

Orientation 2013

(*please note: locations are subject to change*)

Thursday, August 29th

(8am-3pm) New Student Move- In

[There will be Orientation Leaders, Resident Assistants, and other student leaders on campus helping new students move in to their Residence Halls.]

(11am-12pm) Parent/Family Orientation Programming [ARC Arena]

[In this session parents and families will hear from faculty and staff about their students' future in and out of the classroom, as well as about their own transition into the role of being the parent/family member of a college student. During this session, family members will have the opportunity to ask questions they may have about their students' St. Mary's experience.]

(12pm-2pm) Lunch [Great Room]

[If families wish to stay for lunch they may purchase meal tickets in the Athletic and Recreation Center from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.]

(12pm-2pm) Information Fair [Aldom Lounge]

[Information and representatives from offices such as the Registrar, International Education, Financial Aid, Academic Services, Athletics, the Business Office, the Office of Student Activities, Office of Information Technology, Chance Hall – Health and Counseling, etc. will be available for new students and their families. Additionally, bank representatives will be located in the hallway of the Campus Center in order for students and their parents to obtain information about on and off campus banking services.]

(3:30pm-4:15pm) Welcome/Farewell to Families [ARC Arena]

[The President, Dean of Students, a St. Mary's parent, and the Orientation Co-Chairs will welcome students and share their St. Mary's experiences. Students will say goodbyes to parents and then join their Orientation groups to begin Orientation 2013!]

(4:30pm) Students join Orientation Groups [ARC]

[Orientation Leaders will be located in or outside of the ARC with signs for their Orientation group numbers. Students will join their respective groups and Orientation will begin!]

(5pm-7pm) Dinner & Group Meetings

[New students will eat dinner and meet with their Orientation groups in a staggered schedule. Orientation Leaders will provide further information about when and where groups will meet and when they will eat.]

(7:30pm-9pm) Hall Meetings [Residence Halls]

[New students will meet in their respective Residence Halls with their Resident Assistants.]

(9pm-11:30pm) Campus Center Night & LGBTQ Mixer [Campus Center & Campus Center Patio]

[Various activities will be going on throughout the night in and outside of the Campus Center. Campus Center Night will include activities such as Karaoke, Crafts, a movie in Cole Cinema, a Photo booth, Bingo, Four Square, a variety games, and more!]

Friday, August 30th

(7:30am-9:30am) Breakfast/Meeting

[Students and Orientation Leaders will meet their group for breakfast and a group meeting and prepare for Opening Convocation.]

(8am-9:30am) Commuter Student Check-in [Glendenning Annex]

(9:30am-10:15am) Opening Convocation [ARC Arena]

[Students will participate in an opening ceremony with the Dean of the Faculty, the President, and the Dean of the Core Curriculum. This will be the first time the class comes together in an academic setting.]

(10:15am-12pm) Tour of the Seven Wonders of St. Mary's

[Students will divide into orientation groups and go to each of the Seven Wonders to talk about the seven tenets of the St. Mary's Way with professors, who will explain their relevance in the classroom.]

(12pm-2pm) Lunch with Faculty [Great Room]

[Faculty members from many Academic disciplines will attend lunch with students. Students should coordinate with their Orientation Leaders, as some groups will be taking ID photos at this time.]

(2pm-4:30pm) Meet your advisor!

[Students will meet their faculty advisors and talk about any schedule adjustments or questions they may have.]

(2pm-4:30pm) Swim Test [ARC]

[Students will have the opportunity to take a swim test which is required to borrow kayaks, paddleboards, or sailboats at the Waterfront.]

(4:30pm-5pm) Commuter Student meeting [Aldom Lounge]

[This will be an opportunity for commuter students to get to know each other and learn about resources on campus specifically intended for them.]

(5:00-6:45) Dinner/Meeting

[New students will eat dinner and meet with their Orientation groups in a staggered schedule. Orientation Leaders will provide further information about when and where groups will meet and when they will eat.]

(7pm-8:30pm) Sex Signals [ARC Arena]

[Students will watch a performance by a professional troupe about the realities of life on a college campus: what you should be prepared for and how you can respond to certain situations.]

(9pm-11pm) Luau & S'Mores [WC fire pit]

[Students will participate in activities such as making S'Mores by the fire pit, bike engravings, mocktails, limbo, lawn games, Frisbee golf, capture the flag, and more!]

Saturday, August 31st

(9am-10am) Breakfast [Great Room]

(10am-3pm) Seahawk Service Saturday

[New students and their Orientation Leaders will go to sites on and off campus for various community service activities such as landscaping projects, organizing clothing donations, painting, working on the Campus Farm, car washing, park beautification, oyster planting, and many more! Breaks for brunch will be provided for on campus groups and lunch will be provided for students working at off-campus sites.]

(5:30pm-6:45pm) Dinner with Student Leaders [Great Room]

[New students will have the opportunity to eat dinner with other student leaders on campus such as Resident Assistants, Peer Health Educators, and various club leaders.]

(7pm-9pm) *St. Mary's Listen Hear* [ARC Arena]

[This production, performed by Orientation Leaders, will give students a glimpse into life at St. Mary's and the various forms of diversity present in our campus community. The performance will be followed by small group reflections.]

(9pm-12am) Late Night in the ARC

[Students will participate in various activities throughout the night such as climbing the rock wall, Zumba classes, yoga, spin classes, recess games, pick-up games of volleyball and basketball, board games, music, snacks, and many more!]

Sunday, September 1st

(8am-11am) Religious services [Optional]

[Students will have the opportunity to attend religious services if they wish to do so with transportation provided by student leaders from faith-based student clubs.]

(10:30am-1pm) Brunch and Information Sessions [Staggered in the Campus Center]

[During this time students will attend brunch and have the opportunity to attend information sessions about study abroad, student involvement, becoming a student ambassador, and other campus programs.]

(1pm-3pm) Group Meetings

(3:30pm-5pm) About Last Night

[Students will go to skits around campus with information and situations that may arise during their time on campus and suggestions for methods of responding.]

(5pm-7:30pm) Dinner/Academic Building Tours

[After dinner, students will have the opportunity to visit the locations of their classes for the fall semester in order to learn their way around campus.]

(7:30pm) Waterfront Info Session [River Center]

[Students are welcome to head to the River Center to learn about the services offered at the Waterfront.]

(9pm-11pm) Airbands! [ARC Arena]

[Students will watch their Orientation Leaders and Resident Assistants make fools of themselves with funny songs and dance moves. Airbands is one of the biggest events during Orientation!]

Monday, September 2nd

(7:30am-10:30am) Breakfast

(10am-12:30pm) Shuttle and Shop

[Students will have the opportunity to go into Lexington Park, California, and Hollywood (the nearest towns) for any last minute shopping needs. Transportation will be provided.]

(12pm-4pm) Love the River Day

[Students will spend the day at the waterfront and have the opportunity to participate in and learn about various activities on and off the water such as sailing, crew, windsurfing, paddle boarding, kayaking, water trampoline, volleyball, corn hole, board games, etc. Local food vendors will be located in the Kent Hall parking lot for students to purchase food throughout the day.]

(12pm-4pm) Time to explore Historic St. Mary's City!

[Students will have a chance to wander through Historic St. Mary's City, neighboring campus, and see all it has to offer. Admission is free with student ID.]

(4:15pm-6pm) Closing Convocation [State House Lawn]

[Students will participate in this traditional ceremony that brings Orientation to a close. A signing of the President's book will take place as Orientation Leaders welcome the new students to their St. Mary's experience.]

(6pm-7pm) Dinner

(7:00pm-9:30pm) Residence Hall Mandatory Meetings