



Parent & Family Newsletter



Hello Saint Mary's Parents and Families,

I hope this message finds you well and that your student is having a safe, refreshing, and enjoyable spring break. As we move into April, the campus is energized and focused as students begin the final stretch of the term. As springtime arrives, we want to remind students of SMC's commitment to their well-being. Health, wellness, and safety are essential for academic success and personal growth and we remain deeply committed to supporting each student. As you visit with your student over Spring Break, please remind them of these resources:

Connect with Wellness

SMC's WellGael program is committed to actively nurture mind, body, and spirit connections on individual and community levels through programming, support services, and education. Check out our upcoming Wellness Wednesday events or sign-up for a Rec Center fitness class.

TimelyCare

Feeling under the weather, anxious, or overwhelmed? Saint Mary's is partnered with TimelyCare, which delivers a virtual health and well-being platform for students. Students can talk to a licensed medical provider or therapist to get the care you need via phone or secure video visits with 24/7/365 access at no cost.

Student Health Center (SHC)

The Student Health Center is an urgent care facility conveniently located on the Saint Mary's College campus in the lower level of Augustine Hall. Our staff provide medical services in an urgent care model to all enrolled students for illnesses and injuries. Visit the SHC website for more information. To make an appointment, students can self-schedule through the Student Health Portal, call the SHC at (925) 631-4254, or stop by the SHC during business hours (Augustine Hall, Lower Level).

Your continued support plays an important role in their success—whether it's offering encouragement, helping them stay balanced, or simply checking in. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments in the weeks ahead and sharing in a strong and successful end to the semester.

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2026-2027 Associated Students Opportunities

Encourage your student to get involved and become a leader on campus! Positions available for all class levels and no experience needed for most positions.

Applications will close at 9pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

- Associated Students President (Juniors or Seniors only; Must have been on AS Senate for 1 year) *The AS President receives the annual \$10,000.00 Br. Glenn Bolton, FSC Student Body Award*
- Associated Students Vice President for Administration (Juniors or Seniors only; Must have been on AS Senate for 1 year) *The AS Vice President receives a student leadership financial award.*
- Associated Students Vice President for Student Organizations (Sophomore/Junior/Seniors; Previous involved in club/org) *The AS Vice President receives a student leadership financial award.*
- Associated Students Vice President for Finance (Juniors or Seniors only) *The AS Vice President receives a student leadership financial award.*
- Class of 2027 (To be Seniors) - Class Chair, Vice Chair, 3 Senators (Senior Senators help select Commencement Speakers, including the Valedictorian)
- Class of 2028 (To be Juniors) - Class Chair, Vice Chair, 3 Senators
- Class of 2029 (To be Sophomores) - Class Chair, Vice Chair, 3 Senators



[2026-2027 Associated Students Interest Form](#)

Commencement 2026 Schedule and Information

Make Up Graduation Fair:

Students who were not able to make the March Grad Fair can attend the **makeup fair on May 4**, from 12-5pm in the Soda Center

Graduate and Professional Studies Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, May 21, 2026 | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Commencement Liturgy

Friday, May 22, 2026 | 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 22, 2026 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



- To ensure compliance with fire safety codes and to provide a safe and comfortable environment for all attendees, we kindly ask that each graduate limit their guest count

to no more than 12 guests, based on the venue's maximum capacity of 7,000. There are no physical tickets needed to enter the event

Commencement 2026 Website

Real Talk with Alumni: A Valuable Networking Opportunity for Students

The Career Center, in partnership with the Alumni Office, is excited to host *Real Talk with Alumni*—an engaging networking event designed to connect students with fellow Gaels currently in the workforce.



Taking place on campus on April 21 from 5:30–7:00 PM, this event offers students a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with alumni across a variety of industries. Through a relaxed, rotating format, students can build confidence, practice networking skills, and gain real-world insights into career paths and professional journeys.

Real Talk with Alumni is a wonderful opportunity for your student to strengthen their professional connections, learn directly from experienced graduates, and deepen their sense of community within the Gael network.

We encourage you to remind your student to take advantage of this valuable experience! They can register to attend on their Handshake app.

Career Center

Cultural Graduation Celebrations

Registration for 2026 Cultural Graduate Celebrations opened on March 10, 2026 and will close on April 27, 2026

- Disability & Neurodiversity Grad - Claeys Lounge - May 12, 6:00pm
- Lavender Grad - Claeys Lounge - May 14, 6:00pm
- API Grad - Chapel - May 16, 9:00am
- Black Grad - Moraga Room - May 18, 6:00pm
- Latinx Grad - Chapel - May 21, 9:00am

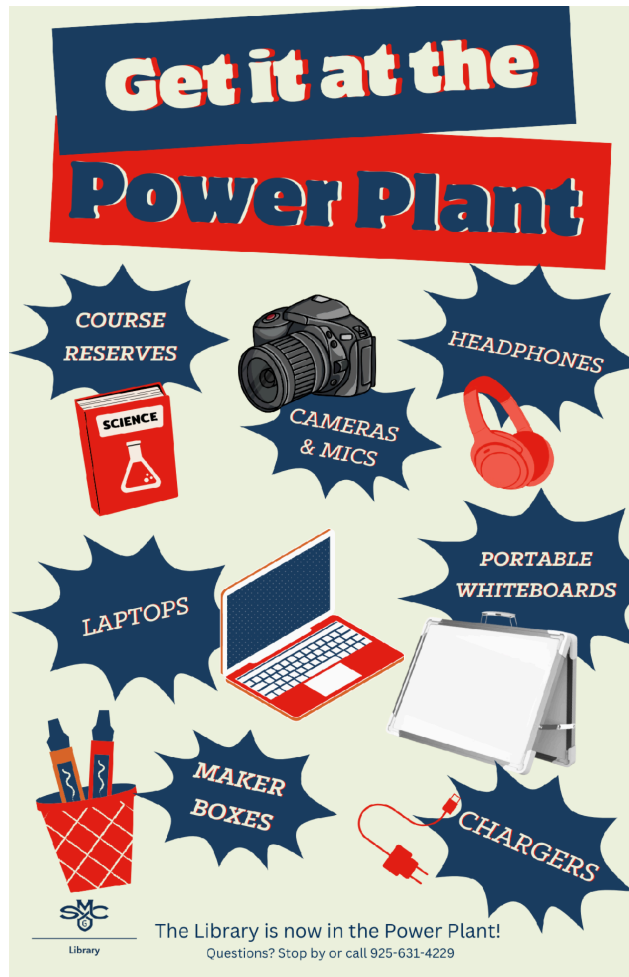


Cultural Graduation Celebrations Registration Information

The Library Lends Tools for Student Success

Worried your student doesn't have the tools they need to succeed? Send them to the Library at the Power Plant! We lend more than you'd think:

- iPad not cutting it? We lend **laptops!** (Loans now extended to 3 days, or ask about our Laptop for the Term program)
- Need to charge? We lend **chargers!**
- Making a video or podcast for class? We lend **cameras, mics,** and more!
- Drawing cell diagrams before an exam? We lend **mini whiteboards and markers!**
- Putting together a poster? We lend **maker boxes** with glue, scissors, markers and more!
- Doing math? We lend **calculators!**
- Need to lock in? We lend noise-canceling **headphones!**
- Watching a movie for class? We lend **DVDs and players!**



Library Services Lending Support

Campus Housing

[Returning student room selection](#) will take place in person April 7th-April 9th in the Soda Center 5-10pm each night.

Students have been emailed their appointment times, and you can read more about the [housing application and room selection process](#) on our website.



Questions about housing? Contact us at housing@stmarys-ca.edu or give us a call at 925-631-4241.

Housing & Dining Website

One Day, One SMC is Back - April 23!

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On April 23, our Saint Mary's community will come together for One Day One SMC—our annual day of giving focused on directly supporting today's students.

Gifts from families help provide critical scholarships, enrich academic programs, and expand opportunities in

athletics and campus life—ensuring every Gael can thrive and make the most of their Saint Mary's experience.



Parent and family support plays a powerful role. Your participation not only makes an immediate impact, but also helps inspire others in the community to give, strengthening the collective support around our students.

Mark your calendar for April 23, and consider sharing the campaign with your networks to help build momentum for this special day.

One Community. One Mission. One Day.

[Make a Gift](#)

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 Website](#)

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