



COLLEGE OF
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Dear Parents and Families,

These next few weeks will likely include a wide range of feelings for you and your daughter as you continue to prepare for her arrival on campus. Along with the excitement of starting college you may also be feeling some anxiety and stress. Please be assured that the emotional roller coaster ride you may be on right now is perfectly normal.

Your daughter will be receiving information from the College throughout the summer. One of the best places for her to go for current information is the **New Student Orientation website** at www.csbsju.edu/orientation. Parents can also utilize this site and we encourage you to do so. You can also find helpful information on the **Parent Relations website** at <http://www.csbsju.edu/parents/>.

New students should plan to arrive for move-in on Sunday, August 28, between 8:00 am and 1:00pm. Our orientation and residential life staff are working hard in preparation for your arrival and look forward to welcoming you and your daughter. Move-in day is busy with new students and their families setting up lofts, unpacking clothes and finding places for all the things that were brought from home. We want to remind you of several things that are taking place on move-in day so you can plan your day and make the most of your time on campus.

Move-In Day

Move-In Day is Sunday, August 28 beginning at 8:00am. There will be two phases for move-in and your time is determined by the floor and residence hall in which your daughter lives. We ask that you to come during your assigned period so that traffic congestion is minimized and the move-in process goes smoothly for everyone.

8:00am – 10:00am

Aurora Hall A, C, E

Corona Hall K, M

Regina Hall J

11:00am – 1:00pm

Aurora Hall B, D, F

Corona Hall L

Regina Hall G, H

When you arrive on campus you will be directed to the unloading zone for your daughter's residence hall. You will be asked to unload her belongings and then move your vehicle to a parking lot so that others are able to move in. Orientation leaders and other student and staff volunteers will assist with moving belongings to your daughter's room. Your daughter should come to Mary Commons to check-in and get the key to her room. The Residential Life staff will be greeting new students and their families and assisting all of you with the check-in process. If you have any questions about your arrival or move-in day, please contact the Residential Life Office at housinginfo@csbsju.edu or 1-800-249-9840.

Parent Orientation Program

There are two parent orientation programs being offered to parents on Sunday, August 28. We invite and encourage you to attend one of these sessions. The Parent Orientation program is an opportunity for you to interact with other parents, ask questions and gather information on a range of important topics and issues. A panel of administrators including representatives from residential life, academic advising, health care, student accounts, information technology, and campus security will be answering questions and providing you with important information about their services and resources.

Parent Session – Option #1

10:15am – 12:30pm

Gorecki Conference Center, 204

Parent Session – Option #2

1:15pm – 3:30pm

Gorecki Conference Center, 204

Class of 2015 Welcome Lunch

An informal luncheon will be provided for new students and their families. Please note that you can come and go as you wish during the lunch.

On the Mall (grass lawn between the Haehn Campus Center and the Benedicta Arts Center)

Rain location: Haehn Campus Center Fieldhouse

11:30am – 1:30pm

Resource Fair

Key services areas and departments will be available at the resource fair to answer questions and provide you and your student with information. The resource fair will include an information table staffed by parents of current students who will be available to answer questions, share laughter and tears, and talk about involvement opportunities.

Benedicta Arts Center Reception Area

Rain location: Haehn Campus Center

11:00am – 1:30pm

Family Liturgy

We celebrate the arrival of our new students and the official beginning of the new student orientation program with our Family Liturgy at **4:30pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel**. All of our new students and their families, catholic and non-catholic alike are invited to attend this wonderful mass. A special blessing for your daughter occurs at the end of mass.

New Student Quilt Display

The quilt squares we've received are displayed in the hallway link that connects the Haehn Campus Center and Murray Hall. You and your daughter are invited to view this beautiful quilt display which symbolizes the connection between a student's family community and the CSB community. The deadline for returning your quilt square is August 15 to insure it will be added to the display by August 28.

Parent Involvement Opportunities

Many parents are interested in being involved with the College and there are several opportunities for parents to do so. Parents play a critical and important role in their daughter's life and we value our relationship with parents. We invite you to consider the opportunities for involvement and encourage you to connect with the college in the way that best fits your needs, interests and time. Please check out the [Parent Involvement website](https://www.csbsju.edu/CSB-Student-Development/Parent-Relations/Parent-Involvement/Volunteer-Form.aspx) (<https://www.csbsju.edu/CSB-Student-Development/Parent-Relations/Parent-Involvement/Volunteer-Form.aspx>) to learn more about Parent Involvement Opportunities and to complete the on-line Parent Volunteer Interest Form

We thank you for supporting your daughter in her choice to attend the College of Saint Benedict. We look forward to sharing this journey with her. If I can be of any assistance to you or your daughter prior to your arrival, please feel free to contact me at (320) 363-5601 or jterhaar@csbsju.edu.

Sincerely,



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