

# Incoming First-Year Housing FAQ:

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Questions? Please contact CSB Residential Life at 320-363-5580 or [housinginfo@csbsju.edu](mailto:housinginfo@csbsju.edu)

We look forward to having you join the CSB Community!

### What housing options are available?

The First Year Area includes Aurora Hall, Corona Hall, and Regina Hall. All three Residence Halls are connected to Mary Commons. The First Year Residence Halls are home to approximately 500 residents, most of whom are first year students. First Year Students are assigned to live in double or single rooms (triples are used when capacity requires). While much of our housing is comprised of double rooms, you may be assigned to any of these room types as a new student. Each floor in the residence halls has a Resident Assistant (RA). Each RA is responsible for tending to the needs of their community and serving as a resource to the residents. There are computer labs and laundry facilities in each residence hall, and all rooms are carpeted. For more information, please go to the [First Year Hall Information](#) page. Additionally, the [Facility Facts](#) page provides specific information about the types of rooms in each building and approximate dimensions.

### Are students required to live on campus?

As a residential liberal arts college, the College of Saint Benedict supports the holistic development of women within the context of living and learning in community. Foundational to our identity as a Benedictine institution, we believe that living on campus is a vital part of the student experience and provides students with opportunities to explore social, leadership, gender, and relational aspects of development. Reflective of this commitment, CSB requires that all full-time students live in college housing.

### What amenities does the on-campus housing offer?

The Residential Halls and Apartments come furnished. Please refer to the [Room Amenities](#) page for a detailed list of what each room, suite, or apartment includes.

### I feel like I do not have anything in common with my roommate, what do I do?

Please remember that you and your roommate may have different backgrounds and may be very different people, but if you are respectful of one another, you may be very good roommates (and you may even end up being friends!). A roommate hopefully is someone you can live with compatibly, that you can agree with upon needs for rest, studying, and guests in your room. You may come from different places (rural vs urban hometowns, you may have different religions, socio-economic backgrounds, family structures, and more), but you come to college to grow and learn, and part of that is done through navigating your roommate relationship.

### What happens if I do not get along with my roommate?

We have tools to help you and your roommate set up your boundaries and expectations. We ask all students to complete a roommate agreement and use this as a tool later should a mediation be necessary. If you and your roommate run into challenges, you should contact your Resident Assistant (RA) who will help you try to resolve the issue or conflict. Assistance can also be provided by the Residence Directors (RD) who are professional staff members living in the community with the students. Please be aware that the process for resolving roommate conflicts emphasizes communication between the individuals. If the problems cannot be resolved in a mutually acceptable way, a room change may take place; however, please understand that due to limited space and resources, such moves may not always be possible or the timeline may depend on other moves happening first.

### When can I access a housing form? When are they due?

You can begin filling out your housing form once you have enrolled CSB+SJU and after the form becomes live in February. The housing form is available in the CSB+SJU Housing Portal and is due by May 15. Please note - all roommate requests are also due by May 15. We do not begin the roommate matching process until after the May 15 deadline. Assignments and roommate information are available during your Campus Registration date. Room assignments will also be posted on the Housing Portal.

### When will I find out my room assignment and roommates name?

Assignments will be available during your Campus Registration date and on the Housing Portal mid-June.

### What size are the beds (what sheets do I need to buy)?

The beds are standard twin size beds. Extra-long mattresses are available by request. Please contact the Residential Life Department if you need to request one. These mattresses are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Are there laundry facilities available for students?

All residence halls have laundry facilities located in a central area and some halls offer laundry on each floor. The cost of laundry is incorporated into students housing fees, there is no additional cost when you go to do your wash. All washers in the laundry rooms on campus are High-Efficiency (HE) washers and **require HE laundry detergent**. HE detergents are concentrated and low-sudsing, especially for low water HE washers. Regular detergents will damage the washers and make doing laundry times run longer than scheduled as well as causing damage to the machines. Please look for the "**HE**" **symbol** when you shop for laundry detergent.

### When can guests be in the residence halls?

To provide an environment that nurtures the gender specific nature of our community guests of the opposite sex at both CSB and SJU must abide by Open House Hours. On each campus Open House Hours as are follows:

- Sunday -Thursday: 9:00 am - 12 am (midnight)
- Friday - Saturday: 9:00 am - 2:00 am

It will be important for you to discuss with your roommate your expectations regarding guests. If you are uncomfortable with the situation in your room regarding guests, it is important for you to speak with your Resident Assistant (RA) so the issue can be discussed and resolved between the roommates.

### Am I allowed to loft my bed?

Yes, you are allowed to loft your bed, but the lofts must be rented via Bedloft.com, the official vendor for CSB. Students are not allowed to construct their own lofts on either campus. For more details, please visit the [Bedloft Information](#) page.

### How long can a futon be to fit under a lofted bed?

The maximum length a futon can be to completely fit under a lofted bed is 72".

## What type of meal plans are available?

All first year and sophomore students living in a residence hall are required to be on the Continuous Meal Plan. This meal plan includes:

- **Continuous Meal Punch** - This plan allows unlimited entry to the Gorecki Dining Center or the Refectory 7 days a week during designated operating hours. Continuous Pass Meal Punches used at the Gorecki Dining Center are designated for dine in only.
- **Additional Daily Meal Punch** - This plan includes 1 meal punch per day that can be used at the Retail Operations of McGlynn's or Sexton for 1 designated combo meal per day. **(al a carte and retail items excluded).**
- **Bucks** - This includes 150 Bucks (i.e. flex points) per semester that can be used at any of the dining locations.
- **Guest Passes** - Ideal for visiting family and friends, this plan includes 4 free guest passes per semester that can be used at Gorecki Dining Center or the Refectory. Any dining Passes or Bucks remaining at the end of each semester will be forfeited.

Juniors and Senior students living in a residence hall will have the option to select one of the following plans:

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### Bennie Meal Plan

- The Bennie Meal Plan allows students to use 10 individual meal punches per week. Meal punches can be used at the Gorecki Dining Center, the Refectory, McGlynn's or Sexton during designated operating hours. Meal punches used at retail operations can be used for designated Combo meals (retail items not included). Meal punches will reset each Wednesday morning. Unused meal punches at time of reset are non-refundable and do not carry forward to the next week. The Bennie Meal Plan also includes 325 bucks (flex points) per semester that can be used at any CSB Culinary or SJU Dining operations. Each buck is equivalent to \$1.00. Additional meals at the Gorecki Dining Center or the Refectory may be purchased for a discounted rate using

dining bucks. Additional bucks may be purchased in increments of \$25.00. Meal punches or bucks remaining at the end of each semester will be forfeited.

#### **Registered Dietitian:**

The registered dietitian from CSB Culinary Services is available to meet with students who have food allergies or intolerances to review menu options within the dining facilities. Additionally, if students have an interest in learning to navigate the dining center with following a vegan or vegetarian diet, an interest in learning more about eating a healthy and balanced diet in the dining center, students are welcome to contact the dietitian. Please let [Culinary Services](#) know if you are interested in setting up an in-person meeting the dietitian: 320-363-5148

For additional information, visit the [CSB Culinary Services website](#).

#### **Is wireless network connection available on campus?**

Wireless network connection is available in every hall. All residence hall rooms also have Ethernet wall jacks available for a wired connection as well. Please note: Wired connections will always be faster and more dependable than a wireless connection. IT Services recommends that you use your wired connection for better performance.

#### **Do I need to bring a computer or a printer to campus?**

You are encouraged to bring a computer; however, owning your own computer is not required. It is simply a matter of convenience. Ethernet ports as well as access to the campus's wireless network are provided in all residence hall rooms so students can connect. All residence halls have computer labs which are available to student's 24-hours a day. In addition, students can use computers in access areas or labs on either campus that are open from 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. on most days. These PCs are loaded with academic specific and popular general-purpose applications. Whether you own a computer or not, all students have network accounts with ample data storage space, which are backed up regularly, and can be accessed from either their own computer or from any other PC on campus. Printers are also available in all the campus computer labs and most students use this option as they can then avoid the expense of purchasing paper and printing supplies for their own personal printer. These printers are available to all of the students at any time. However, some students do like having the convenience of a printer in their room. For information about connecting to the campus network please go to the IT Services page, [Preparing Your Computer to Arrive on Campus](#). If any questions arise, please contact IT Services at 320-363-2228 or [helpdesk@csbsju.edu](mailto:helpdesk@csbsju.edu)

#### **Are First Years allowed to have a car on campus?**

Remember, you have many options to get around, you do not really need a car! There are no restrictions regarding personal vehicles on campus; however, there is also no pressing need for you to have a personal car. For most students with vehicles, it is a personal preference. Students with vehicles on-campus must register them with [CSB Security and purchase a parking permit](#). Short term permits are also available.

The bus system at CSB/SJU is very efficient; buses run regularly between campuses when classes are in session. Limited bus service into St. Cloud is also available. Please consider this when thinking about bringing a car with you. Another thing to keep in mind is that there are limited bikes available to check

out for daily use through Campus Rec's green bike program for your use around town, on campus, or on the Wobegon Bike Trail.

### What happens if I get sick at school?

[CSB+SJU Well-Being Services](#), located in the lower level of Lottie Hall, in conjunction with Counseling and Health Promotion forms the CSB Well-Being Center. The Well-Being Center 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 Well-Being Center 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.

There are also a variety of health care providers in the St. Cloud area including a clinic in St. Joseph. It is important that you check with your insurance provider to identify the provider that your student should use so that out-of-network costs are not incurred. All students are required to have health insurance. Students not covered under another policy can enroll in the group insurance offered through CSB/SJU. The residential life staff at both CSB and SJU as well as the Security and Life Safety staff can also provide your student with assistance if he or she becomes ill. For serious situations, we utilize the resources of Gold Cross Ambulance and the St. Cloud Hospital.

### What happens if there is an emergency?

CSB Campus Security and SJU Life Safety Services are staffed 24 hours, 7 days a week, and can assist you in an emergency. CSB Campus Security can be reached at (320) 363-5000 and SJU Life Safety can be reached at (320) 363-2144.

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