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Photo on front cover: CSB/SJU orientation leaders.
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 website 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.

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Academic Advising
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SJU (320) 363-2248
www.csbsju.edu/academic-advising.htm

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.

Academic Dean
CSB: (320) 363-5401  SJU: (320) 363-3147
www.csbsju.edu/academic-affairs.htm

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.

Athletic Department
CSB (320) 363-5301 www.csbblazers.com
SJU (320) 363-2757 www.gojohnnies.com

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.
Fall semester tuition due

Move In Day
Welcome Liturgy
Parent Sessions
Resource Fair

International Student Orientation
STUDENT AND FAMILY ISSUES:

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.

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 and Catholic worship, fellowship, service and charity work, social justice, and the development of Christian and Catholic leadership among students within the CSB/SJU community. The staff encourages personal and communal reflection on our Christian and Catholic 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.
DAY 1
CSB/SJU Nursing Fair

DAY 2
Classes end 6 p.m.

DAY 3
Requests for off-campus housing 2013-2014 due

DAY 4
ABE Participant applications due

DAY 5
Acoustic Africa, 8 p.m. SBH

DAY 6
Family Weekend
CSB/SJU Volunteer (full-time) after graduation fair

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Information Technology Services
(320) 363-2228
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/students.htm

Career Services
CSB (320) 363-5707
SJU (320) 363-3236
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
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
www.csbsju.edu/csbssecurity
SJU (320) 363-2144
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.
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- **Day 1**: Classes end at 6 p.m.
- **Day 2**: Veteran’s Day
- **Day 3**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Day 4**: All Saints Day
- **Day 5**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Day 6**: Busy Women’s Retreat
- **Day 7**: Election Day

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**Holiday**

- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Veteran’s Day**
- **All Saints’ Day**

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**Event**

- **Career Expo 2012**
- **David Wax Museum, 8 p.m.**
- **Accidental Hero, 7:30 p.m.**

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**Special Date**

- **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

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**Festival**

- **Festival of Cultures**

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**Weekend**

- **Day of the Week**

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**Calendar**

- **November 2012**
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 they 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.
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The Good Lovelies
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Dean of Students
CSB (320) 363-5601
SJU (320) 363-3512

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
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
www.csbsju.edu/csbfoodservice
SJU (320) 363-3487
www.csbsju.edu/sjudining

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 à la carte dining spaces (Sexton Commons and Good to Go) are available on both the SJU and CSB campuses.
Health Services at SJU
(320) 203-2430
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
www.csbsju.edu/csbhealthservices

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 consults; and immunizations. 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.

Counseling and Health Promotion
CSB (320) 363-5605
SJU (320) 363-3236
www.csbsju.edu/chp

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.
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**February 2013**

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Diane Ackerman, 7:30 p.m.

Biloxi Blues, 8 p.m.

Admission Fly-in Weekend

MN Private Colleges Job/Internship Fair
International Student Program
(320) 363-5704 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 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.
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Libraries
CSB (320) 363-5611
SJU (320) 363-2122
www.csbsju.edu/library

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.

Mail Services
CSB (320) 363-5981
SJU (320) 363-2097
www.csbsju.edu/mailservices

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 Saint Benedict
37 S. College Avenue
P.O. Box #
St. Joseph, MN 56374

SJU Student Mailing Address
Name
Saint John’s University
P.O. Box #
Collegeville, MN 56321

Math Skills Center
(320) 363-5236
www.csbsju.edu/mathskillscenter

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.

Parent Relations
CSB (320) 363-5601
SJU (320) 363-2737
www.csbsju.edu/saintsnews

The Parent Relations website contains valuable connections to resources, news and events on our campuses.
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**Note:**
The calendar includes events such as Spring Break, Mother/Daughter Brunch, Leadership Banquet, Minnesota Orchestra, MOMIX - Botanica, Scholarship and Creativity Day, and several other activities. The dates and events vary throughout the month, with specific dates marked for each event.
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 life 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. At Saint John’s University, the residential life staff is committed to helping residents gain a better understanding of themselves as young men through their involvement with a strong commitment to community. These residential communities at Saint Ben’s and Saint John’s place a high value on student experiences that occur both inside and outside of the classroom.
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**Important Dates:**
- **April 20, 2013:** SJU Commencement 2 p.m., Mother’s Day
- **May 2, 2013:** ABE May Term Trip
- **May 12, 2013:** Memorial Day
- **May 14, 2013:** ABE May Term Trip
- **May 16, 2013:** ABE May Term Trip
- **May 20, 2013:** Ramona Quimby Family Show, 7 p.m., 2nd day of exams
- **May 22, 2013:** 3rd day of exams
- **May 24, 2013:** CSB Commencement 2 p.m., 1st day of exams

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Student Senates
CSB (320) 363-5313
www.csbsju.edu/csbsenate
SJU (320) 363-2739
www.csbsju.edu/sjusenate
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
www.csbsju.edu/sald
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
www.csbsju.edu/lifesafety
CSB (320) 363-5000
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.

Photo: CSB and SJU students enjoying the weather.
Student Human Rights
(320) 363-5455
www.csbsju.edu/Human-Rights

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
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