



Dear Parents and Families,

As summer draws to a close and the campus begins to buzz with anticipation, we extend a heartfelt welcome to a new academic year at Saint Mary's College of California! Whether you're preparing to send your student to college for the first time or welcoming them back for another chapter, this time of year brings a mix of emotions—pride, excitement, and perhaps a little nostalgia.

We want you to know that your student's success, well-being, and growth remain at the heart of everything we do. Our faculty and staff are eager to support them through a year full of opportunities for learning, leadership, and connection.

As your student moves into the campus community in the coming weeks, they will settle into new routines, reconnect with friends and mentors, and dive into the rich academic and co-curricular life that defines our community. We encourage you to stay engaged—through newsletters, campus events, and family resources—as your student embarks on this next phase of their journey.

Thank you for the trust you place in us. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the year and keeping you connected to life on campus.

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Housing Information for Fall 2025



Fall 2025 Move-in Dates

Detailed information has been emailed to your students' SMC email account if they have signed up to live on campus this coming year. To keep parents and families informed, note the below move-in information. Check with your student on the detailed email sent from the Housing Office to ensure your family has all of the information you need for a smooth move-in.

New Incoming Students

Students who have attended New Student Orientation this past June have a move-in date of Thursday, August 21, 2025. Please follow the time frames below with the corresponding first letter of the student's last name:

- A-L: 9AM-11AM
- M-Z: 11AM-1PM

Students who registered to attend New Student Orientation on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, will move-in the day prior, Tuesday, August 19, between 1-3PM. Please follow the time frames below with the corresponding first letter of the student's last name:

- A-L: 1PM-2M
- M-Z: 2PM-3PM

New Incoming Transfer students are invited to move-in on Thursday, August 21 from 10am-12 pm. Move-in assistance will be provided during the Thursday, August 21 move-in. New Incoming Transfer students are also encouraged to attend Weekend of Welcome activities.

Returning Students

Returning student move-in is scheduled for Sunday, August 24th. Students can now submit our early move in form on the Housing Portal to request to move in 1-2 days early (\$50/day). Contact housing@stmarys-ca.edu for more information.

Guide on How to be a Good Roommate

This may be the first time your student will be living with a roommate. We encourage students to review this [guide on How to be a Good Roommate](#). Encourage your student to plan with their roommate what you'll bring, what might be able to be shared and coordinate what time each is arriving on campus on move-in day.

Still Looking for Housing? Great News: More On-Campus Housing Available!

Is your student still finalizing where they'll live this fall? We're excited to share that additional on-campus housing spaces are now available for Fall 2025! This is a wonderful opportunity for your student to live in a supportive, safe, and engaging community that's deeply connected to the academic and social life of Saint Mary's.

Living on campus means more than just a place to sleep - it's access to 24/7 campus safety, easy walks to classes and meals, and built-in academic and leadership support. From included utilities and suite cleaning to free laundry and access to resident-led events, on-campus life is designed to help students thrive.

Interested? Contact Housing@stmarys-ca.edu to learn more or to claim your spot.

REMIND YOUR STUDENT TO BRING THEIR SMC STUDENT ID CARD WITH THEM!

All students will need their ID card on campus, including getting into Oliver Hall to use their meal plan, accessing the Rec Center, checking out books, etc.

Students who already attended orientation received their ID card at that event. Students who are attending the 8/20 Orientation will receive their ID Card at Orientation. Students who did not pick up their ID card at orientation can pick it up at the Housing Office.

Housing & Dining
Website

Weekend of Welcome: August 21-24

Saint Mary's College of California's Weekend of Welcome from August 21-24 is how we officially welcome our new first-year and transfer students to our campus. Students will dive into a mix of exciting activities designed to help students meet fellow Gaels and feel right at home.



Whether it's painting the SMC sign, showing off backflip skills at the pool party, or watching a home game, Weekend of Welcome is the perfect way to kick off your student's Saint Mary's journey, make new friends, and become part of the campus community. Please note that some options during the weekend are optional but some are required. Your student can check in with their Weekend of Welcome leader with questions once they arrive to move-in. We can't wait to share this memorable weekend with our incoming students!

Weekend of Welcome
Website

Reminder: Medical Requirements

Health Insurance

All full-time undergraduate students are **AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED** in the Saint Mary's College Student Health Insurance Plan (SMC-SHIP) or must **ANNUALLY** waive the insurance if they can demonstrate comparable coverage. The waiver process must be completed by *August 15, 2025* to avoid incurring a \$2,179 insurance fee on your account.

To WAIVE or OPT-IN (opting in will grant you access to your insurance card earlier than September 22): <https://studentcenter.uhcsr.com/stmarys-ca>

More information about the [Health Insurance Policy can be found here](#).

Medical Requirements:

All incoming students intending to live in campus housing need to complete the following two medical requirements:

PRIOR TO MOVE-IN:

1. TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING: Complete your Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Form on Med+Proctor. This screening questionnaire will occur automatically upon registering with Med+Proctor. You will be notified if further testing is required.

2. IMMUNIZATIONS: Submit a copy of your immunization record to [Med+Proctor](#), a FERPA & HIPAA compliant third-party immunization verification service, so that your required immunizations can be verified. You will need to register for a new account using your SMC email.

Required immunizations:

- Meningococcal (ACWY): Required for all students 21 years of age or younger. Must include one dose on or after age 16.
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella): two doses or positive MMR titer documenting immunity.
- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis): one dose within the last 10 years.

Check out the Health Center's [FAQ page](#) about incoming student medical requirements, or email or call the Student Health Center with questions: healthcenter@stmarys-ca.edu / 925-631-4254

Health & Wellness Center

Registration Reminders

Returning students should have already registered for classes for Fall 2025 but if your student still needs to add classes, or is looking to change their schedule, they can contact the Advising Office, tao@stmarys-ca.edu. Encourage your student to keep an eye on their SMC email address for any summer reading or other requirements for their Fall Courses. The Add/Drop period to change classes is from August 25-September 7. During add-drop week students need instructor permission to add a course.



Incoming first year students have recently received their schedules. If you have questions about your schedule, please contact The Advising Office at tao@stmarys-ca.edu. Incoming transfers work directly with their assigned advisors to register for classes.

The Advising Office is located in Filippi Administrative Building, Suite 134, under the Student Success Office window for any students needing in person support.

Advising Office

Intercultural Center Welcome Event: Aug. 29

Encourage your First Year Student to attend the *Platy Party* at the Intercultural Center on the first Friday of the school year!

Students can come hang out, meet new people, and kick off the year with good vibes. There'll be free food, music, games, and a chance to win an adorable Platy Beanie Baby!

August 29th from 1:00-3:30pm in the InterCultural Center.



InterCultural Center

Student Involvement Fair: Sept 3

- All students are encouraged to come to the Fall Involvement Fair on September 3 from 12-2pm on the DeLaSalle lawn.
- This will be an excellent opportunity for students to sign up for clubs and organizations on campus and learn about all the ways they can become involved on the SMC campus.



Student Life - Activities & Clubs

Club Sports Recruitment Fair

The Club Sports Department is hosting its first recruiting event of the academic year at the annual Weekend of Welcome Campus Recreation Pool Party. Many first year students receive information about the various Club Sports teams at this event, including meeting dates, practice times, and prospective competition schedules.

Students interested in joining a Club Sports team or want to find out more information can sign up via the [Saint Mary's Club Sports Prospective Athlete Interest Form](#). For any questions, contact the Club Sports office at clubsports@stmarys-ca.edu.



Club Sports

This Weekend: Summer Wine & Beer Fest

WineMaker Dinner:

Friday, August 8

Kick off the weekend with a special event, the [WineMaker Dinner](#), which will feature two of our alumni-owned wineries! Tickets are still available!

Wine and Beer Fest

Saturday, August 9

Continue the fun on Saturday as Saint Mary's College and the Alumni Association host an afternoon of wine and beer tasting, delicious appetizers and fun! All proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction support student scholarships. We hope you will join us at this 21 and over event!



**Buy Summer Wine & Beer Fest
Tickets**

Jan Term Travel Courses- Registration starts in September

While January is still months away, the registration process for our 2026 Travel courses is starting now! Students can [visit the Jan Term Travel website](#) to learn more about our 2026 Travel courses, how to register, and important dates and deadlines coming up this fall.



Jan Term Travel Registration Information

Family Weekend: October 3-5



Family Weekend is a time for families to reconnect with their student, other Saint Mary's families, faculty, staff, and alumni. We encourage you to take advantage of your time on campus and plan on attending as many events as you are able to throughout the weekend.

For your planning purposes, programming will start Friday, 10/3 mid-afternoon. Saturday 10/4 will be a full day of events and activities, starting around 9am and ending around 7pm. On Sunday, 10/5 there will be family Mass at 11am and a Town Soccer Game at 1pm. A full schedule should be available in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on the Family Weekend Website as details of events are published.

Come see where your student is thriving—connect with their world, meet the people supporting them, and enjoy a weekend of campus spirit and fun!

Family Weekend Information

Information for Parents & Families

Staying engaged with your student's college experience helps foster meaningful support and connection. We offer several resources to keep you informed:

- Parent & Family Newsletter – Stay updated on important dates, campus events, and helpful tips by reading this monthly newsletter
- College Social Media Channels- Follow SMC on Instagram @stmarysca for real-time updates and campus highlights.
- [Parent & Family Website](#) – Access quick links to common resources including academic calendars, billing info, and campus departments in one convenient place.
- Family Weekend & Campus Events – Attend events designed to bring families into the campus community.

These tools help you stay involved while supporting your student's independence and growth. Still

have questions? Email us at family@stmarys-ca.edu for additional assistance.

**Parents & Families
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