Is there housing available for students when they return from studying abroad?
If a student puts down a deposit in spring, we will guarantee a bed for them in the spring. If your student is currently abroad (Spring 2015), then they move into the lottery system.

Will on campus housing be available for the newly developed August term?
Housing will be available for the August term. More information about housing, tuition and course offerings will be available when dates are finalized.

Is there information available online about the housing application process?
http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/student-life/living-on-campus/campus-housing-office/apply-for-housing

When are housing applications due?
ALL students must complete their application by 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2015.

How do students complete the application?
All students must log on to https://stmarysca.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortal/ or through their MYSMC page to begin the application process.

When are housing deposits due?
CURRENT FIRST YEAR STUDENTS: $350 non-refundable deposit is due to the Business Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015.
CURRENT SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS*: $350 non-refundable housing deposit is due to the Business Office by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

Does the deposit need to be a check or can we pay by credit card?
You can pay by check or online through GaelXPress.

Checks can be mailed to
Saint Mary’s College Business Office
1928 Saint Mary’s Road
PMB 4600
Moraga, CA 94575
(925) 631-4209

*We recommend they do not make this non-refundable deposit until they have secured a room on campus.

How has this information been communicated to the students?
An email was sent to all students last week (March 2) and another email was sent out this week (March 9). Campus Housing staff went to a majority of the residence halls to talk to residents about the room selection process.

Will you be doing another tour of sophomore residence halls?
Yes. Please have your student “like” the Campus Housing page on Facebook for updates on the time and location.

How do students find out their appointment time to select a room?
Students will receive an email on Wednesday, March 25 by 4:30 p.m. notifying them to sign into StarRez to learn their appointment time. (There is a direct link to StarRez on MySaintMary’s). Appointment times will also be listed outside the Campus Housing office (Ferroggiaro 200).

When do students actually select their room for next year?
At their given appointment time, students will log into StarRez to select their room.
CURRENT FIRST YEAR STUDENTS: Thursday, April 16, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
CURRENT SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS: Friday, April 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Are there sophomore specific residence halls?
Yes, all sophomores live in specific halls: Marjorie and Ferdinand Ageno, Michael E Ageno, Camile and Ferdinand Ageno, Beckett Hall, More Hall, Claeys North and Claeys South halls. Each hall is suite style, and holds about 40 students.

If a student selects a room and then decides to live off campus, is there a grace period to opt out?
We recommend that a student lets Campus Housing know once they figure out they don't want housing because that room will be available for the students on the waiting list. Once paid, the deposit is non-refundable.

If a student is applying to be a Resident Advisor, should he/she still apply for housing?
Yes, if a student is applying to be a Resident Advisor (RA), he/she is encouraged to still apply for housing for 2015-16. RA candidates find out if they go the position prior to room selection.

Is there an Honors community for sophomores?
There is not a Honors community for sophomores at this time. There is a Lasallian community and International House for sophomores.

Are sophomore residence halls quieter than others?
Because they are suite style, sophomore halls tend to be quieter than first year halls.

Do upper class halls have kitchens?
All sophomore halls have a “common” kitchen that is open to all residents living there; most are located within the lounge. Junior and senior housing has full kitchens.

Is there an online matching process for students that don’t have a roommate lined up?
There is a questionnaire through the online housing system to match suite mates based on compatibility

How likely is it that a junior or senior will get a room on campus?
Housing is not guaranteed for upperclassmen. There are roughly 300 beds for Juniors and Seniors. After the room selection process, if a student does not get on campus housing, the Campus Housing office will assist students with finding roommates and housing off campus.

If there is room in the sophomore halls, are those spaces available to juniors and seniors?
After all sophomores have chosen their rooms on campus, any extra spaces will be made available to juniors and seniors.

Does the College do anything for students that do not get housing on campus?
The Campus Housing office is available for those students who do not get housing.

My student does not have a car. Are there close off campus locations?
There are two streets of apartments within five minutes of the campus. Many of our off campus students live in these apartments. Housing keeps a list of available off campus apartments, rooms in houses, etc that students can access to see what is available. There is also a local bus that stops near the apartments and on campus.

How does the online selection work? Last year, my son selected a suite and as they were populating the suite, someone else took one of the rooms and they had to select another suite.
The selection process is through a software program, so there are multiple people online at once; someone else may attempt to be reserving the same room at the same time. It's important for students to be timely when they go into the system. Each student is randomly assigned a time. So, there may be five students online at once. Students will indicate online who they wish their roommate and/or suite mates to be. The student in that room or suite with the earliest selection time, will log into their StarRez and populate the desired room and/or suite.

In Michael Ageno Hall, there is a double room and single room sharing a common bathroom. How is the rate
charged? Is it charged as a triple or a double and single?
Rates are dependent on if the student is in the single or the double. It is based on the number of beds in their bedroom, not on the shared restroom.

Is there special consideration for students with disabilities in the housing selection process?
Students with disabilities will work with Student Disability Services (SDS) and SDS will coordinate with Campus Housing to find the appropriate accommodations.

Are students responsible for cleaning their suite?
Students are responsible for their personal spaces but the College provides janitorial service for the common bathrooms and to remove garbage.

What is the contact information for Campus Housing?
housing@stmarys-ca.edu
(925) 631-4241