



New Student Guide

to starting at **St. Mary's**
Transfer Student Edition

August 18th: Transfer Student & Parent Orientation

- 9:00am-10:30am; New Academic Building
- Dress: casual but school appropriate
- there will be an administrative presentation followed by student ambassadors helping transfer students learn the campus and find their classes.
- Parents will walk the campus/their child's schedule with the student ambassadors as well

August 20th: First Day of classes FRESHMEN ONLY (half day)

- 7:30am-11:20am; FRESHMEN report for classes. Head right to first hour class.

Dress: girls are to wear their white polos & plaid or navy skirts.

boys are to wear their red polos & dress pants.

* all students must be in dress code with footwear, socks, etc.

- what to bring: no backpacks or purses; planner and a pen
- BE EXCITED!!!!

August 21st- Half day for 10th-12th graders only; details to follow soon.

August 22rd- FIRST FULL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS!

Where are students dropped off/picked up at? Where is parking for students?

The students will be advised of this at orientation and will be given parking information then as well. for orientation, please park in the lot across from the campus bookstore/library.

What kind of backpack should I get?

Something VERY strong and sturdy. Invest in a good one!

When is my Summer reading assignment due?

Your teacher will tell you this information on your first day of classes. Do not bring your assignment with you-- wait for your teacher's direction!

Do we get a school supply list in advance?

Not in high school! your teachers will provide you with a list of supplies needed for their class on the first few days of classes.

Do I have to have a certain kind of laptop/device?

NO! You are not required to carry one with you to school each day. Some teachers may let you use one in class, and some may not--this is completely the teacher's preference. However, given the fact that there may be some off campus remote days, we do highly suggest that you have some type of device to use at home. You can use a Chromebook, laptop, desktop, MAC, ipad-- whatever you prefer and works best for you!

How does lunch work?

You can bring your lunch to school or buy lunch in the dining hall with cash or card. There is no advance ordering of lunch. The freshmen and sophomores eat at one time, and juniors and seniors another. At orientation, you will get information on your lunch location, etc.,

When do we have to wear our blazers?

Students are required to wear blazers on their Mass day-- HOWEVER, Blazers are NOT required until the weather cools down (typically late September/early October). Listen to announcements as this is when we will communicate these things via parent emails like when their mass day is and when blazers are required.

What is the rule on our polos?

You can wear polos exclusively until the Dean of Students tells the students it is now time to move to dress shirts. Typically, polos exclusively is for the first 4-6 weeks. After that, polos are allowed Monday & Friday and dress shirt/shirt & tie Tuesday-Thursday.

How many class periods are in a day?

You will have 8 class periods in a day. One of them is your seminar hour which is essentially your study hour.

Can I change my schedule to be in my friends classes?

NO. I promise, you will make a TON of new friends! :)

Who is my academic dean?

Mr. Jeff Giolitti - 9th grade boys jgiolitti@stmarysprep.com
Mr. Russ Bone- 10th grade boys rbone@stmarysprep.com
Mr. Bela Matyus- 11th grade boys bmatyus@stmarysprep.com
Mrs. Ann Bartus- 12th grade boys abartus@stmarysprep.com
Mrs. Margie McElyea- 9th & 10th grade girls mmcelyea@stmarysprep.com
Ms. Armenia Howard- 11th & 12th grade girls ahoward@stmarysprep.com

Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory Parent Emails- Flag them!

You will receive daily emails from an email account titled Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory. Please flag this account as the information is important. These emails are NOT sent from Candace. Rather, they are sent from Lynda Kosco our headmaster's assistant.

Attendance Issues- Absences/ leaving early

All attendance related issues need to be communicated to the attendance secretary, Mrs. Tracie Robinson. It is a very good idea to store the OLSM attendance line in your phone.

248- 392-9467

Contact Information for all administrators/teachers/staff

On the school's website, you will find the complete listing of everyone you may need. To find this page, please do the following:

1. go to www.stmarysprep.com
2. In the top row of menu tabs, please click on "Academic Departments & Faculty"

please note, you may need to click on the three dots to expand the top row of menu tabs depending on your browser

Student community service hours and keeping track of those:

Your child's theology teacher is the official record keeper of service hours. 9th and 10th graders are required to do 10 hours per year, and 11th and 12th graders are required to do 20 service hours per year. Service opportunities will be presented to students throughout the year, but your child should communicate with their theology teacher to obtain the service form, and to keep track of them all. Please direct all service hour questions to the theology teacher, or your child's academic dean.

Class Parent Reps

The Moms and Dads Club (MDC) Selects Parent Representatives for each class. These parents are a wonderful resource to contact regarding parent involvement and any questions that you have. Below are the reps for each class and division.

[Freshman boys, Class of 2029](#)- Heather and Sumer Bashi hmbashi617@gmail.com
[Freshman girls, class of 2029](#)- Daniella and Kevin Brown dcmarcuzzi@hotmail.com
[Sophomore boys, class of 2028](#)- Nate and Nikki Anderson nickiander7@hotmail.com
[Sophomore girls, class of 2028](#)- Marinos and Jillian Moutafis jillymsu@comcast.net
[Junior boys, class of 2027](#)- Jamie and Indigo Stewart jamie.stewart@gruppolunelli.it
[Junior girls, class of 2027](#)- David and Jennifer Bauss djbauss@yahoo.com
[Senior boys, class of 2026](#)- Rick and Noelle Essig essignoelle@gmail.com
[Senior girls, class of 2026](#)- Jim and Tracy Neil Tlstarr10@gmail.com