

New Students: Helpful Tips for Welcome Week!

Sister Saints

What is a Sister Saint? A Sister Saint is a current Saint Mary's student leader, who is intentionally paired with a new student to help her transition into life at Saint Mary's. Each new student will have a Sister Saint and will meet her at Registration on the first day of school. Your Sister Saint will be your guide through Welcome Week and throughout the school year! Have a question, need some advice or just looking for someone to show you the ropes? Your Sister Saint is there for all those things and more. During Welcome Week she will sit with you in the Dining Hall, make sure you know where your classes are, and help you get settled with your locker or in your room! We can't wait for you to meet your Sister Saint and join us this fall at Saint Mary's!

Dress

Dress comfortably for Welcome Week! The guidelines outlined for regular school dress should be followed and can be found in the Student Parent Handbook. On **Friday August 23**, you will be participating in some fun community building activities, so please wear comfortable athletic clothing and closed-toed shoes.

Day Students: Welcome Week Suggested Drop-off and Pick-up Times

Date	First Required Obligation	Drop-off Time*	Last Required Obligation	Pick-up Time*
Thursday 8/22	New Day Student Registration, 9:30 a.m.	N/A	Family Welcome Dinner 6-7 p.m.	7-7:30 p.m.
Friday 8/23	Thriving Saints: New Student Orientation, 9 a.m. <i>Day students are welcome and encouraged to attend breakfast in the Dining Hall from 8-9 a.m.</i>	8-8:50 a.m.	Saints Soiree	9 p.m.
Saturday 8/24	Thriving Saints: New Student Orientation, 1 p.m. <i>Day students are welcome and encouraged to attend lunch in the Dining Hall from 12-1 p.m.</i>	12-1 p.m.	Athletics/Visual and Performing Arts <i>*There is no Triangle Fitness on Saturday</i>	6 p.m. <i>Athletics/VPA</i> 3 p.m. <i>All others</i>
Sunday 8/25	No Required Programming for Day Students <i>Athletic Practices will be held 3:30-6 p.m.</i>			

*Please note that drop-off and pick-up times are estimates. Please plan to be in touch with your daughter each day to ensure an optimal pick-up and drop-off time for your family.

Save the Date: 9th Grade Level Dinner & Retreat!

Kick-off the Saint Mary's experience with our 9th Grade Retreat on **Saturday, September 28**. This program is an integral part of the ninth-grade year at Saint Mary's. Held overnight on campus and led by student leaders, the ninth-grade class will get the chance to bond with new classmates and learn how to navigate this transitional year. During the retreat we will cover topics such how to get involved, Saint Mary's traditions and lingo, and how to get the most out of your experience here. We will also make time for class bonding, self-reflection, and goal setting for the year. Students will receive more information during their Class Meetings in September. More detailed information will be sent to parents via email in early September.

