



New Student Orientation Class of 2026

9:00 - 9:30 AM

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S!

Soda Center, Moraga Room

Join us for a warm welcome to our Saint Mary's community from College leaders!

9:30 - 10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMICS

Soda Center, Moraga Room

Learn about the Saint Mary's core curriculum and gain an understanding of the College's general education requirements.

10:30 - 11:00 AM

GAELS WITH GAELS

Chapel Lawn

Spend time with your Orientation Leader and meet other new Gaels.

11:00 - 11:30 AM

SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, RESOURCES, AND SUPPORT

Dante Hall

This is your opportunity to learn more about unique academic programs, opportunities, and services that support your academic success. You can pick and choose which presentation you would like to attend!

4 + 1 PATHWAYS

Dante 215

Are you interested in a career where you can make an impact in the world? Learn how you can maximize your degree with one of our 4+1 pathways: (1) BA/BS + Single Subject Teacher Education Credential + Master Degree in Teaching; (2) BA/BS + Masters Degree in Leadership and Organizational Development.

HIGH POTENTIAL (HP) PROGRAM/TRIO SUPPORT SERVICES

Dante 204

The High Potential (HP) Program/TRIO Student Support Services provides access to education for dedicated students from traditionally underrepresented groups in higher education and is designed to foster student success by drawing on the strengths and resiliency of first-generation and/or low-income scholars as they transition from high school and beyond.

INTEGRAL PROGRAM

Dante 203

Learn about the Integral Program, Saint Mary's Great Books curriculum! Meet current students, alums, and professors as they talk about classes, careers after graduation, and answer questions.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH PROGRAMS

Dante 213

Learn about majors in science and mathematics and the importance of starting in the first year.

STUDY ABROAD

Dante 217

Saint Mary's offers over 20 study abroad and exchange programs and destinations. Come learn about how to begin to see the world.

STUDENT SUCCESS COACHES AND STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

Dante 129

Success Coaches collaborate and partner with students as they navigate their journey through their college years. Together they create action plans and set goals. The presentation will also introduce students to the Student Disability Services office, a resource students with diagnosed disabilities or medical conditions can use for support during their time at SMC.

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

ACADEMIC DISCOVERY FAIR AND LUNCH

Ferroggiaro Quad and Oliver Hall

During the Academic Discovery Fair, you will meet with faculty from various academic departments, talk about your interests and learn more about the academic opportunities available.

1:00 - 1:45 PM

PRE-ENROLLMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Garaventa Hall

After you've had the opportunity to learn about programs at the Academic Discovery Fair, you will have the chance to complete your Pre-Enrollment Questionnaire (PEQ). The information gathered in the PEQ will assist our pre-registration faculty in placing you in your fall classes.

1:55 - 2:30 PM

GAEL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Garaventa Hall

All new students are required to submit a Medical History Form and proof of immunizations. Orientation Leaders will help you through this process.

2:35 - 3:05 PM

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Dryden Hall

Welcome Home! Learn about what to expect when living on campus and joining our vibrant community.

3:15 - 3:45 PM

ENGAGE WITH SMC

Soda Center Plaza

Get involved! Learn about activities, recreational opportunities, jobs and leadership positions for students in their first year.

3:45 - 4:15 PM

FINANCING THE COMING YEARS

Soda Center, Moraga Room

The Office of Financial Aid and the Business Office will assist students and their guests in explaining the financial aid process, billing process, and payment options.

4:15 - 4:30 PM

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR THE CLASS OF '26

Soda Center, Moraga Room

End your day with tips from College leadership and a review of your next steps. Welcome home!