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 219
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
CAMPUS TOUR
On this tour, you will see important campus departments, amenities, and landmarks that will give you an overview of our beautiful campus.

1:55 - 2:30 PM
JOSEPH L. ALIOTO RECREATION CENTER
Campus Recreation meets the dynamic needs and interests of students by providing programs and services that promote positive physical and mental health. You can learn about fitness classes, intramural leagues and personal training programs.

2:35 - 3:05 PM
HOME AWAY FROM HOME
Galileo 201 and 202
Welcome Home! Learn about what to expect when living on campus and joining our vibrant community.

3:15 - 3:30 PM
ENGAGE WITH SMC
Soda Center Plaza
Get involved! Learn about activities, recreational opportunities, jobs and leadership positions for students in their first year.

3:30 - 4:00 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.

4:00 - 4:15 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!