

New Student Orientation Fall 2022



All sessions are required unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk
Schedule subject to change*

Sunday, August 21

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
9am – 1pm	Evans Science Lab (ESL) – Portal	New Student Check-In & Move-In: Check in with housing and admissions to get your room key and welcome packet.
10am – 1pm	Dining Hall – Peterson Student Center	Brunch: Stop by the dining hall for a delicious brunch provided by SAGE Dining.
1pm	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 – 6:30pm	Meem Placita	Student Life Welcome Dinner: New students will meet the full student life team on the Meem Placita for introductions, picnic-style dinner, and games. Note: This and following events are for students only
6 – 6:30pm	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.
6:45pm	TBD by Resident Advisors	Hall Meetings: The RAs will gather their hall members for a short group meeting.
7:30	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 22

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
8 – 9am	Dining Hall – Peterson 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 - Peterson Student Center	Student Support Overview: An introduction to the student life, health and wellness, food service, and public safety teams. Students will also be briefed on the student handbook & college expectations. This session will provide information essential to your safety as a student.
10 – 11am	The Great Hall - Peterson Student Center	Title IX: The Executive Director of Campus Health & Wellness, Christine Guevara, provides students with an overview of Title IX regulations and the reporting process.
11 – 12pm	The Great Hall - Peterson Student Center	Resiliency in College: Meet the on-campus therapists & obtain some stress management skills.
12pm – 1pm	Dining Hall – Peterson Student Center	*Lunch: Join your class for a delicious lunch in our dining hall.
1:15 – 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.
3 – 4pm	The Great Hall - Peterson Student Center	Technology @ SJC: Learn how to optimize your experience using technology as a Johnnie. Bring your laptops, tablets, and mobile devices.
4 – 5:15pm	The Great Hall - Peterson 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.
5:30 – 8pm	The Field – Student Activities Center (SAC)	SActivities & Dinner: Join fellow Johnnies for an evening of fun games, snacks, & dinner on the SAC field. Dinner will end at 7:30pm. All other events may continue until sunset.

Tuesday, August 23

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
8 – 9am	Dining Hall – Peterson Student Center	*Breakfast
9 – 10:30am	The Great Hall – Peterson Student Center	Academic Overview: Meet the Assistant Dean, Academic Fellow, and writing assistants to review academic expectations at SJC.
10:30am – 12pm	The Great Hall – Peterson 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 “Note on Dialogue” from Admissions and a downloadable copy is on our orientation website.
12 – 1pm	Dining Hall – Peterson Student Center	*Lunch
1 – 3:30pm	Bookstore – Peterson Student Center Switchboard – Peterson Student Center Mailroom – Weigle Hall Mnemosyne – Lowers Chamisa Building – Uppers	The Circuit Tour: Students who arrived on 8/22 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 given your mailbox assignments, be taught how to send and receive both mail and packages, see the health office services, explore the new OPPD offices, and learn how to best utilize the bookstore to support your academic endeavors. Please see your orientation folder for your group, start time, and starting location.
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 – 6:30pm Dining Hall – Peterson Student Center ***Dinner**

Wednesday, August 24

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
8 – 9am	Dining Hall – Peterson Student Center	*Breakfast
9 – 10am	The Great Hall – Peterson Student Center	Financial Literacy: Join the Director of Admissions, Caroline Randall, to gain best practice tool and skills as you navigate your college finances. Learn how to be successful with your funds and literally SAVE time and money by avoiding financial flops.
10 – 11am	The Great Hall - Peterson Student Center	Personal and Professional Development: Join the Office of Personal and Professional Development to hear 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.
11am – 12pm	The Great Hall - Peterson Student Center	Email & Time Management: Learn some tips for managing your email inbox, as well as strategies for balancing academic and professional commitments with self-care and a healthy social life.
12 – 1:30pm	The Grassy Knoll	Lunch with OPPD: Lunch will be provided on the Grassy Knoll so you can continue the conversation and get to know the OPPD team.
2 – 3:30pm	The Great Hall – Peterson Student Center	Diversity in Community: The introduction to the "Statement of the 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.

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 present 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.

5 – 7pm	Dining Hall – Peterson Student Center	*Dinner
6:30 – 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 25

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
8 – 9am	Dining Hall – Peterson Student Center	*Breakfast
9:30am	Weigle & ESL Placita	Convocation Practice
10:30am – 1:30pm	Weigle & ESL Placita, & Fishpond Placita	Convocation, Lunch, & Class Photos
1:30pm		Free time for seminar preparation
5 – 7pm	Dining Hall – Peterson 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 – Peterson Student Center	Post-Seminar Mingle: Continue the conversation with students & tutors. Free donuts, coffee, and tea in the coffee shop.
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Friday, August 26

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
8 – 10am	Dining Hall – Peterson Student Center	*Breakfast
8– 9am	Weight Room – Student Activities Center (SAC)	*Κίνησης: Move, Be, Become. A fitness class dedicated to holistic health. All workouts are scalable, to meet your needs. Every session is different, targeting cardio, stamina, flexibility, speed, coordination, agility, balance, and accuracy.
9 – 10:30am	The Junior Common Room (JCR) – Peterson Student Center	International Student Session: International students must attend this important session to fully understand the ins and outs of visa regulations while getting to know the international student – specific resources provided by the Student Life team. Note: this session is only for international students.
10:30 – 11am	Student Activities Center (SAC)	*Morning Meditation: De-stress with Nanette for a morning meditation session. Be sure to check your orientation packet for a schedule of future meditation classes.
11 – 11:30am	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. Be sure to check your orientation packet for a schedule of future yoga classes.
11:30am – 1:30pm	Dining Hall – Peterson Student Center	*Lunch
12:10 – 1pm	Basketball Court – Student Activities Center (SAC)	*JohnnieStrong: 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.

1 – 1:30pm	Student Activities Center (SAC)	*Iron Bookworm Workout: Join SJC Tutor Krishnan Venkatesh for a combination of traditional calisthenics, martial arts conditioning, and Chinese and Indian wrestling exercises. Beginners and all levels welcome. Be sure to check your orientation packet for a schedule of future Iron Bookworm classes.
1:30 – 5:30pm	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.
5pm – 7pm	Meem Placita	Dean's Welcome Dinner: Tutors of freshman classes and the deans will offer some words of welcome to the freshmen class. Remarks will be made at 5:30pm.
8pm	The Great Hall – Peterson 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.
9pm	The Great Hall – Peterson Student Center	Dean's Lecture Question Period

Saturday, August 27

TIME (MDT)	LOCATION	SESSION
9am – 1pm	The Grassy Knoll	Community in Focus Day: Students, staff, and faculty are invited to a morning of community service projects. There will be on and off campus offerings for folks to sign up for during move-in day.
3 – 7pm	The Field – Student Activities Center (SAC)	Welcome Back Party: Students, staff, and faculty are invited to an afternoon of volleyball, soccer, tie-dye, large inflatables, live music, and delicious food. Food services will begin at 5pm and will end at 7pm but all other activities will continue until 8pm.
5 – 7pm	The Field – Student Activities Center (SAC)	Welcome Back BBQ: Sage dining will provide a delicious BBQ dinner on the field.

Thank you so much for joining us for Orientation!

Welcome Week: August 29 – September 4

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 30

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

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