

New Student Orientation Fall 2023



All sessions are required unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk*

Note: Pritzker Student Center was formerly known as Peterson Student Center

Schedule subject to change

Sunday, August 20

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
9:30am – 3pm	Evans Science Lab (ESL) – Portal	New Student Check-In & Move-In: Check in with housing and admissions to get access to your room and pick up your welcome packet.
10am – 1pm	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	Brunch: Stop by the dining hall for a delicious brunch provided by SAGE Dining. Be sure to download the Touch of SAGE app to see what is being served. This app has other cool features that we will talk about during your Student Support Overview session.
2pm	Fishpond Placita	*Campus Tours: Students and families are given the opportunity to meet members of the admissions and student ambassador teams for a tour of the campus.
5 – 7pm	Meem Placita	Student Life Welcome Dinner: New students will meet the full student life team on the Meem Placita for introductions, live music, and dinner. Note: This and the following events are for students only.
6:15 – 7pm	Meem Placita	RA Skits: Meet the resident advisors (RAs) & learn some of the Community Standards via fun skits! Following the skits, you will have time to meet with your RA & fellow hallmates for a brief discussion.
7pm	TBD by Resident Advisors	Hall Meetings: The RAs will gather their hall members for a short group meeting.
8pm	Communities as Assigned	RA Surprise Event: Following your hall meeting the RAs will be hosting a community event for their residents to end the evening.

Monday, August 21

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
8 – 9am	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Breakfast: Enjoy a delicious breakfast catered by SAGE dining. Be sure to download the Touch of SAGE app to see what is being served. This app has other cool features that we will talk about during your Student Support Overview session.
9 – 10am	The Great Hall - Pritzker Student Center	Student Support Overview: An introduction to the student life, health and wellness, and food service team. Students will also be briefed on the student handbook & college expectations. This session will provide information essential to your safety as a student.
10 – 10:30am	The Great Hall - Pritzker Student Center	Title IX: The Vice President of Student Engagement, Christine Guevara, provides students with an overview of Title IX regulations and the reporting process.
10:30am – 12:30pm	The Great Hall - Pritzker Student Center	Mental Health, Healthy Relationships, and Consent @ SJC: Meet the Director of Counseling & Wellness Services, Andrea Verswijver, and the counseling team for a short presentation to discuss the basics of mental health awareness, life balance, and mental health services provided to students. In addition, we will cover the basics of sex communication, maintaining boundaries, and keeping yourself and others physically and emotionally safe.
12:30 – 1:30pm	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Lunch: Join your class for a delicious lunch in our dining hall.
2 – 3pm	The Great Hall - Pritzker Student Center	Public Safety: This session will be hosted by our Director of Public Safety, Mike Macey, and the public safety team. We will be focusing on safety on and off campus, and how we can care for each other as a community.
3 – 4pm	The Great Hall - Pritzker Student Center	SJC Legacies: In this session Jennifer Sprague (Library Director) and Craig Jolly (Acquisitions and Archives) will brief you on the history of St. John’s College Santa Fe.
4 – 5pm	The Great Hall Balcony - Pritzker Student Center	An Introduction to the Johnnie Way: Join alumni for FREE scrumptious appetizers before dinner to learn more about your place in the wider St. John's community, dispel some myths, and hear how alumni can support you on your Johnnie journey. Sponsored by the Board of Visitors and Governors (BVG) and the Alumni Association Board (AAB).

5 – 7pm	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Dinner: Stop by the dining hall for a delicious dinner by SAGE.
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Tuesday, August 22

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
8 – 9:30am	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Breakfast
9:30 – 10:30am	The Great Hall – Pritzker Student Center	Academic Overview: Meet the Dean, Assistant Dean, Academic Fellow, and academic assistants to review academic expectations at SJC.
10:30am – 12pm	The Great Hall – Pritzker Student Center	Public Thinking: At this session, a panel of tutors will discuss the nature and form of a St. John’s seminar. What is a seminar discussion like? What are we trying to do? What are we trying to avoid? What is an opening question, and how do we respond to it? How can we let these books speak to us? How can we cultivate genuine dialogue with the books and with each other? Participants are asked to read Stringfellow Barr’s “Notes on Dialogue,” a brief founding vision of a St. John’s seminar, and to come ready with questions for the panelists. You will receive a copy of the “Notes on Dialogue” along with your seminar in practice texts from the Student Events team.
12 – 1pm	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Lunch
1 – 1:45pm	The Great Hall - Pritzker Student Center	Technology @ SJC: Learn how to optimize your experience using technology as a Johnnie. <u>Bring your laptops, tablets, and mobile devices.</u>
2 – 3:45pm	Bookstore – Pritzker Student Center Switchboard – Pritzker Student Center Mailroom – Weigle Hall Mnemosyne – Lowers Chamisa Building – Uppers Student Activities Center – SAC	The Circuit Tour: Students will be split into small groups and will rotate between the bookstore, switchboard, mailroom, The Office of Personal and Professional Development (OPPD), and our Student Health Center during their assigned times. During this tour, you will be shown where your mailbox is, be taught how to send and receive both mail and packages, see the health office services, the OPPD office, Student Activities Center, and learn how to best utilize the bookstore to support your academic endeavors. Please check your name tag for your group, start time. All tours will meet at the Fishpond before parting ways.

4 – 5:30pm	Classrooms as Assigned	Seminar in Practice: In these seminars, students will discuss a short text, chosen from a range of options. The texts offered, like the texts on our program of study, are chosen because they “rais[e] the persisting human questions, [and] they lend themselves to different interpretations that reveal a variety of independent and yet complementary meanings” (Statement of the Program). These seminars will provide opportunities to practice the kinds of dialogue and engagement discussed in the Public Thinking session held earlier in the day. The discussions may also provoke questions about civility, inclusion, classroom dynamics, or other community practices and norms that can be raised at the next day’s “Diversity in Community” session.
5:30 – 8pm	The Field – Student Activities Center (SAC)	SActivities & Dinner: Join us for an evening of fun games, snacks, & dinner on the SAC field. Dinner will end at 7pm. All other events may continue until dusk.

Wednesday, August 23

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
8 – 9am	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Breakfast
9 – 10am	The Great Hall – Pritzker Student Center	Financial Aid & Literacy: Join the Assistant Vice President of Enrollment, Caroline Randall, and the Associate Director of Financial Aid, Donna Cordova, to gain best practice tool and skills as you navigate your college finances and FAFSA. Learn how to be successful with your funds and, literally, SAVE time and money by avoiding financial flops.
10 – 10:30am	The Great Hall - Pritzker Student Center	Email & Time Management: Learn tips for managing your email inbox, as well as strategies for balancing academic and professional commitments with self-care and a healthy social life.
10:30 – 11:30am	The Great Hall - Pritzker Student Center	Personal and Professional Development: Join the Office of Personal and Professional Development (OPPD) to learn about the career and life planning support available to you. We are here to help with jobs, internships, grad school, finding your direction – it’s never too early to start.
11:30am – 1pm	Dining Hall – - Pritzker Student Center	*Lunch with OPPD: The OPPD team will join you for lunch in the dining hall to continue the conversation.

1 – 2:45pm	Meem Library	Library Orientation: Groups of 30 students will rotate through a 30-minute library session. Please see your orientation folder for your start time. You will report to the Meem Placita.
3 – 4:30pm	The Great Hall – Pritzker Student Center	<p>Diversity in Community: The introduction to the “Statement of the St. John’s College Program” concludes: “The aim of the education offered by St. John’s College is the liberation of the human intellect. This is an education for all, regardless of a person’s race, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity and expression. By reading great books and struggling together with the fundamental questions that they raise, students and their teachers learn from their differences and discover more deeply their shared humanity. In this and other ways, a diversity of background and experience enriches our community of learning. Because it offers an education for all, St. John’s College has sought and continues to seek to make its program of study known and available to people of diverse backgrounds.”</p> <p>In this session, a panel of alumni will discuss their own experiences at the college and explore strategies for effectively responding to the opportunities and challenges that this diversity of background and experience presents to us. New students will be invited, in smaller breakout groups, to explore their own questions about or share their own strategies for working together to create community in diversity.</p>
5 – 7pm	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Dinner
7– 8pm	The Grassy Knoll	*Student Polity: Join members of Polity, Johnnie Community Board, and Student Committee on Instruction for ice cream sundaes as you learn how these groups function and support students. If it’s rainy, this event will move to the Great Hall.

Thursday, August 24

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
8 – 9:30am	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Breakfast
10:30am	Weigle & ESL Placita	Convocation Practice
11am – 1:30pm	Weigle & ESL Placita, & Fishpond Placita	Convocation, Lunch, & Class Photos
1:30pm		Free time for seminar preparation
5 – 7pm	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Dinner
7:30pm	Classrooms As Assigned	First Seminar: Your study at St. John’s College begins with your first Seminar, a two-hour conversation. We hope it is thrilling!
9:30pm	Coffee Shop – Pritzker Student Center	Post-Seminar Mingle: Continue the conversation with students & tutors. Free donuts, coffee, and tea in the coffee shop.

Friday, August 25

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
8 – 9am	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Breakfast
9am – 12pm	Student Activities Center (SAC)	*Santa Fe Trails: Join the Outdoor Program for an introduction to Santa Fe trails. Our destination is weather dependent, but our first choice will be at higher elevations, up towards Ski Santa Fe, in a mixed forest of aspen and conifers. If the weather looks questionable, we’ll keep things a little closer to home.
11:30 – 1:30pm	SAC Field – Student Activities Center	Welcome Party & BBQ: Students, faculty, and staff are invited to an afternoon of volleyball, tie-dye, large inflatables, music, and delicious food.
2 – 4:30pm	The Field – Student Activities Center (SAC)	*Community Intramurals: Are you an orange Myrmidon? A blue Olympian? A purple Hustler? Or green Geometer? You're definitely one of them. Join us to find out which, then toss a disc or volley a ball to prepare yourself—the real games come soon.

5 – 7pm	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Dinner
7pm	The Great Hall – Pritzker Student Center	Dean’s Opening Lecture: In accordance with tradition, the Dean will deliver the opening lecture of the academic year. A title and description will be released prior to the lecture.
8:30pm	The Junior Common Room – Pritzker Student Center	Dean’s Lecture Question Period

Saturday, August 26

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
9 – 2pm	The Grassy Knoll	Community in Focus Day: Students, staff, and faculty are invited to a morning of community service projects. There will be both on and off campus offerings for folks to sign up for during move-in day. Be sure to bring a reusable water bottle, hat, and sunglasses. We’ll take attendance at the grassy knoll before splitting into groups. Light breakfast items will be available for everyone and for off campus folks, a sack lunch.
8 – 11pm	Coffee Shop – Pritzker Student Center	*Board Game Night: Meet other Johnnies over board games and snacks at one of the most casual, fun parties on campus. This event is hosted by the Student Events Ambassadors.

Sunday, August 27

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
9:30– 10am	Weight Room – Student Activities Center (SAC)	*Κίνησης: A fun and challenging fitness program, whose main goal is that of improving one's quality of life through health and fitness. We lift, we run, we jump, we stretch, and everything in between to gain proficiency in every and any physical task. For more information contact Luis Melgar: lfmelgar@sjc.edu
10 – 10:30am	Student Activities Center (SAC)	*Morning Meditation: De-stress with Nanette for a mid-day meditation session. Be sure to check your orientation packet for a schedule of future meditation classes.
10am – 1pm	Dining Hall – Pritzker Student Center	*Brunch

10:30 – 11am	Student Activities Center (SAC)	*Yoga: Continue to shed the stress with yoga led by Annie. Be sure to check the SAC schedule for future classes.
11 – 11:30am	Basketball Court – Student Activities Center (SAC)	*Johnnie Strong: This coed, low-weight, high-repetition weightlifting class tones and strengthens the entire body, burning lots of calories. No previous weight-lifting experience is necessary, coaching is provided, and exercises are performed at safe ranges of motion.

Thank you so much for joining us for Orientation!

Welcome Week: August 28 – September 2

Join us for a week of welcome as we continue to introduce you to life at St John’s College. The full schedule will be on the orientation webpage and a paper copy will be in your folders at check-in/move-in.

St. John’s College Shuttle Schedule beginning Tuesday, August 29

Day	Time	Campus Pick-Up Location
Tuesdays & Wednesdays	3pm - 9pm	Pritzker Visitor’s Circle
Saturdays & Sundays	9am - 9pm	Pritzker Visitor’s Circle

When operating, the shuttle leaves campus every hour & a half throughout the semester.