Award to you in 2021 for a Class of 2025 student. This award is no longer applicable.

Any incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grader (Class of 2028) that did not indicate SJB as one of their TACHS choice schools may be considered for an Academic Scholarship after review of their TACHS scores and academic record in conjunction with previous merit scholarship parameters.

**Question #5) Does SJB provide transportation?**

**Answer #5)** Families that reside within a 15-mile radius of SJB should contact their local public-school district to arrange for busing. SJB does provide a shuttle bus to and from (including late shuttles for athletics) the Babylon Train station for the LIRR. We also provide busing to those families that live on the East End of Long Island outside the 15-mile radius. Currently, many of those East End Bus routes are full, but we will explore the possibility of adding busses for the subsequent school year based on enrollment numbers.

Currently, for North Shore families, SJB is always exploring ways to make SJB accessible for those that want to attend. If we get a number of families from a small area outside the 15-mile radius from the north shore of Long Island, we will explore a shared cost busing option.

**Question #6) Are there any restrictions if I am an athlete and play sports?**

**Answer #6)** The CHSAA transfer rules will be followed without alteration during the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. The principals will not permit any exceptions to eligibility regulations while OLMA is still open. Come September 2024, any student-athlete who played at OLMA this year would be immediately eligible at SJB for the new school year.

**Question #7) What is the tuition cost at SJB?**

**Answer #7)** Tuition for the 2023-2024 school year is \$12,800. As a Diocesan High School, our tuition is decided by the Department of Education of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. *Tuition for the 2024-2025 school year has not been determined yet.* We expect notification in the Spring of 2024 for the cost of tuition for the 2024-2025 school year.

In addition to tuition, SJB has a registration cost of \$850. This fee includes the cost of a school issued Chromebook, technology fees, lab costs, and a yearbook. The Chromebook is kept by the student after graduation and all educational restrictions and control is released by the school after graduation.

There are athletic fees depending on each sport. Please see our Athletic page on our website for specific information.

**Question #8) Who do I contact if I have further questions?**

**Answer #8)** Please contact our Admissions Office at 631-587-8000 ext. 113 Monday through Friday during normal school hours or email us at [admissions@sjbdhs.org](mailto:admissions@sjbdhs.org).

In Faith and Gentleness,

St. John the Baptist DHS Admissions Department

