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 child 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 child 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.
Academic Advising
CSB (320) 363-5687
SJU (320) 363-2248
http://www.csbsju.edu/academicadvising/

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
http://www.csbsju.edu/academicaffairs/

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 (http://www.csbbraziers.com)
SJU (320) 363-2757 (http://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.
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**Week 1**
- August 24
- Fall semester tuition due

**Week 2**
- August 31
- New Student move-in day and campus picnic 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Returning students begin move-in 2 p.m.
- Parent sessions, Resource fair, Family Mass 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- New Student Orientation - 6 p.m.

**Week 3**
- September 1
- President's Dinner
- Residence Halls open
- International Students arrive

**Week 4**
- September 7
- Transfer Student Orientation
- International Student Orientation
- Convocation and start of academic classes
- International Student Orientation Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Week 5**
- September 14
- CSB Blazer Student Athlete Orientation Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- First Year Dance
- Outdoor concert

**Week 6**
- September 21
- Welcome Back Mass at CSB
- Day 1
- Day 2
- Day 3
- Day 4

**Week 7**
- September 28
- CSB Blazer Student Athlete Orientation Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- President's Dinner
- First Year Dance
- Outdoor concert
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.
Involvement on the Mall
Kip Fulbeck-
Diversity Speaker
24 Hour Play Festival
SJU Football vs. UWEC
Sweet Honey in the Rock
7:30 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB
Blazer Open
CSB Athletic Fundraiser
www.csblazers.com
Mod B1 begins
500 Clown Macbeth
8 p.m., SBH, SJU
BodyVox 7:30 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB
Retreat on Race and Ethnicity (RORE)
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Spirit Week (Homecoming)
Counseling and Health Promotion
CSB (320) 363-5605
SJU (320) 363-3236
http://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.

Campus Ministry
CSB (320) 363-5603
(http://www.csbsju.edu/csbcampusministry/)
SJU (320) 363-2790
(http://www.csbsju.edu/sjucampusministry/)

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.

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.
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.

Center for Men’s Leadership and Service
(320) 363-3995
http://www.csbsju.edu/menscenter/

The SJU Center for Men’s Leadership and Service seeks to create a safe and respectful environment for students to share their stories and discern who they are. This is a place for women and men to explore the masculine condition, foster personal and spiritual growth and raise awareness of the consequences of gender roles.
November 2009

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All Saints Day
Last day to cancel housing at CSB for spring semester

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Volunteer Fair

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**7**
Men’s Conference

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Career Expo

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**12**
Mod D1 begins
Alasdair Fraser
and Natalie Haas
8 p.m., SBH, SJU

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**17**
Hunger and Homelessness Week

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**19**
Room on the Broom
7:30, SBH, SJU

**20**
Festival of Cultures

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**23**
Classes end at 5:30
Residence Halls close
for Thanksgiving Break 8 p.m.

**24**

**25**
Thanksgiving Day

**26**

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**28**
Thanksgiving Break

**29**
First Sunday in Advent
Classes Resume at 8 a.m.

**30**
Thanksgiving Break

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Photo: A student working in a printmaking class.
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. Discussions and family meetings before and after your daughter/son returns can ease the adjustment for all family members.

Safety

Helping your child 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 child’s residence hall room.
- Remind your child 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.
Danu - A Christmas in Ireland
7 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB

Immaculate Conception

Second day of final exams
Fall term closes 3 p.m. Residence Halls close for Christmas Break 8 p.m.

Last Day of Classes

Minnesota Dance Theater
Nutcracker Fantasy
2 and 7:30 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB

Study Day

First day of final exams

Third day of final exams

Christmas Eve

Second day of final exams

Christmas Break

Christmas Break

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Christmas Break

First day of final exams

New Year's Eve

Christmas Break

CSB Campus Closed

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Christmas Break

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Christmas Break
The Deans of Students serve as advocates for Student Development 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 and 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
http://www.csbsju.edu/csbfoodservice/
SJU (320) 363-3487
http://www.csbsju.edu/sjudining/

The Culinary and Dining Services goal is to provide 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.
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- New Year’s Day
- Christmas Break
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- Junebug Productions
  - Don’t Start me Talking...
  - 8 p.m., SBH, SJU
- The Trial of the Catonsville
  - 8 p.m., SBH, SJU

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- Residence Halls open for Spring Semester
- Spring semester tuition is due
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - Classes in session
- Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
- The Trial of the Catonsville
  - Nine 8 p.m., SBH, SJU
- The Trial of the Catonsville
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The College of St. 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 St. 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.

Health Partners 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, 9 am to 5pm 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. Health Partners operates on a fee-for-service basis and accepts most insurance plans.

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
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**February 2010**

*Photo: Students on the climbing wall.*

- **Valentine’s Day**: Day 14
- **Ash Wednesday**: Day 16
- **Feast of Saint Scholastica**: Day 10
- **Most Valuable Player**: Day 4
  - 7:30 p.m., SBH, SJU
- **Sofya Gulyak and the CSB/SJU Orchestra**: Day 12
  - 7:30 p.m.
  - Petters Auditorium, CSB
- **MadScience President: CSI LIVE!**: Day 5
  - 7:30 p.m.
  - Petters Auditorium, CSB
- **Residence Halls close for Spring Break**: Day 26

**Spring Break**

**JANUARY 2010**

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Currently there are more than 150 international students at CSB/SJU from 38 countries including China, Indonesia, Bosnia, Kenya, Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, Bahamas, Germany, Japan, and India, to name a few.

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

The mission of the Intercultural Center is to coordinate the college/university effort to build and maintain a campus environment that is inclusive, pluralistic and diverse.

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.
Classes end at 5:30 p.m.

Residence Halls close for Easter Break 9 p.m.
In conjunction with the First-year Symposium, 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.

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 Web site contains valuable connections to resources, news and events on our campuses.
April 2010

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Easter Sunday

Senior Weekend
Mother-Daughter Brunch
12 p.m.
Minnesota Orchestra
2 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB
Leadership Banquet

Scholarship and Creativity Day events
No classes

John McCutcheon
8 p.m., SBH, SJU

Step Afrika 7:30 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB

TPO Farfalle, 7:30 p.m., Gorecki Family Theater, CSB

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TPO Farfalle, 7:30 p.m., Gorecki Family Theater, CSB

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Photo: Students and their professor by lake Sagatagan.
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 2010

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Photo: A student running a race in track.

Third day of final exams
Spring term closes 3 p.m.
Residence Halls close for Spring Semester 6 p.m.
Senior Farewell 4 p.m.

CSB Commencement
2 p.m.

Sones de Mexico Ensemble
7:30 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB

SJU Commencement
2 p.m.
Student Senates
CSB (320) 363-5313
http://www.csbsju.edu/csbsenate/
SJU (320) 363-2739
http://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
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.
June 2010

Photo: A student competing in a Tennis Match.
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 the marginalized and break down the privileges that would exclude those who are different or disadvantaged. 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.

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.