

**Welcome Transfer Students!** We hope you will use this as a guide to your first several weeks at Saint Mary's College. We have a series of Transfer Student welcome events planned for you and we encourage you to get as engaged in the community as possible, right away.

The Office of New Student and Family Programs is here to support you through your transition.

## Mark Your Calendar!

### **Saturday, August 31**

#### **Paint the SMC**

5:00 PM | Meet Outside De La Salle Hall

This annual tradition with all new Saint Mary's students takes you up to the SMC letters to paint them in red, white and blue! All transfer students who would like to participate should plan to meet in front of De La Salle Hall at 5pm!

#### **WoW Carnival**

8 - 10:00 PM | De La Salle Lawn

Join all new students in this carnival atmosphere of fun, games, food, inflatables, and music!

### **Sunday, September 1**

#### **Transfer Student Orientation**

9:45 AM | Soda Center

#### **Alpha Mass**

8:00 PM | Chapel

Kick off a new academic year at the first Student Mass of the year in the Chapel.

### **Monday, September 2**

#### **Bay Area Trips**

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Various Locations

Get to know the Bay Area through a variety of trips to iconic neighborhoods and landmarks! Ask any WoWie for more information or keep an eye out around campus for flyers with a QR code to sign up! There will also be shuttles to our local Target store.

#### **Welcome Back BBQ**

5 - 7 PM | Chapel Lawn

All Saint Mary's students will be back on campus to join in this free community BBQ, hosted by Campus Recreation.

## Thursday, September 5

### **SLIDEr Transfer Student Social**

5:00 PM | Delphine Lounge

Hosted by the Intercultural Center and Residential Experience, this get together allows you to socialize with other transfer students as well as student leaders to hear more about the SMC student experience.

## Monday, September 9

### **Academic Transfer Student Welcome Reception (Mandatory)**

1:00 PM | De La Salle Hall, Hagerty Lounge

This reception serves as your official academic welcome and Convocation. We ask that all transfer students join faculty at this gathering.

## Tuesday, September 10

### **Residential Experience Transfer Student Kick-Back**

5:00 PM | Campus Pub

Are you a transfer student that lives on campus? If so, Residential Experience is hosting a kick-back to help you get to know your on campus neighbors! Snacks and fun included!

## Wednesday, September 11

### **Involvement Fair**

12:30 - 2:30 PM | De La Salle Lawn

### **Transfer Student T-Shirt Swap**

12:30 - 2:30 PM | De La Salle Lawn

Transfer students, come turn in a shirt from your previous institution and swap it for a free SMC t-shirt!

## Wednesday, September 18

### **Transfer Student Pizza Party**

12 - 1 PM | College Library

Looking for lunch!? The College Library hosts this get together for transfer students annually. Pizza and community- what could be better?

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## Wednesday, September 25

### **Study Abroad Fair**

Community Time | De La Salle Lawn

### **Transfer Student T-Shirt Swap**

12:30 - 2:30 PM | De La Salle Lawn



## Frequently Used Resources

Office of the Registrar, Filippi Admin. Building, (925) 631-4214

Financial Aid Office, Brother Jerome West Hall, (925) 631-4370

Student Success Office, Filippi Admin. Building, (925) 631-4800

Career & Professional Development Services, Filippi Academic Hall, (925) 631-4600

Health & Wellness Center, Augustine Hall, (925) 631-4254

Public Safety, Assumption Hall, (925) 631-4282

## Saint Mary's Lingo

**LaMorinda** = The Moraga, Lafayette, Orinda surrounding community

**The Canyon** = The upper part of campus where both sophomores and juniors/seniors live.

**The Tree of Life** = Look up toward the SMC letters! You'll see a large tree that stands out and can be hiked to!

**Gonzaga** = Our rivals up in Spokane, Washington! Don't mention them around the basketball court.

**CAB** = Campus Activities Board

**RHA** = Residence Hall Association

## Top 5 Tips for Succeeding at Saint Mary's

1. Meet with your academic advisor early and often.
2. Build a relationship with faculty. At a small school like Saint Mary's, utilizing professors' office hours is easy and encouraged.
3. Don't be afraid to jump right in and apply for leadership positions on campus. There are so many and it will get you connected right away.
4. Attend all transfer specific events. This will be the best place for you to meet friends right away and start to build your SMC community! Remember, everyone is in the same boat as you.
5. Seminar is unique to Saint Mary's and can be daunting at first. To succeed, do the reading and don't be afraid to ask questions and contribute to the conversation.