

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

August 7, 2018

Dear Saint Mary's Family,

It's hard to believe we are only weeks away from the start of a new school year. Everyone at Saint Mary's School is busy preparing for the arrival of our students and looking forward to welcoming our families to campus.

To ensure a smooth start to the school year, please make sure you have completed all the appropriate forms **by Friday, August 10**. [Click here](#) for an easy-reference checklist of all forms with links. For more detailed information about the forms and other 2018-19 information, please go to Quicklinks, found at the top right of our [homepage](#) and click on [Parent Information for 2018-19 Registration](#).

In addition, please carefully review the information below and contact our front office at 919-424-4000 with any questions. For your convenience, we are again providing a link to our [2018-19 Academic Calendar](#), which also is available under Quicklinks.

FOR ALL STUDENTS

Welcome Week Schedule: Click on the appropriate links for the following schedules:

- [Student Welcome Week Schedule Aug. 23-26](#)
 - [Welcome Week Tips for New Students](#)
- [Parent Welcome Week Schedule Aug. 23](#)

Student-Parent Handbook: Please [click here](#) to review this year's handbook; and [click here](#) to complete the Handbook Acknowledgement Form by Friday, Aug. 10, requiring parent and student signatures. In homes with multiple Saint Mary's students, a form must be completed for each student.

Access to Parent & Student Portals

- *Returning families:* returning parents and students are able to continue using their current login for access to the parent and/or student portals.
- *New families:* new parents and students should look for an email from Saint Mary's by Wednesday, Aug. 15, with login instructions. Once you have that information, you may log into the portals by clicking on the appropriate link (either "Parents" or "Students") at the top of our [homepage](#). This will give you access to Veracross, where each student's class schedule can be found.

Friendly Reminders:

- **Aug. 10 deadline: Registration for fall athletics and arts workshops.** When students return to campus on August 23, they will be involved in a variety of activities including options to participate in fall sports tryouts and performing arts workshops. Please click on the letters below for information and to register for these options by Friday, August 10. *NOTE:* If a student is interested in playing a fall sport, she must sign up for the August 23-25 sports tryouts. Arts workshops are optional based on a student's interest.
 - [Athletics and Fall Sports:](#) Our Athletics program will begin with fall sports tryouts on August 23.
 - [Performing Arts Offerings:](#) Saint Mary's VPA department is offering a variety of workshops in theatre, music, and dance.
- **Aug. 10 deadline: My Kids Spending Account set-up.** You should have received information in the mail earlier this month about setting up a student account for your daughter. If you have not yet done so, please [click here](#) for a video tutorial to help you create that account by Friday, August 10.

- **Aug. 23 deadline: Summer reading.** All students must complete their [summer reading](#) assignments before arriving on campus for the first day of school.
 - *Incoming 9th grade students:* Your daughter should purchase and read [CliftonStrengths for Students](#) (which comes with a survey access code) to learn all about her strengths!
 - *10-12th grade students:* BINGO! Your daughter will have fun completing her summer reading and can even do it all from her phone using these grade-level links: [10th Grade](#), [11th Grade](#), [12th Grade](#).

Applied Music Program: [Click here](#) for registration and details about Saint Mary's extensive applied music program offering on-campus lessons in violin, piano, guitar, flute, clarinet, voice and others.

Educational Travel Opportunities: Saint Mary's educational travel opportunities this year include trips to London, Ethiopia, and more! [Click here](#) for details. NOTE: Several of these trips have Sept. and Oct. deposit deadlines.

Goodbye, PLUS... Hello, Triangle Fitness: [Click here](#) for information about changes to our physical fitness programming, formerly known as PLUS.

From the Learning Hub: [Click here](#) for information about student accommodation plans from Dr. Kate Reedy.

From the Parents Association

- *Welcome:* [From PA President Donna Harlow](#)
- *Volunteering at Saint Mary's:* [Click here](#) to become a parent volunteer.
- *Saint Mary's Annual Fund:* Beat the back-to-school rush and make your annual fund gift [here](#); and don't forget to mark your calendar for our [upcoming parent events](#)!
- *Communications 101:* [Click here](#) for this guide to Saint Mary's communications from weather alerts and weekly e-newsletters, to the parent portal, social media, and more.

Confirmation or Baptism in the Episcopal Church: If you are interested in your daughter exploring being confirmed or baptized in the Episcopal Church, [click here](#).

From the Facilities Team: [Click here](#) for annual notification of asbestos management on campus.

FOR NEW BOARDING STUDENTS

Roommate Assignments: Roommate assignments, together with other important residential life information, will be emailed to boarding families by Residential Life Director Abby Wahlstrom on Friday afternoon, August 10.

Thank you again for your careful review of this information. If you have any questions, please contact our receptionist at 919-424-4000 and you will be directed to the person who can best assist you.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Tim Healy
Dean of Students



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Dean of Teaching and Learning

P.S. For your convenience, the information contained in this email will also be posted on our website under "Quicklinks" located at the top right of our homepage at www.sms.edu.