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Dear UPK Families:

Welcome to the Sisters of St. John the Baptist, Inc. UPK Program. We look forward with anticipation to meeting you and your child on **Thursday, September 7, 2017**. We will begin that day at 9 am with a separate orientation in each classroom. Our UPK is located in the Father Fusco Child Center (directly next to our pool). Parent and child are expected to be present. **Please note that no cars at any time may be driven onto and/or parked on campus.** There is a parking lot across the street from the entrance to campus. After the orientation, your child is welcomed to stay until 12 pm. So that you can plan accordingly, Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> will be a half-day session from 7:30 am to 12 pm. Full days begin on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>.

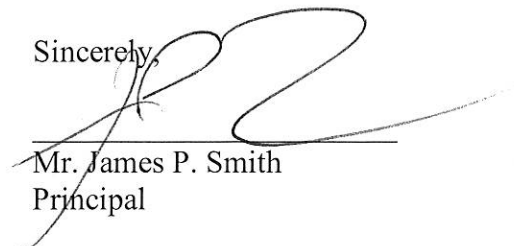
Our classroom is designed to promote learning through purposeful play and discovery. The keys to learning are curiosity and creativity and these are fostered in all areas of the classroom. Our learning centers include blocks, art, Math, manipulatives, Science, library, listening, writing, language, music, and dramatic play. The children will sing and dance and learn to play games together. They will have the opportunity to play outside and in the gym which is essential for gross motor development.

Snacks and lunch will be provided during full day sessions of the UPK by *Four Seasons Food Service*, who already service both St. John Villa Academy Elementary and High Schools. Monthly menus will be posted on our website – [www.sjva.org](http://www.sjva.org). Please let us know if your child has any special dietary needs or any food allergies.

On the day of the UPK orientation, please bring with you 1 set of extra clothes in a labeled zip lock bag. All items brought to school must have your child's name on it.

Be assured that our door is always open for you to speak to us and ask questions about the UPK and your child. Thank you for your cooperation as we embark on our journey together during the 2017-2018 school year.

Sincerely,



Mr. James P. Smith  
Principal