Returning Boarding Student Information

2021
2021-2022 IMPORTANT DATES

FALL SEMESTER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
American Football Arrival Date for Boarding Students
Dorm Council members arrive.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16
Practices begin for American football.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18
Fall Sports Arrival Date for Boarding Students

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19
Practices begin for Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Soccer, Girls’ Volleyball

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19
New Boarding Students Arrive

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 21
New Boarding Student Welcome and Orientation

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 22
Returning Boarding Students Arrive

MONDAY, AUGUST 23
Freshman Orientation

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24
New Student and Freshman Orientation

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25
First Day of Classes for All Students

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Labor Day — No School; Dorms Open

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 AND MONDAY, OCTOBER 11
Faculty In-Service — No School; Dorms Open

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
Thanksgiving Break Travel Plans Due — email dormtravel@stjacademy.org

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
Homecoming/LI Weekend

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Holiday Break Travel Plans Due — email dormtravel@stjacademy.org

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Thanksgiving Break

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
Senior Capstone Day

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 - MONDAY, JANUARY 10
Holiday Break

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
Winter Boarding Athletes Released for Holiday Break

*Please see vacation planning details on page 11.

SPRING SEMESTER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
Winter Boarding Athletes Return to School

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
Winter Break Travel Plans Due — email dormtravel@stjacademy.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9
Spring Semester New Boarding Students Arrive; Dorms Reopen

MONDAY, JANUARY 10
Orientation for New Boarding Students

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11
First Day of Classes for All Students

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Winter Carnival

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - TUESDAY, MARCH 1
Winter Break

FRIDAY, MARCH 18
Faculty In-Service — No School; Dorms Open

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
Spring Break Travel Plans Due — email dormtravel@stjacademy.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 - SUNDAY, APRIL 24
Spring Break

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
Senior Capstone Day

FRIDAY, MAY 6
End of Year Travel Plans Due — email dormtravel@stjacademy.org

MONDAY, MAY 30
Memorial Day — No School; Dorms Open

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
Senior Sports Banquet
Last Chapel
Departing Faculty Tea

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
Last Day of School (½ Day)
Senior Prom (For Seniors and a Guest)

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 - SATURDAY, JUNE 4
Boarding Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors who do not play a spring sport depart. Spring athletes please see note below.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
Commencement Concert

SUNDAY, JUNE 5
Baccalaureate (Seniors)
Class Day (Seniors)
Senior Recital (Seniors)

MONDAY, JUNE 6
Class of 2022 Commencement (Seniors)

TUESDAY, JUNE 7
Boarding seniors depart.

PLEASE NOTE: Athletes competing in spring sports are expected to remain at school until their seasons have ended. This can be as late as June 11. Please contact Jamie Ryan or John Robillard before making travel reservations if you are playing a spring sport.
VACATION PLANNING

ALL DORMITORIES ARE CLOSED DURING VACATIONS.

Students are expected to travel home, stay with relatives or friends during vacation, or participate in a school-sponsored trip. We will help students with other accommodations during vacations on a case-by-case basis if necessary. Students must plan to leave for vacations and return from vacation on the designated dates. Students are required to be in class until the close of school prior to each vacation.

DORMITORIES WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING VACATION PERIODS:

No early departures will be permitted.

THANKSGIVING
- Noon 11/24/21 – Noon 11/28/21
- Travel plans due 10/22/21

HOLIDAY BREAK
- Noon 12/18/21 – Noon 1/10/22
- Travel plans due 11/5/21

WINTER BREAK
- Noon 2/19/22 – Noon 3/1/22
- Travel Plans due 1/4/222

SPRING BREAK
- Noon 4/16/22 – Noon 4/24/22
- Travel Plans Due 3/25/22

VACATION DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS

For each vacation, dormitories will close at noon the day after the Academy finishes for break and will be open at noon the day before classes resume.

We have created our school calendar to provide appropriate vacation time for your sons and daughters. As a result, we respectfully ask that you do not request early departure times or additional vacation days. Students who miss final exams or other assignments as a result of an unexcused absence will receive a grade of “0” on those assignments.

Seniors are required to remain on campus and participate in all commencement events through graduation.

Students planning to attend Resident Life trips should have sufficient funds available for payment prior to departure.

If there is an unavoidable travel conflict, you must make the necessary arrangements with the Campus Life Office.

TRAVEL/VACATION INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES

St. Johnsbury Academy’s athletic experience includes interscholastic competition against other schools. There are times, particularly during the winter and spring sports seasons, that our athletes are expected to stay on campus during vacation and after graduation to play on our teams. The Campus Life Office will arrange housing for athletes at these times.

If you have any questions about our athletics program, our athletics schedule, or the commitment we require of our students to play on our sports teams, please do not hesitate to call Beth Choiniere, Assistant Head for Campus Life, at 802-751-2024.

Pre-Season Fall and Holiday Break
American football practices begin August 16; students should arrive on August 15.

Other fall sports begin August 19; students should arrive August 18.

For Holiday break, winter athletes depart on December 19 and return on January 2.

Athletes playing spring sports are expected to remain at school during spring break.

Spring athletes competing in spring sports are expected to remain at school until their seasons have ended. This is often later than commencement.
VACATION TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Campus Life Office can assist you in making travel plans for travel during school vacation.

For those students who do not live in the United States, early planning is essential to ensure that the best flight reservations and ticket prices are available. Consult the school calendar for appropriate departure and arrival times.

Students are not permitted to go on unsupervised trips during school vacations.

All student vacation travel plans must include an adult chaperone.

• Please schedule your flights to and from the following airports: Manchester Airport (MHT) in Manchester, New Hampshire; Burlington International Airport (BTV) in Burlington, Vermont; or Boston Logan Airport (BOS) in Boston, Massachusetts.

• International flights should fly directly into Boston. If a connection within the US is needed, please fly into Burlington. We are not able to pick students up from late connecting flights into Boston.

• We recommend non-stop flights whenever possible. They help eliminate the possibility of students becoming stranded due to weather and missed connections.

• Submit your travel plans to dormtravel@stjacademy.org.

• A representative from St. Johnsbury Academy will meet you at the airport and bring you to your bus to school or coordinate transportation to and from Boston on Dartmouth Coach.

Please contact the Resident Life Office with travel plans and other vacation travel-related questions and issues.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION FEES

Transportation fees to/from airport/bus station (other than approved travel days during school breaks), one-way travel:
$150 Manchester, NH (MHT)
$250 Boston, MA (BOS)
$80 Burlington, VT (BTV)

To Dartmouth Coach Bus Terminal:
$60 Lebanon, NH

From Dartmouth Coach Bus Terminal to Logan Airport (BOS):
$38 One Way
$60 Round Trip

Students traveling to and from Boston are encouraged to take Dartmouth Coach bus (www.dartmouthcoach.com) for approximately $40. This is a safe and convenient coach bus that travels between Lebanon, NH and Logan Airport several times a day. Total cost for travel to and from Boston’s Logan Airport using Dartmouth Coach and including Academy transportation, is approximately $100. Otherwise, the Academy charges $250 for Boston Logan transportation directly to Boston Logan.
ON-CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY
The Academy maintains a campus-wide fiber backbone network with a high-speed connection to the Internet. Students have wireless Internet access across the entire campus through 80 wireless access points.

ACADEMY TECHNOLOGY, PORTAL, AND E-MAIL ACCOUNTS
St. Johnsbury Academy uses a wide variety of technology and platforms to support the learning environment. On campus, we have over 275 mobile laptop devices and 300 fixed computers that support our diverse academic programming. These devices are a mixture of Windows and Mac based operating systems. Additionally, each student is issued a Chromebook for use on campus and to bring home during the school year. Each student has a school provided STJLABS (Google) email account that is used as communication tool with teachers; this also serves as the login account for their Google Drive. Students will become fluent in the use of the Google platform and the Microsoft Office automation suite in addition to several web-based systems and Apps that will be integral to their academic footprint.

DORMITORY INTERNET ACCESS
In the dormitories, students can access the Internet via a comprehensive wired and wireless network that is available from 6 am until midnight on school nights. The Academy network is compatible with all types of devices. To stay connected with family and friends, Skype and other social networking sites are available to students.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND SUPPORT
If you plan to purchase or already own a laptop, please ensure that the warranty can be honored in the United States. That way, if there are any issues, the machine can be serviced by the manufacturer or its designated service center. We highly recommend anti-virus protection for personal computers.

Academy Information Technology staff will not be able to provide comprehensive support for personal laptop computers due to operating system language and licensing issues. Limited student technical support is provided by an organized group of IT intern students who can assist in resolving many of the most common user-level and hardware-related computer issues. To arrange computer support please contact the Academy’s Information Technology Department.

INTERNET SAFETY AND STEWARDSHIP
All access to the Internet is filtered to ensure student safety and compliance with applicable laws. Internet access is a shared resource across all resident dorms, as there are no independent connections by dorm room so each student must be mindful of his or her role as a steward in utilizing the Internet.

PURCHASING COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS
The Academy has a program to allow students to purchase computers, peripherals, and warranty support. Interested families and students should contact Jim Mazzonna, the Academy’s Chief Information Officer, at jmazzonna@stjacademy.org or 802-751-2371.

HONOR CODE
Students at St. Johnsbury Academy study under the auspices of an honor code written and developed by Academy students. The honor code defines our academic and moral expectations, and extends throughout school life, both inside and outside of our classrooms. Students will sign the Honor Code during their first week on campus. It reads:

We, the students of St. Johnsbury Academy, are part of a learning community dedicated to molding superior character and excellent academics. We have high expectations of ourselves and of our peers, and we depend upon our own honesty and integrity to uphold these expectations.

Therefore,

1. We believe that cheating, plagiarism, and any other action performed with malintent takes away from the fulfillment of our own true potential.

2. We respect our property, we well as the property of others.

3. We share the objective of building a trusting community that provides a safe, secure, and productive learning environment.

A detailed description of the Academy’s policies, expectations, opportunities offered, and other aspects of student life is available in the St. Johnsbury Academy Student Handbook.