

Bridge in the City Different Fall 2024



Dear Students & Families,

We know the academic rigor of St. John's College will challenge our students to grow in ways they won't expect. The Bridge in the City Different program is designed to help students feel confident, share their perspectives, sustain critical investigations, understand others, and adapt to unexpected shifts in conversation, community, and life. We're proud of the high expectations we hold for our students, and we are committed to supporting each incoming student as they transition into this conversation-based, student-led education.

The first year at St. John's begins with the Bridge Program, a ten-day introduction to "The Life of the Mind." This Program introduces the practices that help us know ourselves, explore diverse perspectives, and contribute to shared learning. Students begin their days with "Opening Questions," a small group discussion guided by a faculty member to help them understand their place in The Program at St. John's. These conversations empower our incoming students to listen carefully, reflect deeply, and clearly articulate their questions and perspectives. Throughout Bridge workshops and excursions, students also engage with the natural world, leading neuroscience research, project management strategies, mental health resources, movement, community gatherings, and the history of New Mexico. Students also connect with inspiring local alumni through and with like-minded peers through student club collaboration events. Critically, the Bridge Program helps students develop habits that will serve them well throughout a life of learning.

Warmest Regards,

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Bridge in the City Different Coordinators

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Note: Pritzker Student Center was formerly known as Peterson Student Center
All session locations & additional details will be provided, at the New Student Check-In & Move-In
All sessions are required unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk*
Schedule subject to change

Tuesday, August 20

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
9:30am – 3pm	New Student Check-In & Move-In: Check in with residential life and admissions to get access to your room and pick up your welcome packet. Check in will take place on the Evan’s Science Lab (ESL) Placita.
11:30 – 1:30pm	*Lunch: Enjoy a delicious lunch catered by SAGE dining.
3 – 4:15pm	*Campus Tours: The admissions team will provide a tour for those who are interested in seeing the campus.
5 – 7pm	Student Engagement Welcome Dinner: New students will meet the full student life team on the Meem Placita for introductions, live music, and New Mexico style dinner catered by SAGE dining.
6:15 – 7pm	RA Skits: Meet the resident advisors (RAs) & learn some of the Community Standards via fun skits! Following the skits, you will have time to meet with your RA & fellow hallmates for a brief discussion.
8:30pm	RA Surprise Event: The RAs will host an event for all students!

Wednesday, August 21

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
8am	*Breakfast: Enjoy a delicious breakfast catered by SAGE dining.
9 – 10am	Opening Question: Students engage in discussion in small groups led by a faculty member, responding to an opening question and building shared learning as an introduction to the core of the St. John’s Program.
10 – 10:30am	Introduction to Life of the Mind(ful): Explore leading research in neuroscience, biology, and psychology and build a repertoire of practices to strengthen your sustainability, adaptability, and resilience for the journey ahead.
10:30 – 11am	Strategies for Time, Project, & Life Management: Led by staff from our Office of Personal and Professional Development (OPPD), students explore practical strategies to support them as they balance and prioritize academic demands, their

social, mental, and physical health, and career planning and development throughout their time at St. John's.

11am **Balancing the Books:** Students can choose from a variety of brief mental or physical exercises to help them engage and balance their academic workload at SJC with physical activity or mental refreshment.

12pm ***Lunch**

3 – 4pm **Let's Talk About Yes – Navigating Consent in Relationships:** A workshop designed to educate college students on the importance of consent in relationships. The workshop aims to provide students with the tools and knowledge to navigate consent and establish healthy boundaries in their relationships. Through interactive discussions and activities, students will learn about the nuances of consent and how to communicate their boundaries effectively.

4:30pm **Daily Check-In:** Students strengthen their concentric circles of community connection and support through a fun daily check-in with student leaders and their peer academic core group members.

5 – 7pm ***Dinner:** Enjoy a delicious dinner catered by SAGE dining.

7:30pm ***Student Club Event:** A student club event will be hosted to help build community and connect students with common interests. This event will provide an opportunity for new students to learn about the various clubs and organizations on campus, meet current members, and find ways to get involved.

Thursday, August 22

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
<i>8am</i>	*Breakfast:
<i>9 – 10am</i>	Opening Question
<i>10 – 10:30am</i>	Life of the Mindful
<i>10:30 – 11am</i>	Strategies for Time, Project, & Life Management
<i>11am</i>	Balancing the Books
<i>12pm</i>	*Lunch
<i>1:30 – 2:30pm</i>	At the Table – Awareness & Curiosity: In small groups led by Bridge Peer Mentors, students will step into the classroom and take a seat at the table before classes officially begin, practicing skills of curiosity and awareness to build a strong foundation for the academic year to come.
<i>2:45pm</i>	SJC Circuit Tour: During the SJC Circuit Tour, students will be divided into small groups to visit various offices on campus. They will have the opportunity to meet the staff and learn about the support services offered by each office. The tour groups will gather at the Fishpond before setting off on their respective tours.
<i>4:30pm</i>	Daily Check-In
<i>5 – 7pm</i>	*Dinner:
<i>7pm</i>	Seminar in Practice: In this seminar, students will discuss a short text chosen from a range of options that raise persisting human questions and reveal a variety of

independent and complementary meanings. This seminar provides an opportunity to practice dialogue and engagement, and may provoke questions about civility, inclusion, and other community practices and norms.

Post-Seminar ***Post Seminar Cookies & Milk:** After seminar, the Student Activities Center (SAC) will be hosting a cookies and milk event. This will provide an opportunity for students to continue their conversations or simply relax and unwind.

Friday, August 23

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
8am	*Breakfast:
9 – 10am	Opening Question
10 – 10:30am	Life of the Mindful
10:30 – 11am	Strategies for Time, Project, & Life Management
11am	Balancing the Books
12pm	*Lunch: This lunch offers a unique opportunity. Students have the option to either eat in the dining hall or join staff alumni Paul & Laura Cooley for a mini hike and lunch in the mountains.
1:30 – 2:30pm	Sites of Shaping & Self-Authorship Workshop: Build awareness of the domains of influence that have shaped you into who you are and the stories you hold about yourself, others, and the world. Acknowledge your own complexity, disarm shame, and strengthen your authentic leadership as you claim your story and authority to write and rewrite.
2:45pm	Johnnie Spots #1: We'll be taking you all to Canyon Road and the Santa Fe Plaza area to discover places that our students love and for you to find some of your own. This is a great opportunity for new students to get to know their peers and feel more at home in their new environment.
5pm	Daily Check-In
5:30 – 7pm	*Dinner:
7:30pm	*Student Club Event

Saturday, August 24

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
10am – 1pm	Brunch: Enjoy a delicious dinner catered by SAGE dining.
9:30am	Johnnie Spots #2: Exploration of the Railyard & Farmer's Market in Santa Fe, NM where a vibrant and bustling hub of local culture, farmers and artisans come together to showcase their fresh produce and handcrafted goods. Steeped in tradition and community values, the market is an integral part of sustainable eating and living in Santa Fe, offering a diverse array of locally grown and sourced foods that support the health of both the people and the land.
1pm – 2:30pm	Study Strategies Showcase: Johnnie student leaders share some of the strongest study strategies they've found to support them through the rigorousness and pace

of the Program. Come explore, connect with others who learn in similar ways, and gather some new ideas to try in the coming year!

3 – 4pm **An Introduction to the Johnnie Way:** Join alumni to learn more about your place in the wider St. John's community, dispel some myths, and hear how alumni can support you on your Johnnie journey. Sponsored by the Board of Visitors and Governors (BVG) and the Alumni Association Board (AAB).

4:30pm **Daily Check-In**

5 – 7pm ***Dinner**

7:30pm **RA Event:** On the grassy knoll, the Resident Advisors (RAs) will organize a smores event to facilitate discussions about St. John's College (SJC) and provide students with a platform to share their personal journeys to SJC.

Sunday, August 25

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
9:30 – 5pm	*Day of Exploration: Join the student ambassadors for a day excursion to Albuquerque via the New Mexico Rail Runner or explore on your in Santa Fe! Please note we will be returning to Santa Fe at 5pm via train. We will have light breakfast items for the train and will have lunch in Albuquerque.
10 – 1pm	*Brunch- all new students and some student leaders will be grabbing something in Albuquerque.
4:30pm	Daily Check-In
5 – 7pm	*Dinner *Santa Fe Community Ultimate Frisbee: Community members enjoy a game of ultimate frisbee on our SAC Field, come meet them and join in on the fun!
7pm	Group Study: Enjoy the special Johnnie opportunity to share the effort and rewards with your classmates as you move through your seminar reading. Start building a study group with new friends, ask questions, and compare translations to make the most of your time together.

Monday, August 26

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
8am	*Breakfast
9 – 10am	Opening Questions
10 – 10:30am	Life of the Mindful
10:30 – 11am	Strategies for Time, Project, & Life Management
11am	Balancing the Books
12pm	*Lunch
1:30 – 2:30pm	The Spirit of Seminar: Join local alumna and President of the Alumni Association, Katarina Wong, for a powerful look at the underpinnings of the St. John's approach to education and explore the individual practices that truly make it "an education for all."

2:45pm ***Ski Bassin Workshop:** Nature has the power to improve our mental health and wellbeing. By spending time in natural surroundings, we can reduce stress, improve mood, and enhance cognitive function. Discovering the beauty of nature can be a powerful tool in promoting mental health.

4:30pm **Daily Check-In**

5 – 7pm ***Dinner**

Tuesday, August 27

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
8am	*Breakfast
9 – 10am	Opening Questions
10 – 10:30am	Life of the Mindful
10:30 – 11am	Strategies for Time, Project, & Life Management
12:30pm	Balancing the Books: During this Balancing the Books session, we will provide transportation for everyone to the Pecos National Historical Park. Pecos is a natural and cultural crossroads through which hunters, gatherers, traders, missionaries, immigrants, soldiers, ranchers, and other travelers passed and lived.
4:30pm	Daily Check-In
5pm	SACtivities & Dinner: Join us for an evening of fun games, snacks, & dinner on the SAC field. Dinner will end at 7pm. All other events may continue until dusk.

Wednesday, August 28

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
8 – 9am	*Breakfast
9 – 10am	Student Support Overview: An introduction to the student engagement team, health and wellness, and food service team. Students will also be briefed on the student handbook & college expectations. This session will provide information essential to your safety as a student.
10 – 10:30am	Title IX: The Vice President of Student Engagement, Christine Guevara, provides students with an overview of Title IX regulations and the reporting process.
10:30 – 11:30am	Mental Health @ SJC: Join Andrea Bassin, the Director of Counseling & Wellness Services, and her team for an informative presentation on the fundamentals of mental health awareness, achieving balance in life, and the mental health services available to students at our institution.
11:30 – 12:30pm	*Lunch
12:40 – 1:15pm	Public Safety: This session will be hosted by our Director of Public Safety, Mike Macey, and the public safety team. We will be focusing on safety on and off campus, and how we can care for each other as a community.
1:15 – 2pm	Financial Aid & Billing: Acquire valuable tools and skills to effectively manage your college finances and navigate the FAFSA process. Learn how to make the most of your money, save time, and avoid costly mistakes.

2 – 4pm	Library Orientation: Groups of 30 students will rotate through a 30-minute library session. Please see your orientation name tag for your group and meet time to start your tour.
4:30 – 5:45pm	Connection, Closing Remarks, & Feedback: This session provides an opportunity for students to connect with their peers by discovering shared interests and experiences. After the connections are made, the session will conclude with some final remarks and a brief survey.
5:45 – 7pm	*Dinner
7 – 8pm	*Student Polity: Make your own ice cream sundaes with our student government team and learn how your student government serves you and how you can get involved.

Thursday, August 29

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
8 – 9:30am	*Breakfast
10:30am	Convocation Practice
11am – 1:30pm	Convocation, Lunch, & Class Photos
3 – 4:30pm	Circuit Tour #2: This circuit tour is only for the students who attended Bridge in the Wilderness. During the SJC Circuit Tour, students will be divided into small groups to visit various offices on campus. They will have the opportunity to meet the staff and learn about the support services offered by each office. The tour groups will gather at the Fishpond before setting off on their respective tours.
5 – 7pm	*Dinner
5:30pm	*Pre-Seminar Pick-Up Volleyball: Join us for a game of pick-up volleyball the seminar, where all levels are welcome. This is a great opportunity to meet other students, have some fun, and get active before settling down for the seminar.
7:30pm	First Seminar: Your study at St. John’s College begins with your first Seminar, a two-hour conversation. We hope it is thrilling!
9:30pm	Post-Seminar Mingle: Continue the conversation with students & tutors. Free donuts, coffee, and tea on the Meem Placita.

Friday, August 30

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
8 – 9am	*Breakfast
8:45am – 1pm	Community in Focus Day: Students, staff, and faculty are invited to participate in a morning of stewardship through community service projects. Both on- and off-campus opportunities will be available for sign-up during move-in day. To promote sustainability, please bring a reusable water bottle, hat, and sunglasses.

12:30pm – 2:30pm	Welcome Party & BBQ: Students, faculty, and staff are invited to an afternoon of lawn games, tie-dye, inflatables, and delicious food.
1:30pm	*Community Intramurals: Our legendary intramurals program will KICK-start tomorrow (get it?), but for today, we want everyone here to play in this "means vs. extremes" game. No experience necessary--smiles required.
5 – 7pm 7pm	*Dinner Dean’s Opening Lecture: In accordance with tradition, the Dean will deliver the opening lecture of the academic year.
8:30pm	Dean’s Lecture Question Period

Saturday, August 31

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
10am – 1pm 10:30 – 11am	*Brunch Academic Overview: Learn about SJC's core academic practices and expectations from the Assistant Dean and Academic Support Coordinator.
12pm -1:30pm	Introduction to Math and Demonstration: Students learn more about the math program at St. John’s and what to expect in discussion-based Math Tutorials, including an opportunity to practice demonstrations in small groups and gain tools and tips for presentations and collaboration.
1:45 – 2:45pm	Writing at St. John’s: Learn about writing original essays meant to extend your thinking from the Writing Archon and Academic Support Coordinator, then work with student Writing Assistants to find a question based on your experience demonstrating Euclid.
3 – 5pm	Intramural Soccer Tournament Opening Day Extravaganza Intramural Soccer Tournament Opening Day Extravaganza: Are you an orange Myrmidon? Blue Olympian? Purple Hustler? Or green Geometer? Everyone, including you, is already on a team. Come play in the outrageous, phenomenally fun event of a super-fast soccer tournament. Come find your tribe, or at least, play with your new team.
8 – 11pm	*Board Game Night: Meet other Johnnies over board games and snacks at one of the most casual, fun parties on campus. This event is hosted by the Student Events Ambassadors.

Sunday, September 1

TIME (MDT)	SESSION
	A day of brief demonstrations of some of our classes at the Student Activities Center (SAC). All SAC classes are for beginners to advanced; everyone is welcome.
9 – 9:45am	Weight Room 101: Join Mary Anne Burke for an introduction to the SAC weight room, a brief understanding of what equipment is available and how to use it.

Learn how you or one of our trainers can put a personalized fitness program together for a strong start to the year.

9:45 – 10:30am

***Kinesis:** A fun and challenging fitness program, whose main goal is that of improving one's quality of life through health and fitness

10am – 1pm

***Brunch**

10:30 – 11:15am

***Kettlebells:** Join Beth Michaliszyn and Mary Anne Burke for an introduction to kettlebells! Learn how to do functional movements to help with strength and balance. Kettlebells can be tailored to your strength and ability.

11:15 – 12pm

***Yoga:** Join Annie for a yoga session!

12 – 12:45pm

***Johnnie Strong:** This coed, low-weight, high-repetition weightlifting class tones and strengthens the entire body, burning lots of calories. No previous weightlifting experience is necessary, coaching is provided, and exercises are performed at safe ranges of motion.

12:45 – 1:30pm

***Iron Bookworm:** Join SJC Tutor Krishnan Venkatesh for a combination of traditional calisthenics, martial arts conditioning, and Chinese and Indian wrestling exercises. Beginners and all levels welcome!

1:30 – 2:15pm

***Fencing:** The fencing club is offering a demonstration today! Learn how to get involved with the club, meet the club student leaders, and find out about practice times and lessons. Equipment provided.

2:15 – 3:30pm

***Ultimate Frisbee:** Come out and learn one of our fall Intramural sports, ultimate frisbee! Ultimate combines elements of many other sports with a blend of running, throwing, and strategic positioning, it's a thrilling game for players of all levels. For beginners, we will have several folks teaching skills on throwing as well as the basics of the game. For the more experienced players, just come out and play!

Thank you so much for joining us for Bridge in the City Different!

Welcome Week: September 2 – September 8

Join us for a week of welcome as we continue to introduce you to life at St John's College. The full schedule will be on the orientation webpage and a paper copy will be in your folders at check-in/move-in.

St. John's College Shuttle Schedule beginning Wednesday, August 29

Day	Time	Campus Pick-Up Location
Tuesdays & Wednesdays	3pm - 9pm	Pritzker Visitor's Circle
Saturdays & Sundays	9am - 9pm	Pritzker Visitor's Circle

When operating, the shuttle leaves campus every hour & a half throughout the semester.