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Dear Parents and Families:

As we welcome your daughter or son to the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University, as new or returning students, we also welcome you as a member of our educational community. Your daughter/son is taking another major step toward adulthood, and we hope to be partners with you in this significant transition.

At CSB/SJU we know that students who take personal responsibility for their education gain more from their experiences. Our philosophy is to treat our students as adults, encouraging them to speak for themselves, and to take responsibility for resolving their questions and conflicts. We know that you as parents and family will be very important to them as advisers, mentors, coaches and cheerleaders as they learn through their experiences.

This calendar is designed to provide you with key dates and events that will assist you in knowing the rhythms of campus life. In the pages that follow, you will find information and resources that can help you and your daughter/son get the most out of the CSB/SJU experience. Additional information can be found on the CSB/SJU Web site www.csbsju.edu/parents/.

Please know that we are available to assist you in answering your questions and listening to your concerns. We invite constructive feedback as well as praise so that we can continuously improve our educational enterprise. Please contact the resources contained in this document or you may contact the CSB Vice President for Student Development at (320) 363-5601 or the SJU Vice President for Student Development at (320) 363-2737 for assistance.

Again, we extend a very warm welcome to the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University. We look forward to a great year.

Mary A. Geller
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The mission of the Office of Academic Advising is to assist students in the development of meaningful educational plans that are consistent with their academic, personal and professional goals through direct service to the student and collaboration with faculty and other campus resources.

As places of human development and dialogue, Saint John’s and Saint Benedict have been transformative experiences in the lives that they have touched through undergraduate education, the School of Theology, special libraries and a host of special institute and summer programs. Educational experiences at the two schools bring the most current views of the Catholic tradition in a personally meaningful way. The witness of students, faculty, administrators, staff and others involved in the day-to-day work of the schools creates a balance between scholarship, human concern and meaningful belief systems.

Varsity sports offered at CSB include: basketball, cross country, golf, hockey, Nordic skiing, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field and volleyball.

Varsity sports offered at SJU include: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, hockey, Nordic skiing, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field and wrestling.
August 2010

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- **Day 1:** New student move-in day and campus picnic 8am-2pm
  - Returning students begin move-in 2pm
  - Parent session, Resource fair,
  - Family Mass 11am-6pm
  - New student Orientation 6pm

- **Day 2:** Convocation and Fall classes begin
  - Community BBQ

- **Day 3:** Welcome back Bingo

- **Day 4:** Welcome back mass at CSB

- **Day 5:**

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- **August 8:** Fall semester tuition due
- **August 10:** Ramadan begins
- **August 15:** International Students arrive
Transition
Going to college is a time of transition for your student and for your family. Your student may be feeling a bit overwhelmed with a new campus, new and unfamiliar services, different policies and procedures, a new roommate, and few familiar faces. Frequent phone calls, e-mails or letters reassuring your student and reinforcing your confidence in him or her will help everyone in this time of transition.

STUDENT AND FAMILY ISSUES:

Communication
You now have a new role as a parent of a college student. You are becoming a mentor for your child. They will be encountering adult responsibilities and choices. You can become a trusted adviser in the process of making those decisions. An essential piece of mentoring is effective communication. Try to listen without evaluation or judgment. Listen without “fixing” the problem. Take notice of verbal and nonverbal behavior. Asking open-ended questions will encourage dialogue and assist with the adjustment to these new roles.

Credit Cards
Many college students have credit cards and checking accounts. Having a credit card for emergencies may be a good idea. Credit card companies feel that students are a good risk and will inundate them with applications as soon as they arrive on campus. Credit cards and their pitfalls can become a serious concern for students, so please discuss this with your daughter/son. Talk about how to choose a credit card, discuss the various interest rates, application and annual fees.

Changing Majors
Once your daughter/son has completed a full semester of courses, changing majors may be on her/his mind. Choosing a major is a difficult process. This can be a good opportunity for your daughter/son to explore interests and determine what she/he really wants to study. Encourage her/him to contact an academic adviser to explore many options.
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The purpose of Campus Ministry is to coordinate and direct Christian worship, fellowship, service and charity work, social justice, and the development of Christian leadership among students within the CSB/SJU community. The staff encourages personal and communal reflection on our Christian faith and tradition. Student liturgies and services, prayer groups, religious educational events, retreats, volunteer programs (VISTO: Volunteers in Service to Others), and social justice programs all fall within the parameters of Campus Ministry.

We welcome student participation in worship, volunteer programs, peace and justice work, retreats, discussion groups, fellowship groups, overseas missionary work and post-college volunteer work. Students are invited to the Campus Ministry Offices to use the lounge area for study, conversation or to get a cup of coffee.

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CSB First Generation Student Program
(320) 363-5065
http://www.csbsju.edu/csbfirstgen/

In the fall of 2008 the College of Saint Benedict was awarded a two year Wal-Mart College Success grant from the Council of Independent Colleges to develop a program for CSB first generation students. We define our first generation students as those whose parents did not complete a four year college degree.

Our program assists CSB first generation students in taking advantage of all the opportunities and resources that the college has to offer them and in navigating the often complex processes of higher education today. In our first year, we had over 60 students participating. Past social events have included a BBQ, a chapel hike, and a dinner with faculty and staff who were also first generation students.
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**Event Schedule**

- **October 2**
  - Homecoming

- **October 3**
  - Long Weekend - No Classes

- **October 4**
  - Study Abroad Fair
  - ABE Participant info

- **October 5**
  - Classes end at 6:00 pm

- **October 6**
  - Halloween in the Halls
  - Halloween Dance
  - Halloween Haunted House

- **October 7**
  - Long Weekend - No Classes

- **October 8**
  - First Year Retreat

- **October 9**
  - Family Weekend

- **October 10**
  - Classes resume at 8:00 AM

- **October 11**
  - Long Weekend - No Classes

- **October 12**
  - First Year Retreat

- **October 13**
  - Halloween in the Halls
  - Family Weekend

- **October 14**
  - Koch Chair in Catholic Thought Lecture

- **October 15**
  - Koch Chair in Catholic Thought Lecture

- **October 16**
  - Halloween in the Halls

- **October 17**
  - Scholars Brunch
  - Folk Mass

- **October 18**
  - Scholars Brunch
  - Folk Mass

- **October 19**
  - Scholars Brunch
  - Folk Mass

- **October 20**
  - Scholars Brunch
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- **October 21**
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- **October 22**
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- **October 30**
  - Scholars Brunch
  - Folk Mass

- **October 31**
  - Scholars Brunch
  - Folk Mass
Information Technology Services
(320)363-2228
http://www.csbsju.edu/itservices/
There are two computer access areas open for student use. They are the Quad Computing Center at SJU and the Clemens Computing Center at CSB. These are staffed with IT student employees ready to assist the student’s individual needs. Both areas are PC-based, running Windows XP. There are also Macs, laser printers, CD burners and scanners. In addition, the Clemens facility has UNIX workstations available. Training workshops are offered at no charge to all students on both campuses in the Quad and Clemens training centers. For a complete listing of technology services and resources go to the IT Services Web site at www.csbsju.edu/itservices/students.htm

Career Services
CSB (320) 363-5707
SJU (320) 363-3236
http://www.csbsju.edu/career/
Career Services works with students (first year to seniors) on a variety of topic areas such as:
- Exploring major and career options
- Testing out interest areas and gaining related experience
- Networking with alums and employers to learn about and connect to career options
- Developing career tools (e.g., resumes, interviewing skills)
- Planning for after graduation including employment, graduate school, and full-time service
The Career Services website provides comprehensive information, including career development programs, to assist students in translating their liberal arts education into future opportunities.

Institute for Women’s Leadership
(320) 363-5881
http://www.csbsju.edu/womenscenter/
The Institute’s mission is to empower women to become leaders in communities, locally and globally, by inspiring inclusive dialogue, reflective thinking, and ethical action that celebrates and recognizes women as shapers of our world. Students are encouraged to attend thought-provoking programs and participate in exciting outdoor expeditions sponsored by the Institute.

CSB Security/SJU Life Safety
CSB(320) 363-5000
http://www.csbsju.edu/csbsecurity/
SJU (320) 363-2144
http://www.csbsju.edu/lifesafety/
The College of Saint Benedict Department of Security and Saint John’s University Department of Life Safety are committed to providing a safe environment where all members of our community may learn, live, teach and work. The safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors is our primary goal.
November 2010

**Day 1**
- All Saints Day

**Day 2**
- Study Abroad applications available

**Day 3**
- Thanksgiving Break

**Day 4**
- Classes resume at 8:00 AM

**Day 5**
- Reconciliation Service

**Day 6**
- Thanksgiving Day

**Day 7**
- Residence halls open

**Day 8**
- Classes end at 6:00 pm

**Day 9**
- Thanksgiving dinner at SJU Asia Club craft night

**Day 10**
- Career Expo

**Day 11**
- Faith Communities event

**Day 12**
- Red Mass

**Day 13**
- Festival of Cultures

**Day 14**
- Theater Dept. show

**Day 15**
- International Education week & Hunger and Homelessness week

**Day 16**
- Asia Club craft night

**Day 17**
- Thanksgiving dinner at SJU

**Day 18**
- Theater Dept. show

**Day 19**
- Theater Dept. show

**Day 20**
- Thanksgiving Break - No Classes

**Day 21**
- Theater Dept. show

**Day 22**
- Classes resume at 8:00 AM

**Day 23**
- Reconciliation Service

**Day 24**
- Thanksgiving Day

**Day 25**
- Thanksgiving Break - No Classes

**Day 26**
- Theater Dept. show

**Day 27**
- Theater Dept. show

**Day 28**
- Residence halls open

**Day 29**
- Reconciliation Service

**Day 30**
- Thanksgiving Break

**Day 31**
- Theater Dept. show
STUDENT AND FAMILY ISSUES:

Study Abroad Opportunities

The global society that your student will be entering is reason enough for your daughter or son to consider studying abroad. It is also remembered by students as one of the most influential and positive aspects of their college education, many finding it to be an experience that changes their lives. When they return from their studies abroad, the confidence gained, independence, global awareness, and knowledge of a multicultural world will enhance everything they do in the future, personally, academically and professionally. Check out our Web site on study abroad at: www.csbsju.edu/internationaleducation/

Coming Home for Winter Break

December is a hectic month for your child. When final exams are finished, your daughter/son will head home for winter break. She/he may have concerns about the family and how you will adjust to routines at home. It is very important to discuss expectations with your child. Prepare yourself and other family members that the student who returns may not be the student you sent off to college. It may help to renegotiate curfew hours and family responsibilities. It is an important time of adjustment for everyone as your family grows and changes. Discussions and family meetings before and after your daughter/son returns can ease the adjustment for all family members.

Safety

Helping students stay safe is a high priority for you and CSB/SJU. There are several ways you can help encourage your student to take personal responsibility:

- Advise them to lock their door when they leave the room.
- Check homeowners insurance to see if it covers property in your son’s or daughter’s residence hall room.
- Remind your student not to leave valuables in plain sight or unattended in vehicles or rooms.
- Encourage them to use CSB Security (5000) or SJU Life Safety (2144) if they are out late at night on campus for assistance or if they need an escort.
The Deans of Students serve as advocates for students and have supervisory responsibility for residential life, the student judicial process, and the orientation program. The two deans share supervisory responsibility for staff and programs of Human Rights, Student Activities and Leadership Development. The Deans of Students work cooperatively with city administrators, police, and city council members to address issues of common concern in the City of St. Joseph.

Financial Aid
CSB (320) 363-5388
SJU (320) 363-3664
http://www.csbsju.edu/financialaid/

The staff assists students with financial counseling and assesses the means available to help meet the costs of education. Information about student assistance programs provided by the schools, state and federal governments and other agencies, scholarships, grants, and all student employment, and educational loans is available at both offices.

Culinary Services/Dining Services
CSB (320) 363-5112
 SJU (320) 363-3487
http://www.csbsju.edu/foodservice/
http://www.csbsju.edu/dining/

Culinary and Dining Services goal is to provide students and guests with extensive hours of service, healthy menu selections and dining space that prompts a sense of community. The popular all-you-care-to-eat dining spaces (SJU Refectory and CSB Gorecki Dining Center) and a la carte dining spaces (Sexton Commons and Good to Go) are available on both the SJU and CSB campuses.
Check out the calendar for more events:
https://calendar.csbsju.edu/mastercalendar.aspx
The College of Saint Benedict Health Service, located in the lower level of Lottie Hall, in conjunction with Counseling and Health Promotion forms the CSB Health Center. The Health Service is designed with the specific needs of college women in mind. The women of Saint Benedict will find an experienced staff who can address their needs in a comfortable, confidential environment. The Health Service offers primary care including treatment of acute illnesses, injuries and mental health concerns; preventative health exams; travel consultations and vaccinations. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. To better serve patients, appointments are preferred and can be made on-line, if desired.

Health Services at SJU
(320) 363-3142
http://www.csbsju.edu/sjuhealthcenter/
HealthPartners Central Minnesota Clinics operates a clinic providing primary care and urgent care services in the south wing of the Quadrangle on 1st floor. The clinic is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters. Days and hours of service may be reduced during breaks and over the summer. Services offered include checkups, physical examinations, immunizations, travel consultations and vaccinations, urgent care and treatments. NovaCare physical therapy services are available here also. HealthPartners operates on a fee-for-service basis and accepts most insurance plans.

CSB Health Center
(320) 363-5605
http://www.csbsju.edu/csbhealth/
Counseling and Health Promotion promotes the Benedictine value of holistic well-being. Our professional services and peer programs foster the emotional, physical, social, spiritual and intellectual health and development of men and women. Utilizing a collaborative approach, we provide prevention, intervention, consultation, and referral service to the campus community.
International Student Program
(320) 363-5704
http://www.csbsju.edu/ispo.

There have been international students at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University (CSB/SJU) for many years, and these students from around the world have played an important role at CSB/SJU during their stay here and in their own countries after they return home. Currently, there are more than 239 international students at CSB/SJU from 40 countries, including Bosnia & Herzegovina, The Bahamas, China, Cameroon, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Poland, Trinidad & Tobago and Vietnam, to name only a few.

Intercultural Center
(320) 363-5975
http://www.csbsju.edu/ic

The mission of the CSB and SJU Intercultural Center (IC) is to advance self-identity, diversity and inclusion within the student body and campus community. We collaborate to facilitate the retention, graduation, and success of students especially American Students of Color. We do this through advocacy, intercultural education, and social programming that affirms and empowers students in light of our Catholic, Benedictine, and liberal arts values of understanding, inclusiveness, and justice.

STUDENT AND FAMILY ISSUES:

Spring Break Expectations
Students can become very excited about the upcoming prospect of spending a week away from the pressures of school. Many students make plans with their friends to take trips during this time. Sometimes there is a sense of disappointment if they are "just going home." Other issues may arise when your student is faced with making difficult choices about behaviors in which they may not normally engage. Talk about your child’s choices openly and encourage your student to think through possible choices and consequences. If your student makes wise choices, she/he can come back from break refreshed and renewed to finish the rest of the semester.

Home for the Summer
Summer at home with a returned college student can mean major adjustments for you, your student, and the rest of the family. You may notice changes in your student including appearance and behaviors. Now is a good time to discuss expectations regarding curfew, social activities, and family responsibilities. Clarity, consistency, and compromise can go a long way in finding common ground. It is also an adjustment if your student chooses not to return for the summer opting instead for an internship, summer school or other opportunities away from home.
In conjunction with the First-year Seminar, first-year students spend at least two class sessions in the library or computer lab with a reference librarian. Students learn to access relevant, scholarly materials from a variety of sources. Additional assistance is available at the reference desk and through workshops, classes, or sessions taught by librarians.

Box numbers are assigned by Computing Services in early August to all first-year students and transfer students who are in current enrollment status. New incoming students who register after this assignment has been completed will be assigned a box manually by Mail Services. Student mail is delivered to campus and distributed to student mail boxes Monday through Saturday.

CSB Student Mailing Address
Name
College of St. Benedict
37 S. College Ave.
PO Box #
St. Joseph, MN 56374

SJU Student Mailing Address
Name
St. John’s University
PO Box #
Collegeville, MN 56321

The CSB/SJU Math Skills Centers offer assistance with concepts and skills used in 100-level math classes. You can come in on a walk-in basis to get a question answered, stay and work for awhile and get help if needed, or have scheduled appointments.

The Parent Relation Web site contains valuable connections to resources, news and events on our campuses.
The role of the Registrar’s Office is to provide accurate academic record-keeping and course registration service to current and former students, faculty and staff of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University.

Residential campus living in community is an integral part of the student experience at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University. At the College of Saint Benedict the residential life staff (both student and professional) is dedicated to working with residents to create hall communities which foster women’s development. These communities place value on student experiences that occur both inside and outside of the classroom. The SJU Campus Life and Housing office includes a residential program (RA and FR staff), SJU Campus Housing and Student Judicial Affairs. Their mission is to provide a living and learning environment that enhances individual growth development and integrates a commitment to the common good and respect for the individual.
May 2011

1. Confirmation Liturgy

2. Study Day

3. Scholarship and Creativity Day
   - no day classes
   - night classes will be held
   MAGIS BBQ and Bonfire

4. Spring term closes 3pm
   Residence Halls close for Spring Semester 6pm
   Senior Farewell

5. CSB Commencement 2:00 PM
   Scholarship and Creativity Day

6. SJU Commencement 2:00 PM

7. Theater Dept Dance show

8. Last Day of Classes

9. SJU Commencement 2:00 PM

10. Spring term closes 3pm

11. Residence Halls close for Spring Semester 6pm

12. Senior Farewell

13. SJU Commencement 2:00 PM

14. Final Exam Period

15. SJU Commencement 2:00 PM

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31. SJU Commencement 2:00 PM
The CSB and SJU Senates aim to provide an autonomous form of government which represents students in all aspects of the campus community and to provide a means for students to express their opinions and views.

Student Activities and Leadership Development
(320) 363-5038
http://www.csbsju.edu/sald/
http://www.csbsju.edu/ilcp/

The mission of the Department of Student Activities and Leadership Development is to provide resources and guidance for student clubs and organizations which offer programming that enhances a vibrant campus life. We offer resources for social, recreational, and leadership development activities that are designed to enhance a student’s education.

SJU Life Safety/CSB Security
SJU (320) 363-2144
http://www.csbsju.edu/lifesafety/
CSB (320) 363-5000
http://www.csbsju.edu/csbsecurity/

Saint John’s University Department of Life Safety and the College of Saint Benedict Department of Security are committed to providing a safe environment where all members of our community may learn, live, teach and work. The safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors is our primary goal.
Student Human Rights
(320) 363-5455
http://www.csbsju.edu/Human-Rights.htm
We commit ourselves to cultivate inclusiveness and a respect that neither denies nor exaggerates differences. Recognizing our Catholic and liberal arts tradition of respect for human dignity, the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University affirm our mission to teach and foster respect for diversity, to embrace all people by learning and understanding cultural differences. Embracing the transcendent dignity of the human person, we accept our common call to build a community and contribute to a larger social world that reflects and celebrates the splendor of human diversity.

Writing Center
(320) 363-5499
http://www.csbsju.edu/writingcenters/
The Saint Benedict and Saint John’s Writing Centers exist to help students write better papers and become better writers. We offer an informal atmosphere where students can bring questions to their peers. Our one-on-one sessions allow both the tutor and the student to work through procedures and strategies to help improve the student’s writing abilities. We are resources in all stages of the writing process, from brainstorming to perfecting a final draft. We do not proofread papers; rather, we believe in the value of teaching students to brainstorm, organize their thoughts, clarify their assertions and recognize and fix their grammatical mistakes. We believe in teaching students skills they can use in all their writing, and each session is intended to reach beyond a specific writing opportunity.
CSB, for women, and SJU, for men, are nationally recognized Catholic liberal arts colleges and ranked as two of the top three Catholic colleges in the nation. They share one academic program, and students attend classes together on both campuses. This integrated learning experience combines a challenging academic program with extensive opportunities for international study, leadership, service learning, spiritual growth and cultural and athletic involvement. The combined enrollment of more than 3,900 students makes CSB and SJU the largest of the nation’s liberal arts colleges.