

Educating Men for Others



August 22, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to provide important information about the 2025–2026 school year, including the calendar, school supplies, and dress code.

A **Year-at-a-Glance** calendar is enclosed to help your family plan for the upcoming school year at St. Paul's High School. We encourage you to review it carefully and note important dates on your family calendar.

A full list of key dates and the Bell Schedules are also included.

The St. Paul's student and parent calendar is available online and can be synced with most computer and mobile calendar apps. To access it, visit: <https://www.stpauls.mb.ca/events/> and click the **Subscribe** button at the bottom of the page.

Attendance and Student Formation

I want to take a moment to reinforce the importance of regular attendance and punctuality, which make a significant difference in a student's learning, growth, and overall formation. While many of our students are consistently present and engaged, we've noticed some emerging concerns this year around absences, late arrivals, and early departures. My intention in writing is to encourage a renewed focus on the value of daily attendance and the many ways it supports student success.

At St. Paul's, we believe that daily presence at school supports more than just academic progress. It helps students develop responsibility, build character, and foster a deep sense of community—qualities that are central to our identity as a Catholic, Jesuit school. Participation in classes, assessments, liturgies, assemblies, retreats, and community events is not optional. These experiences are essential to forming young men of faith, compassion, and integrity.

We understand that there will be times when circumstances require a student to miss school. Parents have the right to make those decisions, and we trust those choices are made thoughtfully. That said, the school reserves the right to review all absences and determine whether they are considered excused.

We expect students to be present on days when assessments are scheduled. These experiences are key to reinforcing academic responsibility, time management, and integrity, while also allowing students to demonstrate what they have learned. Being present for assessments supports a consistent learning process and ensures fairness for all students.

Examples of School-excused Absences:

- Illness (with parent/guardian notification)
- Family emergencies (e.g., bereavement)
- Medical appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of school hours
- School-sanctioned activities (e.g., field trips, sports, service opportunities)

Non-Essential Absences that Impact Student Progress

- Family vacations during school days and exams
- Extended long weekends
- Leaving early or arriving late for non-essential reasons
- Skipping classes, missing assessments, or choosing not to attend school events

If concerning attendance patterns arise—such as frequent absences, repeated late arrivals, or missed community events—parents will be initially contacted by the student’s counsellor. Ongoing concerns will result in further follow-up, including a formal meeting with the student, parent(s), and school leadership. Vice Principal Students, Mr. Jeff Laping, oversees student attendance and will follow up in such cases to ensure alignment with school expectations.

Please avoid scheduling appointments or travel during school days whenever possible. Days with late starts for students (highlighted yellow on the enclosed calendar) and non-instructional days (highlighted orange) should be used for appointments or other personal commitments.

Exams and School-Year Commitments

Please ensure your son is available for all scheduled exam dates. Grade 12 students are required to write provincial standards assessments in English and Mathematics as mandated by Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning. Alternate dates are not available for these exams. For school-based exams, alternate dates will be granted only in exceptional circumstances and must be approved by the principal in advance.

School Supplies and Technology for Learning

Students are expected to arrive on the first day of school with essential supplies to support their learning—pens, pencils, binders, paper, and other basic materials. Teachers will clarify any course-specific items during the first week of classes.

We also strongly encourage families to purchase an appropriate laptop to support academic work both in and out of the classroom. While a laptop is not mandatory, students will find one extremely beneficial for tasks such as essay writing, projects, research, and using Microsoft 365 tools, including Word, Excel, and Teams (all provided by the school). Please note that a mobile phone is not an adequate substitute for this kind of work.

The school library has a limited number of laptops available for one-day loans, intended only for short-term needs (e.g., if a student forgets their device or it is temporarily out for repair). These are not intended for daily or ongoing use. For laptop specifications and recommendations, please refer to the enclosed guidelines.

Further details about the opening of school, including your son’s timetable, will be mailed in late August.

Thank you for choosing to be part of the St. Paul’s community. We are excited to welcome your family and to work alongside you in supporting your son’s growth over the coming years. I wish you and your family a safe and restful summer, and I look forward to meeting you at the many school events that bring our community together.

Warm regards,



Kevin Sterner
Interim Principal

2025–2026 School Year: Key Dates

First Week of School

- Tuesday, September 2: Admin Day (No Classes)
 - Wednesday, September 3: Grade 9 Orientation (Dress Code: Casual)
 - Thursday, September 4: Textbook Distribution (Dress Code: Casual)
 - 8:30–9:45AM: Grade 9 Students
 - 10:00–11:15AM: Grade 10 Students
 - 12:15–1:30PM: Grade 11 Students
 - 1:45–3:00PM: Grade 12 Students
 - Friday, September 5: Opening Assembly & Regular Classes (Day A) (Warm Weather Dress Code)
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School Liturgies / Assemblies / Community Events – **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE**

- Wednesday, September 10 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Friday, September 12: Grade 9 Camp Day (Grade 9 Students)
- Thursday, September 18: St. Paul's Annual Walk Day
- Tuesday, September 23 (8:30–9:45AM): School Assembly, Truth and Reconciliation Week
- Thursday, October 2 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Wednesday, November 5: Career Day (Grades 10, 11, 12) and Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
- Friday, November 7 (8:30–9:45AM): Remembrance Service
- Thursday, November 13 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly
- **Monday, December 8 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy**
- December 11–12: The Freshman Retreat (Grade 9 Students)
- Wednesday, January 21 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Tuesday, February 17: Fr. Crouch, S.J. Pancake Breakfast
- Wednesday, February 18 (8:30–9:45AM): Ash Wednesday Service
- Friday, February 20: Grade 10 Retreat Day (Grade 10 Students)
- Tuesday, March 17: Winter Sports Day
- Wednesday, March 25 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Wednesday, April 8 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Monday, April 27: (1:00–3:15PM) Bing Crosby Speech Competition and Paul Herriot Spelling Bee
- Thursday, April 30 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly (Grades 9, 10, 11)
- Friday, May 1: "Men for Others" Day (Grade 9 Students)
- Tuesday, May 5 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly (Grades 9, 10, 11)
- Friday, May 8 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy (Grades 9, 10, 11)
- Wednesday, May 27 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly
- Friday, June 5 (8:30–9:45AM): Crusader All-Sports Breakfast
- Wednesday, June 24 (8:30AM–12:00PM): School Closing Liturgy and Assembly (Grades 9, 10, 11)

Note: Other school activities may be added throughout the school year and will be communicated to students and parents in advance.

Exams - Alternate exam dates for school-based exams may be granted under exceptional circumstances.

- January 26–30: Semester 1 Exams
 - Grade 11 Students will write English or Canadian History on Friday, January 23.
 - Grade 12 Provincial Assessments
 - English: January 6–9, 2026
 - Applied Math: January 20, 2026
 - Essential Math: January 21, 2026
 - Pre-Calculus Math: January 22, 2026
 - June 12–18: Semester 2 Exams
 - Grade 11 Students will write English or Canadian History on Thursday, June 11.
 - Grade 12 Provincial Assessments
 - Pre-Calculus Math: June 9, 2026
 - Applied Math: June 11, 2026
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Class of 2026 Graduation Events

- Wednesday, February 4: Grad Ring Ceremony
 - Friday, May 1: Mother-Son Liturgy and Celebration
 - Sunday, June 7: Graduation Mass, 10:00AM
 - Friday, June 19: Dinner/Dance and Safe Grad
 - Thursday, June 25: Ernie Ostermann '57 Graduation Golf Tournament
 - Tuesday, June 30: Convocation Ceremony, 1:00PM
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Advancement Office and Other School Events (Attendance is encouraged)

- **Friday, September 26:** Homecoming
 - Tuesday, November 18: Tribute Dinner
 - Tuesday, November 25: Advent Music Concert
 - December 4, 5, 6: Semester 1 Drama Production
 - Thursday, January 8: Open House & Information Evening
 - Monday, March 23: Fashion Show
 - May 7, 8, 9: Semester 2 Drama Production
 - Tuesday, May 26: Evening of Performing and Visual Arts
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Holidays

- Monday, September 1: Labour Day
- Tuesday, September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Monday, October 13: Thanksgiving Day
- Tuesday, November 11: Remembrance Day
- December 22–January 2: Christmas Break
- Monday, February 16: Louis Riel Day
- March 30 – April 3: Spring Break
- Monday, April 6: Easter Monday
- Monday, May 18: Victoria Day

No School (Admin/Staff Professional Development) – USE THESE DAYS FOR APPOINTMENTS

- Tuesday, September 2: Admin Day
- Friday, October 3: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, October 24: Staff Professional Development
- Monday, November 10: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, November 21: Semester 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, December 19: Admin Day
- Friday, February 13: Catholic Schools Day
- Friday, March 20: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, April 24: Semester 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, May 15: Staff Professional Development

Parent Meetings

- Thursday, September 11: Grade 9 Parent Orientation
- Thursday, October 16: Grade 9 Parent Evening (Mission and Ignatian Identity)
- Thursday, November 20 (evening): Semester 1 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Friday, November 21 (day): Semester 1 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, December 3: Parent Social Evening
- Thursday, April 23 (evening): Semester 2 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Friday, April 24 (day): Semester 2 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, April 28: Parent Retreat (all parents welcome)

Parent Guild Meetings, 7PM, Aulneau Room

- Wednesday, September 10
- Wednesday, October 8
- Wednesday, November 5
- Wednesday, February 11
- Wednesday, May 6
- Wednesday, June 3

Bake Sales

- Thursday, October 16: Grade 12 Parents
- Thursday, November 13: Grade 11 Parents
- Thursday, February 5: Grade 10 Parents
- Thursday, April 16: Grade 9 Parents

Dress Code I (Regular Dress Code)

- Effective: November 3–April 30
- Dress shirt with collar; tie optional
- Dress pants, socks, and dress belt
- Sport-coat, blazer, or suit-jacket
- Dress shoes

Dress Code II: Warm Weather Dress Code

- Effective: September 5–October 31 and May 1–June 30
- Dress Code I with the following optional changes.
 - Option A: no suit-jacket
 - Option B: St. Paul's polo may be worn in lieu of a shirt, and suit-jacket.
 - Option C: St. Paul's polo worn with dress (chino) shorts (beige, navy, or black). Dress shoes are replaced with athletic (gym) shoes for this option.
 - A St. Paul's branded, non-hooded sweater may be worn in lieu of a St. Paul's polo.

Dress Code V: Formal Dress Code

During formal occasions, including all Masses and other special events designated by the school, students will be required to dress more formally.

- All elements of Dress Code I will be required with the following addition:
 - **A tie must be worn.** Standard neckties or bowties are acceptable.

Dress Code Shopping Tips

Below is a suggested shopping list of dress code items available at the **Crusader Shoppe**.

- St. Paul's Polo Shirts (2–3 shirts)
- St. Paul's Sweater, non-hooded (1 sweater)
- St. Paul's T-shirt for Physical Education Class (1–2 shirts)
- St. Paul's Shorts for Physical Education Class (1–2 pairs)

New inventory will be available in the **Crusader Shoppe** online store later in August. Online orders will be processed beginning **August 29, 2025**.

Visit: <https://store.stpauls.mb.ca>

Clothing Items to Purchase from Other Stores

- Sport coat or Suit Jacket (1)
- Dress Shorts (1–2 pairs in beige, black, or navy)
- Dress Shirts with Collar (2–3 shirts)
- Dress Ties (1–2)
- Undershirts (several)
- Dress Pants (2–3 pairs)
- Leather Belt (1)
- Socks (several pairs of dress and athletic socks)
- Dress Shoes (1 pair)
- Athletic Shoes (1 pair for indoors and 1 pair for outdoors)

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2025–2026 School Calendar

St. Paul's High School



AUGUST 2025				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
ADMIN ON DUTY 18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

SEPTEMBER 2025				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5 ^A
8 ^B	9 ^C	10 ^D	11 ^A	12 ^B
15 ^C	16 ^D	17 ^A	THE WALK 18	19 ^B
22 ^C	23 ^D	24 ^A	25 ^B	26 ^C HOMECOMING
29 ^D	30			

OCTOBER 2025				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
		1 ^A	2 ^B	3
6 ^C	7 ^D	8 ^A	9 ^B	10 ^C
13	14 ^D	15 ^A	16 ^B	17 ^C
20 ^D	21 ^A	22 ^B	23 ^C	24
27 ^D	28 ^A	29 ^B	30 ^C	31 ^D

NOVEMBER 2025				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
3 ^A	4 ^B	CAREER DAY 5 TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK	6 ^C	7 ^D
10	11	12 ^A	13 ^B	14 ^C
17 ^D	18 ^A	19 ^B	20 ^C	21
24 ^D	25 ^A	26 ^B	27 ^C	28 ^D

DECEMBER 2025				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
1 ^A	2 ^B	3 ^C	4 ^D	5 ^A
8 ^B	9 ^C	10 ^D	11 ^A	FRESHMAN 12 RETREAT
15 ^B	16 ^C	17 ^D	18 ^A	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JANUARY 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
			1	2
5 ^B	6 ^C	7 ^D	8 ^A	9 ^B
12 ^C	13 ^D	14 ^A	15 ^B	16 ^C
19 ^D	20 ^A	21 ^B	22 ^C	23 ^D
26	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
2	3	4 ^A	5 ^B	6 ^C
9 ^D	10 ^A	11 ^B	12 ^C	13
16	17 ^D	18 ^A	19 ^B	20 ^C
23 ^D	24 ^A	25 ^B	26 ^C	27 ^D

MARCH 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
2 ^A	3 ^B	4 ^C	5 ^D	6 ^A
9 ^B	10 ^C	11 ^D	12 ^A	13 ^B
16 ^C	WINTER SPORTS 17 DAY	18 ^D	19 ^A	20
23 ^B	24 ^C	25 ^D	26 ^A	27 ^B
30	31			

APRIL 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7 ^C	8 ^D	9 ^A	10 ^B
13 ^C	14 ^D	15 ^A	16 ^B	17 ^C
20 ^D	21 ^A	22 ^B	23 ^C	24
27 ^D	28 ^A	29 ^B	30 ^C	

MAY 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
				1 ^D
4 ^A	5 ^B	6 ^C	7 ^D	8 ^A
11 ^B	12 ^C	13 ^D	14 ^A	15
18	19 ^B	20 ^C	21 ^D	22 ^A
25 ^B	26 ^C	27 ^D	28 ^A	29 ^B

JUNE 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
1 ^C	2 ^D	3 ^A	4 ^B	5 ^C
8 ^D	9 ^A	10 ^B	11 ^C	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

LEGEND	
	Holiday
	Admin / PD Day: No School
	Schedule II: Early Dismissal
	Schedule III: School Assembly
	Schedule IV: Late Start
	Schedule V: School Liturgy
	Exams

Bell Schedules

2025–2026

I

Schedule I: Regular Day			
Period	Start	End	Duration (minutes)
1	8:30 AM	9:35 AM	65
Prayer/Announcements	9:40 AM	9:50 AM	10
2	9:50 AM	10:55 AM	65
3	11:00 AM	12:05 PM	65
Lunch	12:05 PM	12:55 PM	50
4	1:00 PM	2:05 PM	65
5	2:10 PM	3:15 PM	65

II

Schedule II: Early Dismissal			
Period	Start	End	Duration (minutes)
1	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	55
Prayer/Announcements	9:30 AM	9:40 AM	10
2	9:40 AM	10:35 AM	55
3	10:40 AM	11:35 AM	55
Lunch	11:35 AM	12:25 PM	50
4	12:30 PM	1:25 PM	55
5	1:30 PM	2:25 PM	55

III

Schedule III: All School Assembly			
Period	Start	End	Duration (minutes)
All School Assembly	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	55
1	9:30 AM	10:25 AM	55
Prayer/Announcements	10:30 AM	10:35 AM	5
2	10:35 AM	11:30 AM	55
Lunch	11:30 AM	12:15 PM	45
3	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	55
4	1:20 PM	2:15 PM	55
5	2:20 PM	3:15 PM	55

Bell Schedules

2025–2026

IV

Schedule IV: Late Start for Students - Staff Learning			
Period	Start	End	Duration (minutes)
Staff Learning	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	55
1	9:30 AM	10:25 AM	55
Prayer/Announcements	10:30 AM	10:35 AM	5
2	10:35 AM	11:30 AM	55
Lunch	11:30 AM	12:15 PM	45
3	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	55
4	1:20 PM	2:15 PM	55
5	2:20 PM	3:15 PM	55

V

Schedule V: All School Liturgy			
Period	Start	End	Duration (minutes)
All School Liturgy	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	75
1	9:50 AM	10:40 AM	50
Prayer/Announcements	10:45 AM	10:55 AM	10
2	10:55 AM	11:45 AM	50
Lunch	11:45 AM	12:30 PM	45
3	12:35 PM	1:25 PM	50
4	1:30 PM	2:20 PM	50
5	2:25 PM	3:15 PM	50

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St. Paul's Recommended Laptop Specifications

St. Paul's High School **does not require a laptop** to be purchased for school use, but **students will find it beneficial** to have for in class essay writing, projects and research. Students at St. Paul's are provided a subscription to Microsoft 365 which includes Word, Excel and Teams. Microsoft Teams is used for school and course specific communication.

The school suggests the following **minimum** specifications for laptops:

CPU: Intel i3 or AMD Ryzen 3 or Apple M3
RAM: 8GB
Storage: 128GB

The school suggests the following **preferred** specifications for laptops:

CPU: Intel i5/Core 5/Ultra 5 or AMD Ryzen 5 or Apple M4
RAM: 16GB
Storage: 256GB

The following devices are recommended devices. These devices (with the recommended specifications from above) should last the student through their four years at the school. Extended warranty with damage protection is strongly recommended.

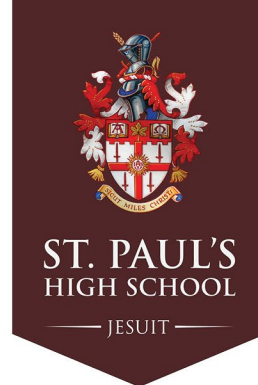
1. Windows 11 laptop (Recommended brands: Lenovo, HP, Microsoft, Acer)
2. MacBook Air 13"

If the students want to use a touch device with a stylus, an iPad or Microsoft Surface could replace the laptops above if a keyboard is purchased for the device. **Chromebooks are not recommended** due to limitations in software compatibility, offline functionality and processing power. **Phones are also not recommended as a primary device** because of their limited typing ability and general functionality. If you have any questions, please message Jason Hurton at jhurton@stpauls.mb.ca.

St. Paul's Library Temporary Laptop Lending Policy

1. Library laptops are strictly for **temporary and occasional use**. They are not meant to be a student's personal note-taking device for everyday use. Library laptops may only be borrowed for **one school day** and must be returned to the library before the end of the day.
2. They are available only to students who:
 - Have **forgotten their own device** for the day.
 - Require a laptop because **their personal device is under repair** but will be returned to them in the very near future.

Education for Life



Parents of Grade Nine Students,

Congratulations on your child's acceptance to St. Paul's High School, and welcome to the St. Paul's community as parents. We, the members of the counselling department, are looking forward to building positive relationships with your family over the next four years as we work to support your child's growth and development.

We are excited to extend a warm welcome our new students with a day of fun and an opportunity to meet other students in a relaxed environment at Camp Day, held at **Camp Manitou on Friday, September 12th**. Activities will be supervised by camp staff as well as St. Paul's teachers, and will include engaging experiences such as a climbing wall, zip-lining, archery, kayaking/canoeing, team games, biking and a low ropes course.

Students will meet in the Cass Gym at St. Paul's at 8:30 a.m. (regular school start) and depart shortly thereafter by school bus. The route is 12.5 km and should take approximately 15 minutes. Return buses will leave the camp at 2:40 and should arrive back at St. Paul's at approximately 3:00 p.m for an early dismissal. An "all you can eat" pizza lunch will be provided. However, if your child has dietary restrictions/preferences, please have him pack a bagged lunch. Students should **bring a refillable water bottle** for use throughout the day, as well as **a beverage for lunch**. Students are welcome to wear casual dress but should be prepared to stay outside all day. Depending on the weather, dressing in layers, a hat, and sunscreen may be wise.

There is no cost to parents for this outing.

A permission slip and a waiver form will be sent to you electronically in the coming days.

If you have questions, feel free to contact your son's counsellor once school begins.

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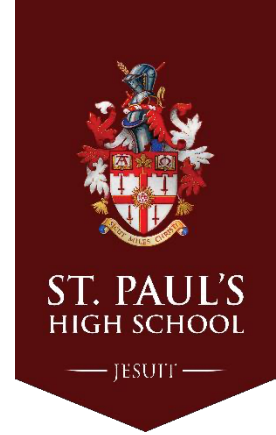
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Best wishes,

Jennifer Kolton

Showing the Way to God | Walking with the Excluded Journeying with Youth | Caring for our Common Home

- The Four Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) of the Society of Jesus



June 11, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to introduce our Ignatian Service Program, a cornerstone of our mission at St. Paul's High School to form young men of compassion, conscience, and competence in the Jesuit tradition. This program invites our students to live out the call to be “men for others” through meaningful volunteer service, fostering personal growth, empathy, and a deeper connection to our community.

The Ignatian Service Program requires all Grade 10 and Grade 11 students to secure a volunteer placement by early October, completing a minimum of 24 hours of service throughout the school year. There are specific requirements for each grade level.

- **Grade 10 Students:** Their service must address one of the Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs), which include (1) showing the way to God, (2) walking with the excluded, (3) caring for our common home, and (4) journeying with youth. For example, a student might volunteer with an environmental initiative to care for creation or mentor younger children in a sports team to support youth development.
- **Grade 11 Students:** Their service must involve face-to-face engagement with individuals who are marginalized or excluded in society, such as those experiencing poverty, homelessness, or social isolation. The goal is to build relationships, understand the stories of those they serve, and reflect on the dignity of every person.

We encourage you to discuss potential volunteer opportunities with your son, helping him identify a placement that aligns with his interests and the program's requirements. Local organizations such as community centres, shelters, food banks, or environmental groups are excellent starting points.

By participating in the Ignatian Service Program, our students will not only contribute to the common good but also grow in their understanding of justice, solidarity, and the Ignatian call to see Christ in others. At this time, we simply ask that you support your son in meeting the October deadline for securing a placement and encourage him to approach this opportunity with an open heart.

More details will be communicated to families very early in the school year. Thank you for your partnership in nurturing the spiritual and social growth of our young men.

Sincerely,

Christian Martinez
Campus Minister