

**Begin YOUR journey to...Become that  
Someone.**

## **New Student Orientation 2020 Schedule of Events**

### **Thursday, August 13: Welcome Day**

**7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own – Torvian Dining Hall open.**

**9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Parent & Student Refreshments – JFK Center Lounge**

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

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Laptop Distribution: Scotus Hall 102; 103 and 123**

All Students: As per your email from IT Services, stop by Scotus Hall to pick up your SFU Laptop! Staff will be available to help answer any questions.

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Resident Check-In – Stokes Athletics Center**

All new resident 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—all under one roof! Make sure you pick up your FREE SFU Class of 2024 T-shirt to wear compliments of your SFU Student Government Association! Once you have completed check in and received your laptop- make your way to your residence hall to unload and unpack!

**11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own– Torvian Dining Hall & Frankie’s Campus Club are open.**

**12:25 p.m. Mass (optional) – Immaculate Conception Chapel**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Commuter Check-In - Stokes Athletics Center**

All new commuting 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—all under one roof! Make sure you pick up your FREE Class of 2024 T-shirt to wear compliments of the Student Government Association.

**Reminder:** Commuter Information Session in the JFK Lounge at 7:00pm TONIGHT!

**3:30 p.m.: Time to say goodbye!** Families still on campus- grab one last hug and know we will take it from here! From this point forward- all Orientation activities are for our new students only.

**4:00 p.m. President’s Welcome – Classrooms as assigned**

We invite all new students to virtually meet with Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Saint Francis University President, and members of the University community for the official welcome and opening of New Student Orientation. *\*Parents- a special address will be made available to you through your email later today/ early Friday.*

### **4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner/ Free time**

Grab dinner, get unpacked, set-up your room, and begin your new independent life as a college student.

4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Groups from JFK; Schwab and Sullivan classrooms

5:45 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. Groups from Scotus, Padua and DiSepio classrooms

### **7:00 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. 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.

### **7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Residence Hall Meetings – Residence Halls**

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

### **8:30PM- 9:00PM Orientation Opening Session – Classrooms as Assigned**

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 2024. We'll introduce the New Student Orientation program and explain your group assignments. There will also be time for questions. **Please bring your Orientation Schedule (provided at Check-In)**

### **9:00 p.m.— 9:50 p.m. Student Expectations as Members of the Saint Francis Community – Classrooms as assigned**

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

### **10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Speaker: Justin Jones Fosu—Classrooms as assigned**

Do you know of some students on your campus lacking focus or motivation? Do you ever feel like you have misplaced the passion for why you chose to go to college in the first place? What would it look like to have more students on campus that are focused, motivated and committed to meaningful success? Just in ready to inspire you toward that reachable reality and to keep you effectively engaged while doing so.

In this inspiring and personal keynote, Justin challenges students to identify or reconnect with your why (purpose) and to live it out now (passion) in order to achieve meaningful success. Too much focus on the “why” can lead to great reflection with little to no action. Too much focus on the “now” can lead to impulsive and ultimately bad decisions. Learn how a clarifying blend of both can lead you to be a more engaged student, impactful leader and ultimately a thoughtful global citizen.

### **11:00 p.m.: Follow up Chats with OCs**

Take some time to chat with your OCs and cohorts! After this- go back to your homes/ halls and get some much needed rest. Tomorrow begins Academic Day!

## **Friday, August 14: Academic Day**

### **7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast on your own – Torvian Dining Hall**

7:00 a.m.- 7:30 a.m. School of Health Sciences & Education and School of Business Majors

7:45 a.m.- 8:15 a.m. School of STEAM and Exploratory Majors

### **8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Department/ Advising Sessions/ Quantitative Literacy Pre Test/ Lunch with Faculty—Individual Classrooms as assigned / Torvian Dining Hall**

*Quantitative Literacy Pre-Test: This exam is for all new students. **VERY IMPORTANT!! Please remember to bring a calculator. Cell phone calculators are not permitted.***

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.

#### **Shields School of Business—Dr. Randy Frye, Dean**

- **Accounting/Econ/Finance**- Schwab 102
- **Communications/Criminal Justice**-Schwab 313
- **Management/Marketing**- Schwab 106
- **Business Analytics/Management Information Systems**- Schwab 202

#### **School of Health Sciences & Education—Dr. Donald Walkovich, Dean**

- **Education** -Library LL11
- **Exercise Physiology** -JFK Lounge
- **Health Care Studies/Public Health** -Library 206
- **Nursing** -DiSepio 213/214
- **Occupational Therapy** - Raymond 218
- **Physician Assistant Sciences** - JFK Auditorium at 8:30  
Breakout Rooms: Sullivan 102, Sullivan 112, Sullivan 119, Sullivan 120, Sullivan 204, and Sullivan 213/214
- **Physical Therapy** - Stokes 221
- **Psychology** -Library 205

#### **School of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics—Dr. Pete Skoner, Dean**

- **Biochemistry**—Science Center 219 (includes pre-medicine)
- **Biology** - Meet on 1st floor near aquarium for room assignments (Science Center 101, 115, 123, 126, 128)  
(includes Aquarium & Zoo Science, Ecology & Environmental Biology, Marine Biology, Medical Laboratory Science, Molecular Biology, Pre-Medicine, PrePharmacy, Secondary Education)
- **Chemistry** - Science Center 230  
(includes Environmental Chemistry, Forensics, Nanochemistry, Pre-Medicine, Secondary Education)
- **History and Political Science** - Scotus 209  
(includes Government Service, International Studies, Pre-Law, and Public Administration)
- **Literature & Languages** - Scotus 206  
(includes American Studies, English, International Business and Modern Languages, Spanish, and Women's Studies)
- **Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science** - Science Center 019 and 024  
(includes Actuarial Science, Aviation Concentration, Cybersecurity, Environmental Engineering, General Engineering, Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, and 3-2 Engineering)

#### **Exploratory Majors—Dr. Renee Bernard, Dean of Student and Academic Success**

Padua 110

### **8:30 a.m.- 8:55 a.m.: Welcome and Introductions**

### **9:00 a.m.- 9:40 a.m.: Academic Convocation**

During this convocation, students will be welcomed into the academic community, a community of scholars.

### **9:45 a.m.- 10:25 a.m.: Summer Reading Discussion**

We hope you did your homework! Students will meet with their advisor to discuss the summer reading project. The book for this year is *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. *Exit West* follows two remarkable characters, Nadia and Saeed, living in a country teetering on the brink of civil war. When war erupts, familiar streets are turned into a patchwork of checkpoints and bomb blasts where violence escalates each day. They hear whispers of doors - doors that can whisk people far away, if perilously and for a price. Nadia and Saeed decide that they no longer have a choice. Leaving their homeland and their old lives behind, they find a door and step through. . . .They emerge into an alien and uncertain future, struggling to hold on to each other, to their past, to the very sense of who they are. Profoundly intimate and powerfully inventive, it tells an unforgettable story of love, loyalty, and courage that is both completely of our time and for all time. (Amazon)

### **10:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.- Department Meetings (which will include a staggered departmental-organized lunch, see below) and Quantitative Literacy Pre-Testing**

School of Health Science and Education and Shields School of Business Majors:

11:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. Lunch with your Faculty —Torvian Dining Hall

12:30 p.m.- 1:15 p.m. Quantitative Literacy Pre-Test

School of STEAM and Exploratory Majors:

11:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. Quantitative Literacy Pre- Test

12:30 p.m.- 1:15 p.m. Lunch with your Faculty- Torvian Dining Hall

### **11:15 a.m. Confessions (optional) —Immaculate Conception Chapel**

### **12:00 p.m. Mass (optional) —Immaculate Conception Chapel**

### **2:15 p.m.- 3:15 p.m. Student Health and Safety in the time of Coronavirus: Classrooms as assigned from Thursday night**

With everything that has been going on in the world, it is ok to feel anxious and nervous. Know that SFU faculty and staff are here to help guide you through not only this week but the days beyond. You'll have the opportunity to hear more about the University's Pandemic Plan as well as ask questions from the panel. Join hosts Risk Manager Mr. Zachary Burke, Clinical Services Coordinator Ms. Mandy Lasinsky, Assistant Director of Residence Life Ms. Molly Brady; Dean of Student and Academic Services Dr. Renee Bernard; and Coordinator of Counseling Services Ms. Laura Corbett-Contorchik.

### **3:20 p.m.- 4:20 p.m. What is the True Cost of Underage Drinking? – Classrooms as assigned**

The true cost of underage drinking is much more than purchasing the alcohol, dealing with the hangover or paying for the damages you may have done. Hear straight from Liquor Control Enforcement representative, Officer Denny Smolko; Associate Dean of Students, Ms. Lynne Banks; Director of Residence Life, Mr. Don Miles, and head of University Police, Captain Eric Allen, as to what is truly at stake for you.

**4:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m. Dinner on your own—Torvian Dining Hall/ Frankies Campus Club**

4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Groups from JFK; Schwab and Sullivan classrooms

5:45 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. Groups from Scotus, Padua and DiSepio classrooms

**7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Playfair –VIRTUAL (Check your email for Zoom Link)**

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! And PLAYFAIR is more than just an entertainment event – it is a team-building experience that has a long-lasting effect on the campus community. *You'll be able to participate from any location you would like! You just need your laptop and wi-fi access to join in the fun.*

**9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Bonfire– Campus Ministry Center and JFK Student Center**

Join your fellow students outside the Campus Ministry Center or behind the JFK Student Center for some down time!

**10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Outdoor and Indoor Movies! (Outdoor weather dependent)**

Join your fellow students outside the JFK Student Center to watch a late night movie! We will have a blow up screen- bring your blankets/ masks/ anything you need to watch a movie in the beautiful outdoors of Loretto!

Indoor Movie: Limited to 70 students only- being outside not your thing? No problem! Join us indoors in the JFK Auditorium for a socially distant movie experience.

*\*Movies and locations will be announced earlier in the day\**

## **Saturday, August 15: Student Life Day**

**10:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Become that Someone...through Servant Leadership- Classrooms as assigned**

Saint Francis University is inspired by the life and values of St. Francis of Assisi. Because of this the University believes in educating the whole person, which means an SFU education will help you develop not only intellectually, but also socially, morally, and spiritually -- helping you to truly "become that someone" God is calling you to become.

**10:30 a.m.—12:50 p.m. Brunch on your own - Torvian Dining Hall/ Frankies Campus Club**

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Groups from Scotus, Padua and DiSepio classrooms

11:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.: Groups from JFK, Sullivan and Schwab classrooms

**1:00 p.m. – 1:25 p.m. Campus Safety – Classrooms as assigned**

Safety is a top priority of the Saint Francis community. Discover how you can stay safe throughout your college experience by learning about campus policies, procedures, and other tips that promote a safe campus environment. Mr. Don Miles, Director of Residence Life, and Captain Eric Allen, head of University Police, will address campus safety concerns and offer valuable advice about campus safety.

**1:30 p.m.—2:10 p.m. A Culture of RESPECT: It is on US - Classrooms as assigned**

Being away at college should be a happy, fun, and memorable experience. Saint Francis University prides itself on providing all students with fairness, advocacy, and respect...especially when it comes to promoting a safe and healthy social environment. Join Ms. Lynne Banks, Associate Dean of Students and Title IX Coordinator, as she reviews important resources that are available to students.

## **2:10 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Orientation Small Group Session and Ice Cream Social—JFK Center**

Meet with your orientation group to review the Orientation sessions and clear up any questions you may have. Stop by at your assigned time and enjoy a cool treat with thanks from the Office Alumni Engagement and members of the SFU National Alumni Association.

2:15- 2:45 p.m.: JFK groups; Padua Groups and Schwab 213

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.: DiSepio groups; Sullivan groups and Schwab 102

3:15- 3:45 p.m.: Scotus groups

## **4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own – Torvian Dining Hall**

4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Groups from Scotus, Padua and DiSepio classrooms

5:15 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. Groups from JFK, Schwab and Sullivan classrooms

## **7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. He Said, She Said: Group 1: Last Name A-L**

## **8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. He Said, She Said: Group 2: Last Name M- Z**

**Women: JFK Auditorium      Men: Frankie’s Campus Club, JFK Center**

This is your opportunity to get answers to all your questions regarding socialization and interaction with your new campus community. This open forum (where male students will meet with male staff members and female students meet with female staff members) includes discussions on creating and maintaining healthy relationships.

## **9:45pm- 11:00 pm Your Orientation Counselors present “SFU Student Life 101”**

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. Learn about the many activities available and fun things to do from current Saint Francis students. 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. (\*\*Location to be announced on Saturday)

## **Immediately following Student Life 101: Outdoor and Indoor Movies! (Outdoor weather dependent)**

Join your fellow students outside the JFK Student Center to watch a late night movie! We will have a blow up screen- bring your blankets/ masks/ anything you need to watch a movie in the beautiful outdoors of Loretto!

Indoor Movie: Limited to 70 students only- being outside not your thing? No problem! Join us indoors in the JFK Auditorium for a socially distant movie experience.

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# **Sunday, August 16: Transition Day**

## **10:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel**

## **10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Brunch on your own- Torvian Dining Hall**

10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. Groups from JFK, Schwab and Sullivan classrooms

11:45 a.m.- 12: 45 p.m. Groups from Scotus, Padua and DiSepio classrooms

*\*These are suggested times- Torvian will be open until 1:30 p.m. for Brunch. If you prefer to go to mass at 10:00 a.m.- please feel free to go to Torvian afterwards at your convenience*

Fun things to do throughout the day as you prepare for classes on Monday:

- Explore the Nature Trail
- Visit the Grotto
- Walk through Gardens at Mount Assisi
- Sign up for Walmart Shopping Trip Shuttle (will begin in afternoon until evening)
- Outdoor Volleyball/ Basketball/ Disc Golf
- Campus Ministry Mixer on the Mall
- Locate your classrooms
- Visit the University Bookstore
- Optional Campus Tour
- Optional sessions on ways to get involved on campus
- Still have questions? Stop by the JFK Student Center to talk with staff 😊

### **2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Orientation After-Party—Campus Mall**

Celebrate the conclusion of the New Student Orientation experience with food, music, and backyard games. Sponsored by Campus Ministry.

### **4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. Transfer Student Welcome**

All Transfer Students are invited to this exclusive welcome and Q&A session. An optional campus tour will be offered.

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

### **Walmart Shopping Trips – Departing from the JFK Lounge**

Forgot something? We'll be taking a last-minute trip to Ebensburg to the local Walmart. Stock up on laundry supplies, H & B (health and beauty), or stuff for your room. Maximum 12 people per trip. Sign up at the JFK Information Desk.

### **8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Student's Mass – Immaculate Conception Chapel**

## **Thursday, August 20**

### **Noon: **Mass of the Holy Spirit**—Campus Mall (Rain location: Immaculate Conception Chapel)**

To mark the opening of the academic year, St. Francis University celebrates its annual Mass of the Holy Spirit. The Mass will be celebrated by our University President, Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D. It will be held in 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 together the entire University family to invoke God's blessing for inspiration, guidance and wisdom on the new school year. It helps us to rededicate ourselves to our Catholic, Franciscan mission. This Mass is a time to renew friendships, welcome our new students to the University community, and voice our desire to be a Spirit-filled community. The Mass of the Holy Spirit is open to all members of the SFU community.

**NOTE: Classes will operate on a compressed schedule for Thursday, August 20**