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Dear Rising Freshmen and Parents,

The Big Sibs Coordinators would like to extend a warm TJ welcome to you all. For those who do not know, the Big Sibs program at Jefferson is designed to ease the transition for freshmen by providing every incoming freshman with a "Big Sib" who is a current TJ student. The Big Sib will also be a valuable resource for asking questions and getting more information about academics, sports, and activities at TJ. Additionally, the Big Sib has the responsibility of aiding and maintaining contact with the "Little Sib" throughout the whole year whether it is through mails, phone calls, or at Big Sibs-sponsored events, including Orientation, which will be held Thursday September 1.

In order to find the best Big Sib match for the freshmen, we ask the freshmen to take a few minutes to register for the program and fill out a short form online. The form online contains questions about preferences such as preferred gender of Big Sib and academic and extracurricular interests. The matches are made based on compatibility gathered from the responses to this online form. Although all freshmen get a Big Sib regardless of whether or not they fill out the form, the chance of receiving a prompt and helpful response from the Big Sib increases if the form is completed. If we do not get any information into our online database about a freshman, all we have to give the Big Sib is a phone number. Therefore we strongly urge you to go online as soon as possible and register to be a Little Sib.

To register follow the instructions below:

1. Go to the TJ Big Sibs website at: [activities.tjhsst.edu/bigsibs](http://activities.tjhsst.edu/bigsibs)
2. At the bottom of the page click the "Register" link
3. After filling out the requested information, make sure that the LITTLE SIB account button is selected
4. Log in again and complete the short questionnaire
5. Click "Submit" and wait for a response from your Big Sib sometime between late July and early August

Please make an effort to do this <sup>ASAP!</sup> by ~~June 30~~. After this date we cannot guarantee that Big Sib-Little Sib match will be made based on submitted information.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to email [tjbigsibs@gmail.com](mailto:tjbigsibs@gmail.com).

Thank you for your cooperation!

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