Greetings- My name is Kristen Radovanic Corcoran and I am the Director of the Center of Student Engagement and Leadership Development. I am happy to be sharing some information with you with regards to your success as a Saint Francis University student. The purpose of this slide is to give you some tips on making the most of your SFU experience as a Commuting Student.

• Parking

Having said that- it would make sense that we would begin with Parking. SFU students will receive information from the University Police department through your SFU email when the registration portal opens for parking permits. Commuter students who register for parking will be permitted to park in the designated areas as assigned- which historically are located in the JFK Student Center lot and the lower lot adjacent to the Stokes Athletic Complex.

• Inclement Weather

Along with parking, it should be mentioned that while it is rare for classes to be completely canceled due to inclement weather, the University has from time to time operated under a condensed class schedule, which would involve a later start time to the day. If the University does decide to delay the start time of classes, this information will be communicated via the RAVE alert system as well as through University Email. Please note that should the University delay or cancel classes, all University Offices are still open with staff available for assistance.

It is possible that an individual faculty member may need to cancel an individual class time due to weather, or illness. Should that occur- the faculty will most likely communicate this through email and/ or Canvas.

If classes are still on, but you decide that due to inclement weather it is unsafe for you to travel, you will need to immediately contact your faculty and explain the situation. Each faculty member should have guidelines outlined in the class syllabus as to what is
expected in case of absence. However, it is ultimately your responsibility to follow up on any missed classwork/lectures.

If you are already on campus and the weather turns bad, and you are not comfortable driving home- you can contact the Residence Life Office and/or University Police. Residence Life staff will be able to assist you with a room for the evening at no charge. It might not be a bad idea to keep a spare pair of clothes and toiletries in the back of your vehicle in case of such an event.

• Communications

As was mentioned earlier- it is important that you maintain an open communication between yourself and the faculty. It is also important that you check your SFU email address at least twice a day, to make sure you are up to date on campus events. Many, if not all of your faculty will also use the online learning management platform Canvas to upload assignments and keep track of due dates. Make sure that you respond to messages in a timely fashion, ideally within the same day, but no later than 24 hours after the message has been received. As you are now an official member of the Saint Francis Community, it is important that you maintain a professional tone with all written communication to the faculty and administration.

• Campus Amenities

With the exception of the Residence Halls, you have the same access to all University facilities as the resident students. This includes, but is not limited to, the Library, the fitness center in DiSepio, the JFK Student Center, etc... In addition, you are able to dine at any of the establishments on campus, including Torvian Dining Hall, Adamucci’s café, Padua Express and Frankie’s Campus Club. While all of the establishments do accept cash, you can also acquire a Commuter Dining plan. Commuter plans are set on a declining balance with some added bonus money. If you are interested in reviewing options, please contact the Office of Residence Life, which is located in Padua Hall.
• **Campus Involvement**

In order to be successful both in and out of the classroom, it is important that you take full advantage of as many curricular and co-curricular activities and events as you can. These events occur at various times throughout the day and evening as well as on weekends. Activities range from our Red Flash Division I sporting events to our winter “SFU’s Got Talent” annual competition, to Bingo with prizes, to service opportunities and on and on. Don’t forget about our Major Weekend events such as Family Weekend, Homecoming, Fall Fest, Winter Weekend and Spring Fest for additional events. Plus, with over 80 clubs and organizations, you can become involved with various academic, social, recreational, service and/or Greek Life groups just to name a few. There is literally something for everyone.... And if we are missing something- just let us know. If there are others that are interested, who knows- you may now be a founding member of a new opportunity for other students!

• **Representation**

The Student Government Association meets weekly in the JFK Student Center. Senators are appointed or elected to their positions. In addition to having representation through your academic school, there is a Senator assigned for commuting students. He/ She will communicate to the population through the Commuter Connection, which is located on the online Student Life platform, Engage. If you have any concerns with regards to commuting that you would like the SGA to consider, you can work through your Senator, or attend a weekly meeting of the Senate. If you yourself are interested in knowing more about the SGA- look for information on Engage as well as your SFU email closer to the fall semester.

I hope this has helped answer questions you may have with regards to beginning your newest journey at Saint Francis University. However, if you have any additional questions, or are in need of assistance, whether it be now or in the future, please know that the staff of the Center for Student Engagement are here for you. You can contact us by stopping by our offices in the upper level of the JFK Student Center, or by emailing us at studentlife@francis.edu