

# 2026

## Returning Boarding Student





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# IMPORTANT DATES 2026-2027

## FALL SEMESTER

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

American Football Arrival Date for Boarding Students

### MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Practices begin for American football

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Fall Sports Arrival Date for Boarding Students

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Practices begin for Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Soccer, Girls' Volleyball

### MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Dorm Council members and Admissions Ambassadors arrive.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Arrival date for new boarding students not playing a fall sport.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

New Boarding Student Welcome and Orientation

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Returning Boarding Students Arrive

### MONDAY, AUGUST 24

New Student and Grade 9 Orientation

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

All Student Orientation

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

First Full Day of Classes

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day — No School; Dorms Open

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 AND MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Faculty In-Service — No School; Dorms Open

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

DEADLINE for Thanksgiving Break Travel Plans — email [sjboardingtravel@stjacademy.org](mailto:sjboardingtravel@stjacademy.org)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

DEADLINE for Holiday Break Travel Plans — email [sjboardingtravel@stjacademy.org](mailto:sjboardingtravel@stjacademy.org)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Thanksgiving Break — Dorms Closed

Boarding students should depart after school on Tuesday, November 24 or during the morning of Wednesday, November 25\*. Dorms close at noon on November 25. Dorms reopen on Sunday, November 29.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Senior Capstone Day

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 - TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Holiday Break — Dorms Closed

Boarding students should depart after school on Thursday, December 17 or during the morning of Friday, December 18. Dorms close at noon on December 18\*. Dorms reopen on Monday, January 4. Students may also return on Tuesday, January 5.

## SPRING SEMESTER

### MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Spring Semester New Boarding Students Arrive; Dorms Reopen

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Orientation for New Boarding Students

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

First Day of Classes for All Students

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

DEADLINE for Winter Break Travel Plans — email [sjboardingtravel@stjacademy.org](mailto:sjboardingtravel@stjacademy.org)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Martin Luther King Day - No School; Dorms Open

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Winter Carnival

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Winter Break — Dorms Closed

Winter Boarding Athletes Remain to Compete

Boarding Students should depart after school on Thursday, February 18 or during the morning of Friday, February 19. Dorms close at noon on February 19\*. Dorms reopen on Tuesday, March 2

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Faculty In-Service — No School; Dorms Open

### FRIDAY, MARCH 19

DEADLINE for Spring Break Travel Plans — email [sjboardingtravel@stjacademy.org](mailto:sjboardingtravel@stjacademy.org)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 17 - SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Spring Break — Dorms Closed

Spring Boarding Athletes Remain to Compete

Boarding Students should depart after school on Friday, April 16 or during the morning of Saturday, April 17. Dorms close at noon on April 17\*. Dorms reopen on Sunday, April 25.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 23

DEADLINE for End of Year Travel Plans — email [sjboardingtravel@stjacademy.org](mailto:sjboardingtravel@stjacademy.org)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Senior Capstone Day

### MONDAY, MAY 31

Memorial Day — No School; Dorms Open

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Last Chapel

Departing Faculty Tea

### THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Last Day of School

Senior Prom

### FRIDAY, JUNE 4 - SATURDAY, JUNE 5

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Senior Tea

Celebration of the Arts

### SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Class Day (Seniors)

Senior Concert

### MONDAY, JUNE 7

Class of 2026 Commencement (Seniors)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 8

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

**\*Please see vacation planning details on page 11.**

# 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, 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

#### Guidelines for Tops:

All tops must have a neckline that rests at or is buttoned to the collar bone.

All tops must have sleeves (short or long) and cover the midriff at all times.

Tops should be a solid color or a dominant color with a repeating pattern.

#### Tops:

Polo Shirt

Button-up shirt with collar

Blouse (non-sheer; no t-shirts)

Turtlenecks

Sweaters (knit material)

Outer layers (worn with a top): Cardigans, Blazers, Vests

#### Bottoms:

Chino pants (any solid color--no patterns)

Dress pants (any solid color--no patterns)

Skirts (any solid color; must have coverage to within 2 inches above the knee)

#### Dresses:

Short or long sleeve dress; must have coverage to within 2 inches above the knee and the neckline should rest at the collar bone

Like tops, dresses should be a solid color or a dominant color with a repeating pattern.

#### Hair:

Naturally occurring color and pattern

#### Facial Jewelry:

Ear piercings

Single-side nose piercing

#### Footwear:

Dress shoes

Sneakers

Boots

Dress sandals

#### Outerwear:

All outerwear (jackets, coats, etc.) should be removed during class.

Hats of any kind need to be removed inside campus buildings.

### EXAMPLES OF NOT ALLOWED ITEMS

#### Tops:

Hawaiian prints, camouflage, or animal prints

No logos larger than 2 x 2 inches

Repeating patterns exceeding 2 x 2 inches

No singular graphics

Banded collars

Unbuttoned dress shirts

T-shirts (short or long sleeve)

Spaghetti-strap tops

Visible undergarment straps

Bare shoulders or back

Hooded or crewneck sweatshirts

Crop tops

#### Bottoms:

Jeans/denim of any kind

Pants with patch pockets or rivets

Cargo pants or cargo shorts (pockets on side)

Athletic pants, sweatpants, dance pants, or yoga pants

Leggings (unless worn under dress/skirt) – skirt length must still rest at 2 inches above the knee

Logos larger than 2 x 2 inches

Holes or rips in garment

#### Hair:

Facial hair

Hair that covers the student's eyes

#### Facial Jewelry:

Visible septum rings

Facial jewelry other than single side nose piercing

#### Footwear:

Flip-flops, beach sandals, or slides

Crocs

Slippers

### 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 models a turtleneck and appropriate length skirt.*



*Ellie models a sweater instead of a collared shirt.*



*Payton chooses to wear a tie and sport coat with his dress pants.*



*Maren decides on a turtleneck with a collared over shirt.*



*Carson wears a polo shirt and khaki pants.*



*Riku wears a dress shirt and a sweater with no tie.*

## 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 vacations 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 11/25/26 – Noon 11/29/26
- Travel plans due 10/16/26

#### HOLIDAY BREAK

- Noon 12/18/26 – Noon 1/4/27
- Travel plans due 10/30/26

#### WINTER BREAK

- Noon 2/19/27 – Noon 3/2/27
- Travel plans due 1/6/27

#### SPRING BREAK

- Noon 4/17/27 – Noon 4/25/27
- Travel Plans Due 3/19/27

## 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 student. 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.**

**Please note: travel outside of designated travel days or times (flights arriving after 7:00 p.m. in Boston) may result in additional fees.**

## 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 Resident Life Office will arrange housing for athletes at these times.

### Pre-Season Fall and Holiday Break

American football practices begin August 10; students should arrive on August 9.

Other fall sports begin August 13; students should arrive August 12.

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 arriving before 7 p.m.
- 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 [sjboardingttravel@stjademy.org](mailto:sjboardingttravel@stjademy.org).
- During vacation travel periods only 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 note: travel outside of designated travel days or times (flights arriving after 7:00 p.m. in Boston) may result in additional fees.**

**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

**Dartmouth Coach Bus from bus terminal to Logan Airport (BOS):**

\$40 One Way Bus Ticket

\$80 Round Trip Bus Ticket

**Students traveling to and from Boston are encouraged to take Dartmouth Coach bus ([www.dartmouthcoach.com](http://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 via van 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 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](mailto:ITHelpDesk@stjacademy.org).

## 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 [jim.mazzonna@stjacademy.org](mailto:jim.mazzonna@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, as 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.**