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Introduction to Boarding Life





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DORM TRAVEL

IMPORTANT DATES 2022-2023

FALL SEMESTER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

American Football Arrival Date for Boarding Students
Dorm Council members arrive.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Practices begin for American football.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Fall Sports Arrival Date for Boarding Students

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Practices begin for Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf,
Soccer, Girls' Volleyball
New Boarding Students Arrive

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

New Boarding Student Welcome and Orientation

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Returning Boarding Students Arrive

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

Grade 9 Orientation

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

New Student and Grade 9 Orientation

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

All Student Orientation

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

First Day of Classes

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day — No School; Dorms Open

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 AND MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Faculty In-Service — No School; Dorms Open

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Thanksgiving Break Travel Plans Due — email dormtravel@stjacademy.org

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Holiday Break Travel Plans Due — email dormtravel@stjacademy.org

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Break

Boarding students should depart after school on Friday, November 18 or during the morning of Saturday, November 19*. Dorms close at noon on November 19. Dorms reopen on Sunday, November 27.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Senior Capstone Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 - MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Holiday Break

Boarding Students should depart after school on Wednesday, December 21 or during the morning of Thursday, December 22. Dorms close at noon on December 22*. Dorms reopen on Sunday, January 15. Students may also return on Monday, January 16.

*Please see vacation planning details on page 11.

SPRING SEMESTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Winter Boarding Athletes Return to School

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Winter Break Travel Plans Due — email dormtravel@stjacademy.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Spring Semester New Boarding Students Arrive; Dorms Reopen

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Orientation for New Boarding Students

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

First Day of Classes for All Students

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Winter Carnival

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Winter Break

Winter Boarding Athletes Remain to Compete

Boarding Students should depart after school on Friday, February 24 or during the morning of Saturday, February 25. Dorms close at noon on February 25*. Dorms reopen on Tuesday, March 7.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Faculty In-Service — No School; Dorms Open

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Spring Break Travel Plans Due — email dormtravel@stjacademy.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Spring Break

Spring Boarding Athletes Remain to Compete

Boarding Students should depart after school on Friday, April 21 or during the morning of Saturday, April 22. Dorms close at noon on April 22*. Dorms reopen on Sunday, April 30.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

End of Year Travel Plans Due — email dormtravel@stjacademy.org

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Senior Capstone Day

MONDAY, MAY 29

Memorial Day — No School; Dorms Open

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Senior Sports Banquet

Last Chapel

Departing Faculty Tea

Last Day of School

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 - SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Boarding students in grade 9-11 who do not play a spring sport depart.
Spring athletes please see note below.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Celebration of the Arts

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Senior Parade

Class Day (Seniors)

Senior Prom (For Seniors and a Guest)

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Class of 2023 Commencement (Seniors)

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

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 10. Please contact Jamie Ryan or John Robillard before making travel reservations if you are playing a spring sport.

2022 ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

You will receive the 2022 Orientation Schedule prior to your arrival in August.



Photos from boarding student orientation 2021.

YOUR FIRST TRIP TO THE ACADEMY

We strive to make your arrival at St. Johnsbury Academy as special as we can. Significant planning goes into this, and we sincerely appreciate your cooperation. Please refer to the list below for information about your first trip to St. Johnsbury. One of the ways you can help us the most is to make your travel reservations early and submit them to dormtravel@stjacademy.org. Since we bus all students from area airports, this information is key to our planning. If you have questions, please contact admissions@stjacademy.org. Thank you very much for your help!

- Please schedule your flights to 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.
- Submit your travel plans to dormtravel@stjacademy.org.
- International flights should fly directly into Boston. If a connection within the US is needed, please fly into Burlington.
- If you are flying into Boston please book an arrival time during the day or early evening; please avoid late-night arrivals.
- Please schedule non-stop flights whenever possible. They help eliminate the possibility of students becoming stranded due to weather and missed connections.
- A representative from St. Johnsbury Academy will meet you at the airport and bring you to your bus.
- When you arrive on campus, please report to the welcome tent on Stowe Green. Our staff will be there to welcome you beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 18.
- For additional assistance on your arrival date, please contact the Admissions Office at (802) 751-2130.

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

When you arrive at St. Johnsbury Academy, you will need to stop by the Admissions Office to drop off your passport, visa, and I-20. These documents will be kept in a fireproof safe in the Admissions Office so that they are available to you when you need them for travel.

PASSPORT

Your passport is a secure document that you can use whenever you need proof of identification. You will need your passport when taking the TOEFL or SAT examinations.

US F1 VISA

Your US F1 visa is an official endorsement from the United States that authorizes you to enter, travel in or through, or leave the United States as a student.

I-20

The completed I-20 form, issued by the St. Johnsbury Academy Admissions Office, will include all the information the US Government needs about your term of study, including your level of study, your field of study, the dates you are expected to begin and complete your studies, and your ability to pay for your education. Keep your I-20 with your passport because you will be asked for it when you enter the United States. Make sure your I-20 is signed at the bottom of the first page by both the student and parent.

It is important that the Admissions Office knows when you arrive at St. Johnsbury Academy because your I-20 must be registered in SEVIS. Your US address and your semester beginning and end dates must be entered into the SEVIS system. This informs the Department of Homeland Security that you have arrived at your school destination and are fulfilling the conditions of your US F1 Visa.

I-94

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection has an automated Form I-94 process. The paper form will no longer be provided; instead the traveler will be provided with a CBP admission stamp on their travel document. If a traveler needs a copy of their I-94 (record of admission for verification of alien registration, immigration status or employment authorization), it can be obtained from www.cbp.gov/I94. This notation essentially means you are welcome to stay in the United States as long as you are a student in school with valid and, if necessary, updated papers. You will have to remain a full-time student for your status to be valid.

AREA ACCOMMODATIONS

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WHAT TO BRING: CLOTHING

SJA UNIVERSAL DRESS CODE

We expect students to look tidy and maintain a standard of dress in keeping with the tradition of the Academy, so we will not allow T-shirts, blue jeans, flip flops, leggings, cargo pants, shorts, or sweatpants. We will expect clothes to be clean, not ripped or torn, not transparent, and free of words or images.

DAILY DRESS CODE

Tops: Dress shirts (with or without tie or collar), polos, blouses, turtlenecks, or sweaters.

1. Shirts with a flat bottom hem may be worn untucked. Dress shirts with visible tails should be neatly tucked in.
2. Hooded sweatshirts may be worn as outerwear but must be removed inside.
3. Tops should have sleeves and cover the midriff.
4. Non-hooded sweatshirts can be worn indoors as a second layer as long as the logo is either SJA or 2x2 inches in size.

Bottoms: Dress pants (with or without pattern), skirts, or dresses.

Skirts and dresses should be of appropriate length—not above mid-thigh.

Hair: Hair length is not restricted by gender, but hair should be of natural color, neat, clean, and out of the eyes. Facial hair is not permitted.

Jewelry: Jewelry (including earrings) will not be restricted by gender, face piercings (including nose rings) and spacers are not allowed.

Hats must be removed inside.

Task-appropriate clothing needed to conduct certain educational courses may be worn only during the meeting times of those courses.

GEAR DAYS

If a day is designated a “Gear Day,” or if a certain activity is designated “gear day dress code,” all students should wear:

Tops: Visible SJA gear of any kind, including polo shirts, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or jackets.

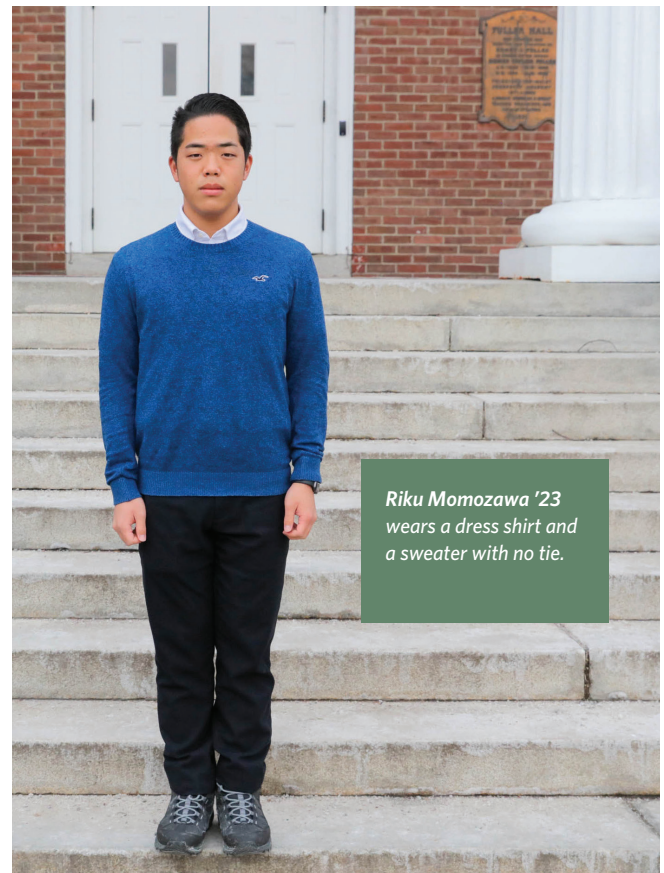
Bottoms: Daily dress code

If not wearing SJA gear, the daily dress code applies

VARIETY DAYS

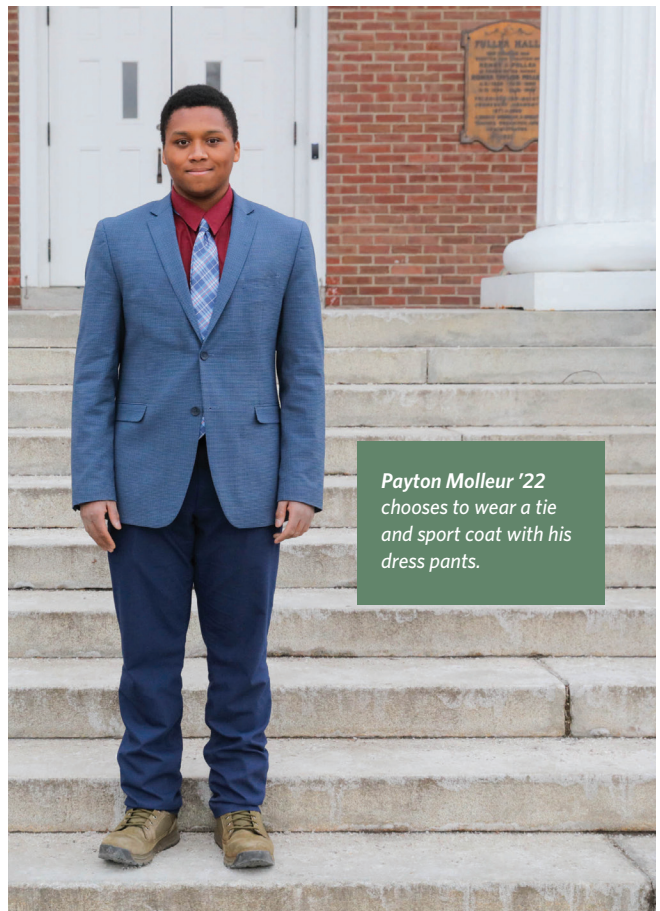
If a day is designated a “Variety Day,” either to raise money for a cause or for any other reason, then all students may wear jeans and other casual clothes (still neat, clean and appropriate).

There will be days that we ask students to dress somewhat more formally, such as for their Capstone presentations and other school events, as they might dress for any other formal or special occasion.





Sophia Shippee '23 models a turtle neck and appropriate length skirt.



Payton Molleur '22 chooses to wear a tie and sport coat with his dress pants.



Maren Nitsche '23 decides on a turtle neck with a collared over shirt.



Sam Begin '22 dresses for a Gear Day with an SJA logo t-shirt and daily dress code pants.

WHAT TO BRING: FOR YOUR ROOM

WE PROVIDE:

St. Johnsbury Academy supplies the following linens (included in tuition):

- 2 sheets (Standard Twin)
- 1 pillow case
- 1 hand towel
- 2 bath towels

Linens may be exchanged weekly at no charge.

BRING:

- cell phone
- 1 pillow
- 1 comforter or duvet
- 1 waste basket
- 1 desk lamp
- shower sandals
- bathrobe

More information will be sent by email this summer with online options for purchasing bedding, which will be delivered directly to campus.

Students also may bring the following personal items with them and keep them in their dormitory rooms:

- computer
- dorm-sized refrigerator
- hair dryer
- printer
- fan

School Supplies

Please bring a few notebooks, pens, and pencils for use during the first week of classes. Teachers will provide specific supply lists for their classes during the first week. These supplies may be bought locally.

DO NOT BRING:

Students **MAY NOT** bring the following items into their dormitory rooms at any time during the year:

- television
- computer monitor larger than 22 inches
- space heater
- electric cookware
- electric blanket
- lava lamp
- halogen lamp
- pets (including fish bowls)
- other electrical items
- items or clothing with profanity, vulgarity, or inappropriate messages or symbols

If found, these items will be confiscated.

Laundry

Washers and dryers are available free-of-charge in all dormitories for personal laundry.

Laundry Service

VT Campus Laundry & Storage, LLC has been serving St. Johnsbury Academy boarding students for several years. They provide laundry services for all school clothing, bedding, and dry cleaning, including ironing.

They also provide shipping and storage of students' personal belongings over the summer.

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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 11/19/22 – Noon 11/27/22
- Travel plans due 10/21/22

HOLIDAY BREAK

- Noon 12/22/22 – Noon 1/16/23
- Travel plans due 11/4/22

WINTER BREAK

- Noon 2/25/23 – Noon 3/7/23
- Travel plans due 1/3/23

SPRING BREAK

- Noon 4/22/23 – Noon 4/30/23
- Travel Plans Due 3/24/23

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.

Pre-Season Fall and Holiday Break

American football practices begin August 15; students should arrive on August 14.

Other fall sports begin August 18; students should arrive August 17.

For Holiday break, winter athletes 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

Our Travel Coordinator can assist you in making 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.



SJA BOARDING LIFE

RESIDENT LIFE MENTORING PROGRAM

In addition to having resident life faculty (called dorm proctors) in each dormitory to monitor adherence to daily structure and general rules, each student has a dorm proctor that serves as a mentor. The role of the mentor is to maintain close contact with each student to help ensure he or she is following our academic and social expectations, participating effectively in the resident life program, and setting and achieving appropriate goals. Mentors also advocate for their students during challenging times and help celebrate their successes.

Mentors meet with students in the dormitory individually or in small groups to promote the Resident Life curriculum, a defined program that serves to nurture students living in a residential setting.

Mentors will write letters to parents several times per year to report on student progress in the boarding program. These reports will provide comments about each student as well as a standards-based evaluation of study habits, involvement in the community, and specific aspects of character development.

ON-CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY

The Academy maintains a campus-wide fiber backbone network that is connected to the Internet with a high-speed connection. Students can access the Internet across the entire campus and dorm facilities through over 250 wireless access points.

ACADEMY TECHNOLOGY, PORTAL, AND E-MAIL ACCOUNTS

St. Johnsbury Academy has a wide variety of technology platforms to support our diverse curriculum and learning environment. Students will be exposed to various devices and operating systems including Windows, Mac, and Chrome. Students do not need a device with a specific operating system as most all class requirements can be accessed via a web-browser on any device. The Academy will provide devices for those specialty courses that require additional technology. Students may bring their own device to campus or have access to a school-issued Chromebook program for a nominal fee. Each student will have a school issued STJLABS (Google) email account that is used to communicate with teachers; login for their Learning Management System (CANVAS); login for Google Platform Tools; and the school video collaboration platform which is ZOOM. Students will become fluent in the Google and Microsoft platforms as well as other web-based applications that will be integral in their academic journey.

DORMITORY INTERNET ACCESS

Our dormitories have robust access to the Internet via a comprehensive wired and wireless network that is available from 6AM to midnight on school nights. The Academy network is compatible with all types of devices. We ensure access to social networking sites that are safe so that students can communicate with their families and friends.

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 for computer support please contact the Academy's Information Technology Department via the Streeter Hall (216A) Information Technology Service Desk or by emailing ITHelpDesk@stjacademy.org or ITHelpDesk@stjilabs.com.

INTERNET SAFETY AND STEWARDSHIP

All access to the Internet is filtered to ensure student safety and compliance with applicable laws. As such students should not be using Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) to circumvent security and safety measures. Our Internet capacity on campus is a shared resource across all resident dorms, so each student must be mindful of their 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.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS

The St. Johnsbury Academy Health Center has a long history of cultivating strong relationships with students, faculty, staff, and the community.

The Health Care professionals at the Health Center provide 24-hour care, seven days a week for our boarding students. On school days, students have access to the Health Center staff from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Health Center office, which is located in Tinker House. The Health Center contains an infirmary and a private bath. Counseling and medical services are regularly provided and organized by the Health Center staff both on and off campus. During off-hours (on weekends and after 10:00 p.m.), the on-call nurse may be contacted by dormitory staff for health needs.

Please submit the required Health Forms by July 1.

Contact the Director of Health Services, Sarah Garey, with any questions at 802-748-7718 or 802-748-7717.

STUDENT CHECKLIST

☐ 1. TRAVEL PLANS

- ☐ Please submit your travel plans to dormtravel@stjacademy.org by **July 1**.

☐ 2. IMMIGRATION/VISAS

- ☐ Current passport
- ☐ Original I-20 form (not a copy)
- ☐ US Student Visa in passport

☐ 3. HEALTH FORMS

Please submit your health forms by **July 1** to forms@stjacademy.org:

- ☐ Permission for Medical Treatment/Release of Medical Information
- ☐ Health Insurance Information
- ☐ Immunizations
- ☐ Medical History
- ☐ Consent to Drug Test/Release of Medical Information
- ☐ Report of Health Evaluation
- ☐ Parental Consent and Agreement (if applicable)
- ☐ Parental Authorization Form — Emergency Medication (if applicable)

☐ 4. RESIDENT LIFE FORMS

Please submit your resident life forms by **July 1** to forms@stjacademy.org:

- ☐ Student Information
- ☐ Parental Car Permission
- ☐ Permission to Photograph
- ☐ Student Activity Form
- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Resident Student Accounts
- ☐ Pocket Money/Allowance

☐ 5. PERSONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Please ship your personal items in advance of your arrival to
St. Johnsbury Academy, 1000 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819.
- ☐ Please check the dress code information found on page 6 to be sure your clothing is appropriate for the Academy school day.

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Campus Directory



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1. Newell Hall
2. South Church Hall
3. Ranger Hall
4. Colby Hall
(Headmaster's Office, Main Office)
5. Fuller Hall
6. Severance Hall
(Resident Life Office)
7. Headmaster's Residence
8. Faculty Residence
9. Brantview
10. Waterman
11. The Green Dorm
12. The Barn
13. 1107 Main Street
14. Fairbanks Cottage
(Admissions Office, Business Office)
15. Tinker House
16. Streeter Hall
17. Mayo Center
(Grace Stuart Orcutt Library, Colwell Center for Global Understanding)
18. Stowe Green
19. Sheepcote
20. Charles Hosmer Morse Center
for the Arts (Stuart Black Box Theater)
21. Field House
22. Alumni Memorial Gymnasium
23. Straszko Center at Graham's House
(Alumni Office)
24. Cramton
25. Christensen Hall
26. 184 Belvidere
27. 168 Belvidere
28. The Corner House
29. Impey House
30. Maple Center
(Located at 151 Hastings Hill)
31. Hilltopper Restaurant
(Located at 1216 Main Street)
- A. Tennis Court
- B. Ropes Course
- C. Cary Field (Field Hockey)
- D. Burlingame Field (Baseball)
- E. Soccer and Lacrosse Field
- F. Fairbanks Field and Ray Frey Track
(Football/Track)
- G. Softball Field