

New Student Orientation 2025



Saint Francis University

August 21-24, 2025




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Students- Make sure you have your SFU ID for ALL SESSSIONS

Schedule At- A- Glance







Thursday, August 21, 2025, ~ Welcome to the SFU Fam!

	8:30am- 2:30pm	<u>New Student Check In- Stokes Athletic Complex</u>
	8:30am- 5:00pm	SFU Bookstore Hours – Lower-Level JFK Student Center
	12:25pm-1:00pm	Mass- Immaculate Conception Chapel
	12:30pm- 1:15pm	Parent and Family Ice Cream Social - JFK Lounge
	2:00pm- 2:45pm	Parent and Family Ice Cream Social - JFK Lounge
	3:00pm- 3:15pm	The Bell Ceremony- Bell Tower near Torvian
	3:30pm- 4:15pm	President's Welcome- DeGol Field - <i>rain location DeGol Arena</i>
	4:15pm- 6:00pm	Dinner on your own/ Parents & Families Depart

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	6:00pm- 6:20pm	Orientation Opening Session - JFK Auditorium
	6:30pm- 7:10pm	Commuter/ Resident Meetings <i>Resident Students- Residence Hall</i> <i>Commuting Students- JFK Lounge</i>
	7:15pm- 7:40pm	Student Expectations and Behavior - JFK Auditorium
	7:45pm-8:45pm	Opening Speaker Charlie Brenneman- JFK Auditorium
	8:45pm- 9:30pm	Pizza Break/ Small Group Discussions w/ OCs- JFK
	9:30pm- 10:30pm	Travelin' Max Show- sponsored by SAO- JFK Auditorium

Friday, August 22, 2025, ~ Connect Academics to your Journey

	7:00am- 8:45am	Breakfast – Torvian Dining Hall
	8:30am- 5:00pm	SFU Bookstore Hours – Lower-Level JFK Student Center
	8:50am- 9:30am	Academic Convocation – JFK Auditorium: CES CREDIT
	9:45am- Noon	Departmental Advising Meetings: MUST HAVE LAPTOPS
	Noon- 12:30pm	Mass- Immaculate Conception Chapel
	Noon-1:30pm	Lunch with your Faculty/ Orientation Counselors- Torvian <i>School of STEAM and Shields School of Business: 11:30am</i> <i>School of Health Science and Education: Noon</i>
	1:30pm- 2:15pm	What is the True Cost of Underage Drinking- JFK Auditorium
	2:15pm- 3:00pm	Ice Cream Social & Small Group Discussions – JFK Lounge
	3:00pm- 4:15pm	Threat Preparedness – JFK Auditorium
	4:15pm-6:30pm	Dinner with OCs – Torvian Dining Hall
	6:50pm- 8:00pm	PLAYFAIR- DeGol Field- <i>rain location DeGol Arena</i>
	8:05pm- 8:30pm	Red Flash Rally- DeGol Field- <i>rain location DeGol Arena</i>
	8:30pm- 10:30pm	Bonfire and Games- Campus Ministry (St Francis Hall) <i>Rain location JFK Lounge</i>

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Saturday, August 23, 2025 ~ Students Unite!



9:00am- 9:30am
9:30am- 11:30am

Stay Prayed Up: Welcome to Hallow! - JFK Auditorium
Student Life Support Sessions – Students Choose 3 to attend.
Career Services ~ Study Abroad ~ Student Involvement ~ Center for Well-Being ~ Campus Ministry ~ Fitness Center ~ Residence Life ~ Business Office and Financial Aid ~ SFU Esports ~ Library

10:00am- 5:00pm
11:30am- 1:00pm

SFU Bookstore Hours- Lower-Level JFK Student Center
Brunch with OCs- Torvian Dining Hall



1:00pm- 3:00pm
3:15pm- 4:15pm

Orientation Fun Center- JFK and Outside
I Said ~ You Said – JFK Auditorium



4:30pm- 6:30pm
7:15pm- 8:30pm
8:30pm- 10:30pm

Dinner – Torvian Dining Hall
Student Life 101 w/ OCs – JFK Auditorium
Dance, Snacks and Backyard Games- JFK Lounge/ JFK Patio

Sunday, August 24, 2025 ~ Get Ready to Step Out

10:00am- 2:00pm
10:30am- 1:30pm
Noon- 2:00pm

SFU Bookstore Hours- Lower-Level JFK Student Center
Brunch – Torvian Dining Hall
Closing Activities: See schedule for full list



1:30pm- 6:00pm
3:30pm- 5:30pm
4:30pm- 7:00pm
8:00pm- 9:00pm

Walmart Shuttles ~students must sign up in advance
Transfer Student Welcome- JFK Lounge
Dinner- Torvian Dining Hall
Welcome Back Mass – Immaculate Conception Chapel

****Transfer Student welcome is mandatory for students who did not participate in NSO**

Monday, August 25, 2025 ~ SFU Day 1- Go!



8:30am- 4:00pm
9:00am- Noon
Noon- 12:30pm

SFU Bookstore Hours- Lower-Level JFK Student Center
*** Extended Check In- Vista Room, Schwab Hall
Mass- Immaculate Conception Chapel

*****Extended Check In is only for students who did not check in on Thursday, August 21**

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Thursday, August 21 “Welcome to the SFU Fam!”

 **8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Resident Check-In – Stokes Athletics Center**
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Commuter Check-In - Stokes Athletics Center

ALL new students should report to Stokes to begin New Student Orientation and the school year. Everything a new student needs to get you started on your college career under one roof! *Make sure you pick up your FREE SFU Class of 2029 T-shirt to wear to the Bell Ceremony and President's Welcome, compliments of your SFU Student Government Association!* Once you have completed check in-- make your way to your residence hall to unload and unpack! Please refer to the **CHECK IN GUIDE** for additional information.


8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SFU Bookstore Hours- JFK Student Center (Lower Level)


10:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunch on your own
Student Dining Plans begin today. View On Campus as well as Local Dining Options [HERE](#)

12:25 p.m. Mass – Immaculate Conception Chapel

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Parent & Family Ice Cream Social – JFK Center Lounge
& 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Come on over to JFK, grab a seat, relax, and enjoy the air conditioning and a cool treat, courtesy of the SFU Faculty, Staff, and Administration. Let us serve you while you relax and introduce yourself to other parents and family members and celebrate the beginning of an exciting new chapter for your students and families! *Drop by for either session!*

 **3:00 p.m.- 3:15 p.m. The Bell Ceremony—Campus Mall @ the Bell Tower**
Wear your Red T-Shirt from Check In! The Bell Tower Ceremony is your first tradition at SFU!
***Parents can meet their students at DeGol Stadium for the President's Welcome address. ***
In the event of rain- this event will be cancelled.

 **3:30 p.m. -4:15 p.m. President's Welcome – DeGol Field** *(Rain location: DeGol Arena)*
We invite all new students and their families to meet with Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., PhD, Saint Francis University President, and members of the University community for the official welcome and opening of New Student Orientation.

4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own/ Parents and Families Depart
Students and Families are invited to explore dining options both on and off campus. After enjoying your dinner~ finish unpacking, setting up your room, and say “See you later” to Mom and Dad, and the rest of your family, and begin your new independent life as a college student.

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6:00 p.m.- 6:20 p.m. Orientation Opening Session - JFK Auditorium

The Saint Francis University Orientation program can help you “**Become that Someone...**” and make your college experience everything you want it to be! You’ll meet the Orientation Counselors (aka OCs) who will serve as your guides for the next four days as you begin your college journey as a member of the Class of 2029. We’ll introduce the New Student Orientation program and explain your group assignments. There will also be time for questions.



6:30 p.m.- 7:10 p.m. Commuter/ Resident Sessions

Commuter Information Session and Social—JFK Center Lounge

Many commuter students make JFK their home while on campus or hang out at other locations. Learn about the services offered to commuter students.

Residence Hall Meetings – Residence Halls

Meet your new neighbors and learn what it’s like to live in a residence hall. This initial meeting is an opportunity to meet the RAs and students on your floor, as well as to review residence hall policies and procedures.



7:15 p.m. - 7:40 p.m. Student Expectations as Members of the Saint Francis Community – JFK Auditorium

As a member of the Saint Francis University community, your new status comes with great expectations and responsibilities designed to keep you on the path to success. Ms. Lynne Banks, Associate Dean of Students, will review the Student Code of Conduct and share the keys to success at SFU!



7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Learn from a Fighter- How to get the most out of your College experience with Guest Speaker Charlie “The Spainard” Brenneman – JFK Auditorium

Sponsored by SFU Prevents & Student Engagement

Former UFC fighter and PA native (Hollidaysburg, Blair County), Charlie “The Spaniard” Brenneman, will share stories and lessons from his life and professional fighting experience that will help you get the most out of your college experience. From stepping outside of your comfort zone, to pushing past the fear of failure, to dealing with pressures and expectations, The Spaniard will take you on a journey that will inspire you to embrace the opportunities here at Saint Francis.

8:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Pizza Break and Small Group Discussions with Orientations Counselors

It’s been a long day, and we know you may be feeling a bit overwhelmed. Take a break with your OCs and just review the day. The OCs are here to assist you with all questions throughout NSO and beyond!

9:45 p.m. –10:45 p.m. The Travelin’ Max Show - JFK Auditorium

Sponsored by the Student Activities Organization (SAO)

Get ready for a energetic, live musical show unlike anything you’ve experienced before! This instant party is full of giveaways, prizes, props, conga lines, singalongs, dance music, & ridiculous & fun contests like “Donuts-On-A-Fishing-Pole-Eating Contest! The Travelin’ Max Show is a three-time winner of the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) Performer of the Year and two-time winner of the APCA Best Solo Artist of the Year! Get ready for a crazy fun experience!

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Friday, August 22 “Connect Academics to your Journey”

7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast on your own – Torvian Dining Hall

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SFU Bookstore Hours- JFK Student Center (Lower Level)

 8:50 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. First Year Academic Convocation- JFK Auditorium

During this convocation, students will be welcomed into the academic community, a community of scholars. ****THIS EVENT IS AVAILABLE FOR CES CREDIT****

 9:40 a.m. – Noon Department Advising Sessions—Various Locations

You will meet with faculty members of your department in the rooms listed below. **It is extremely important that you bring your class schedule with you and that you report to the classroom associated with the major listed on your schedule. All new students are required to attend and must bring their laptop to their advising session.**

Exploratory Majors: All Schools- Sullivan 112

School of STEAM: Dean, Dr. Art Remillard

Communications, Events and Office Manager: Ms. Samantha Gorman

- Aquarium & Zoo Science- Science Center 133
- Biology– Science Center 101 (includes Ecology & Environmental Biology, Marine Biology, Molecular Biology, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Pharmacy, Secondary Education)
- Chemistry/ Biochemistry - Science Center 230 (includes Environmental Chemistry, Fermentation, Forensics, Nano chemistry, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Pharmacy, Secondary Education)
- Computer Science - Science Center 005
- Cyber Security - Science Center 005
- Engineering (includes General & Environmental) - Science Center 024
- English- Scotus Hall 208
- History and Political Science - Scotus 209 (includes Government Service, International Studies, Pre-Law, Public Administration, Social Studies Secondary Education)
- Languages (Spanish)- Scotus 208
- Mathematics- Science Center 015
- Medical Laboratory Science- Science Center 101

Shields School of Business: Dean, Dr. Randy Frye

Dean's Administrative Assistant & Events Coordinator: Ms. Lianna Weir

- Accounting/Economics/Finance- Schwab 106
- Business Analytics - Schwab 106
- Management/Marketing- Schwab 106
- Criminal Justice- Schwab 313
- Communications - Schwab 313

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School of Health Sciences & Education: Dean, Dr. Kerri Golden

Dean's Administrative Assistant: Ms. Kimberly Beck

- Education- Scotus 105
- Exercise Physiology – DiSepio 201
- Health Care Studies/Public Health – Sullivan 112
- Nursing – Sullivan 202
- Occupational Therapy – Saint Margaret Hall 005
- Physician Assistant Sciences – Sullivan 102
- Physical Therapy – DiSepio 213/214
- Psychology -Library 205
- Social Work- Library 205

Division of Professional Studies: Dean, Dr. Julie Warnick

- DPS Students will attend a virtual Orientation on August 14th at 7:00pm

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Women's Volleyball Scrimmage Match- DeGol Arena

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Department Lunch – Torvian Dining Hall

School of: STEAM and Shields School of Business Majors

11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Lunch with your Faculty and OCs —Torvian Dining Hall

School of Health Science and Education and Exploratory Majors:

Noon- 1:00 p.m. Lunch with your Faculty and OCs— Torvian Dining Hall

12:00 p.m. Mass —Immaculate Conception Chapel

 **1:30 p.m.- 2:15 p.m. What is the True Cost of Underage Drinking? – JFK Auditorium**

The true cost of underage drinking is much more than purchasing alcohol, dealing with the hangover, or paying for the damage you may have done. Hear straight from our local District Judge, as well as representatives from PA Liquor Control Enforcement, Ms. Lynne Banks (SFU Student Conduct), Dr. Donald Miles (Residence Life) and Chief Brian Ianuzzi (University Police), as to what is truly at stake for you.

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social and Small Group Discussions - JFK Lounge
Sponsored by SFU Alumni Association

Take a break from the day's activities and enjoy a sweet treat, compliments from the Saint Francis University Alumni Association. Get together with your Orientation Counselors and spend some time getting to know your fellow new students.

 **3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Threat Preparedness – JFK Auditorium**

Safety is a top priority of the Saint Francis community. Discover how you can stay safe throughout your college experience by learning about tips that promote a safe campus environment. Bubba Fatula from The Fatula Group will offer valuable advice about your safety both on and off campus.

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner with your OCs—Torvian Dining Hall

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6:50 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. PLAYFAIR –DeGol Field *(Rain Location Stokes DeGol Arena)*

The world's largest icebreaker! PLAYFAIR is the most popular campus attraction in history for New Student Orientation Programs. PLAYFAIR is totally unlike anything else you have ever experienced. It's entertainment! It's fun! It's the perfect way to make new campus friendships!

8:05 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Red Flash Rally- DeGol Field *(Rain Location Stokes DeGol Arena)*

It is so awesome that here in the tiny town of Loretto, our University is recognized as one of the smallest recognized athletics programs. SFU is home to one of the most successful student-athlete programs in the country. Any athletic team is only as good as the fan-support behind them...come learn more about your SFU #FlashFam and how you can show your #FlashFever to lead our teams to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!!!

8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Bonfire – Campus Ministry Center, *(Rain Location- JFK Lounge)* ***Sponsored by Campus Ministry and FOCUS***

Join your fellow students outside the Campus Ministry Center for hot dogs, mountain pies, and S'mores!

Saturday, August 23 “Students Unite!”

9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. Stay Prayed Up- Welcome to Hallow! – JFK Auditorium

What is Hallow and what makes it the #1 prayer app (and the #1 overall app in the U.S this past lent)? Hear about the inspirational founding story of Hallow by a former agnostic and how staying prayed up on Hallow with experts and influencers like Mark Wahlberg, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Coach Mazzulla, Jonathan Roumie and many more can increase your mental, spiritual and emotional well-being this year!

9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. Student Support Services help YOU to BECOME THAT SOMEONE! - Various Locations) **Students are to attend at least ONE session*

Choose 3 sessions to attend.... Offered at 9:30am; 10:15am and 11:00am. Students must sign up in advance as space may be limited. **Check your SFU Email for links to Sign Up.** Each session runs approximately 30 minutes and will assist you with your transition to SFU! *Attendance will be taken and students who attend 2 separate sessions will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift Card. Students who attend 3 separate sessions will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Amazon Gift Card.*

1:1 with the Business Office and Financial Aid ~ Raymond Hall 125: If you have any questions about your bill or how to apply for additional financial aid, please stop by! ***You will need to bring your Laptop and my.francis.edu login along with your FSA ID and password.*** Our staff will walk you through the necessary steps to cover your expenses!

Career Services~ Schwab Hall 102: Questions about jobs on campus, majors/careers internships, Handshake? Join Career Services in Schwab 102 to get to know our team and hear all about our services and online resources for students!

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Center for Well Being ~ Library Suite 201: Join the staff of the Center for Well Being for a brief tour of the department and learn about the services provided. You will also be able to view the Sensory Room and find out how to reserve time for future needs. Students will love this interactive session and activity!

Fellowship with Campus Ministry ~ Campus Ministry Lounge- Saint Francis Hall Want to grow in your faith on campus or are you wanting to know the faith outreach opportunities at SFU? Well, here's your chance to find out! Join Fr. Stephen and the FOCUS missionaries as they give a brief presentation about all things Campus Ministry. Since Campus Ministry is the umbrella organization for all faith outreach on campus, you will be introduced to the many opportunities offered by our Campus Ministry!

Fitness ~ DiSepio Center of Rural Outreach 1st floor: Want to stay active and healthy on campus? Want to learn about the campus fitness center and group exercise classes we offer? Come to the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness to learn all about the ways you can be active this fall! This session will include a brief tour of the fitness center and information on group exercise classes and how to sign up for them.

Get to Know the SFU Library ~ Library & Learning Commons 1st floor: Join us for a 30-minute guided session at the Saint Francis University Library, where you'll explore highlights across our four floors. You'll begin with a visit to the Archives and WWII Museum, showcasing unique historical materials and exhibits. You'll also see our quiet study rooms as well as our open study areas, and the space for our library cat residents! The session concludes in the Instruction Lab with a brief overview of how to navigate the library's website and make the most of our online resources.

Residence Life ~ JFK Auditorium: Have you ever shared a room before? Not sure what to expect, or how to communicate with someone you may not know? Come meet the Resident Assistant staff and walk through some common scenarios that occur when you share a room with someone else, as well as get some insight on how to make your living situation as comfortable and relaxed as possible.

SFU Esports in a Flash! ~ Luke Trotz Esports Arena, Lower-level JFK Student Center: Come and visit the Luke Trotz Esports Arena in Lower JFK! The Arena is open to use for students throughout the entire semester, and we will be giving demos of all the equipment to ensure that you are ready to go. We will also be discussing Esports work study opportunities and potential opportunities to join the team in the future.

Student Involvement ~ JFK Lounge: Want to get involved on campus? Not sure where to begin? Don't stress! Join the Center for Student Engagement team in the JFK Lounge to hear about the different clubs and organizations available and tips to get involved or even start your own club!

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Study Abroad with SFU ~ Schwab Hall 202: The world is your classroom! Have you ever imagined walking the streets of Paris, hiking through the Austrian Alps, or immersing yourself in the vibrant cultures of Latin America, all while earning college credit? Now's your chance to turn those dreams into reality. Join us for an exciting information session and learn how SFU can take your college experience globally. Whether you're interested in a short-term program, a summer adventure, or a full semester abroad, there's a study abroad opportunity waiting for you. Come find out how you can broaden your horizons, build lifelong memories, and gain a new perspective on the world. Adventure and learning await!

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SFU Bookstore Hours- JFK Student Center (Lower Level)

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Brunch with your OCs - Torvian Dining Hall

1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Orientation Fun Center- JFK Student Center & in between Saint Agnes and Saint Clare Halls.

Weekends at SFU are never dull- and we are giving you a glimpse of what you can expect to see. Join your OCs and choose from playing lawn games outside of JFK, participating in Bingo (with prizes!) in the JFK Lounge, or going against the OCs in Volleyball behind Saint Clare Hall. There will also be opportunities to take on the OCs in Badminton or gaming in the Luke Trotz Esports arena



**3:15 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. “I Said ~ You Said”– JFK Auditorium
Sponsored by SFU Prevents**

Two students meet up at a party. The story of their hook-up is clouded by alcohol. Are both to blame? Join the jury, hear the case, and decide for yourself! Where do you draw the line, what do your peers think, and what does your school policy say

3:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Field Hockey Scrimmage Match- DeGol Field

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dinner with your OCs – Torvian Dining Hall



7:15 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Your Orientation Counselors present “SFU Student Life 101” -- JFK Auditorium

Make these next few years the “best of your life” through smart and positive decisions. There are many opportunities for fun and excitement at Saint Francis and in the surrounding area. In their own unique way, the Orientation Counselors will have you rolling in the aisles while you learn more about the opportunities available to get you involved at SFU.

8:30 p.m.- 10:30 p.m. Dance the Night Away! --- JFK Lounge

Join your Orientation Counselors and your fellow classmates for your 1st Dance at SFU!

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Sunday, August 24 “Ready to Step Out”

10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Brunch on your own- Torvian Dining Hall

Noon—2:00 p.m. Orientation After Party & Closing Activities

Looking for additional things to do as you prepare for classes on Monday? Not quite ready to say goodbye to Orientation and fun? Don't worry- you do not have to! Join your OCs throughout the afternoon at these events:

Orientation After Party on the South Quad- behind Torvian
(includes Snacks, Volleyball, Basketball, Gaga Ball, Yard Games and Music)

Nature Trail walk: Meet at the Torvian Pavilion at 12:15pm

Campus Tour (focus on Classroom Locations)- Noon and 1:00pm- meet at Torvian Pavilion

Or- if you would like to explore on your own.... Don't forget to:

Sign up for Walmart Shopping Trip Shuttle ~ JFK Information Desk

(Leaving campus at 1:30pm, 3:00pm & 4:30pm)

Locate your classrooms on your own

Visit the University Bookstore (**Open 10:00 am- 2:00pm**)

Still have questions? Stop by the Torvian Pavilion to talk with our Team

1:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Walmart Shopping Trips – Departing from the JFK near Information Desk: (Leaving SFU at 1:30pm; 3:00pm; 4:30pm)

Forgot something? We'll be taking a last-minute trip to Ebensburg to the local Walmart. Maximum 15 people per trip. Sign up at the JFK Information Desk.

 **3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Transfer Student Welcome --- JFK Lounge**

Transfer Students who did not attend New Student Orientation are invited to this exclusive welcome and Q&A session. An optional campus tour will be offered, and dinner is provided at Torvian Dining Hall! *(This Session is mandatory for Transfer students who DID NOT attend NSO)*

4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own—Torvian Dining Hall

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Student Mass – Immaculate Conception Chapel

Monday, August 25 “SFU Day 1- Go!”

 **9:00 a.m. — Noon Extended Student Check In- Vista Room (3rd floor) Schwab Hall**

Students who did not go through Check in on Thursday, August 21 are invited to this drop-in session. Students will be able to receive information from the Center for Academic Success, Student Health Insurance, Business Office, Financial Aid, Center for Student Engagement and Admissions. Students should plan for this session taking 10-15 minutes to complete. *(This Drop-In Session is mandatory for students who missed New Student Check in on Thursday, August 21.)*

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Mass —Immaculate Conception Chapel

Coming up Next Week....

Thursday, August 28: Noon — Mass of the Holy Spirit—Campus Mall

To mark the opening of the academic year, St. Francis University celebrates its annual Mass of the Holy Spirit. Celebrated by our University President, Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D., mass is held on the University Mall in the center of the campus, weather permitting, or in the University Chapel in the event of inclement weather. The Mass of the Holy Spirit gathers the entire University family to invoke God's blessing for inspiration, guidance, and wisdom in the new school year.

NOTE: Classes will operate on a [compressed schedule](#) for Thursday, August 28- check your syllabus for that class day for the schedule.

Friday, August 29- Saturday, August 30: Welcome Weekend

The Annual Welcome Weekend Celebration is the perfect way to begin a new school year with tons of games, food, activities, and prizes to help you enjoy an extra weekend of summer fun with all your classmates and #FlashFam! Welcome Weekend is coordinated by the SFU Student Activities Organization (SAO). Watch for updates on Engage with details about the weekend's events and activities!

Save These Dates!

Tuesday, September 2: 5:00 p.m. — 6:00p.m.: Student Involvement Fair

Sponsored by the Center for Student Engagement and the Student Government Association (SGA), the annual Student Involvement Fair is one of the best opportunities to get involved in campus life at SFU. Wondering where to start YOUR SFU Student Life? Start at the Involvement Fair!

Friday, September 19—Sunday, September 21: [SFU Family Weekend](#)

Coordinated by the Student Activities Association (SAO), the annual Family Weekend Celebration is one of SFU's oldest traditions where parents, siblings, and other family members of our students can return to campus for a weekend full of fun and exciting activities and events for the whole family to enjoy together! *A full schedule of events will be available mid-August.*

Tuesday, October 7: REACHING EVERY DOOR (R.E.D. Day)

R.E.D. is a day of service on which students go out into Loretto and the surrounding areas to perform service for members of these communities. *NOTE: Classes will operate on a [compressed schedule](#) for this day to allow everyone time to participate in this project.*

Monday, October 20—Friday, October 24: Mentorship Week

Leading up to Homecoming Weekend, Mentorship Week provides a week full of awesome events for students to connect with SFU alumni in a variety of career fields and a great way to start developing relationships and building a professional network as a student at SFU! The week will feature something for everyone with a variety of panels, networking events, class presentations, workshops and more.

Wednesday, October 22—Saturday, October 25: [SFU Homecoming Celebration](#)

Truly the event of the year! #FlashFever will rise, and all things S-F-U will get RED HOT! Gear up, get out, and **Go Red Flash!!!** *(A full schedule of events will be available mid-September)*

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