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Welcome Weeks 2026 Schedule

Sign up for Saint Mary's University Welcome Weeks events and build your schedule:

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Please contact welcome@smu.ca if you have questions or require any assistance.

Friday, September 4

Access at SMU

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 1 – 4 p.m.

Location: Sobey Inspiration Hub 324.

ACCESS at SMU is designed for incoming students with disabilities, learning differences, or medical conditions, and the parents or supporters who will be part of their journey. If you had accommodations in high school and have a documented disability, this event helps you understand how to access similar support at the university level

Saturday, September 5

Crack the Code to the Patrick Power Library

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: All Day September 5 - 14

Location: Patrick Power Library

Put your problem-solving skills to the test with a brain-teasing scavenger hunt in the Patrick Power Library! Solve clues to earn a small reward and enter a draw to win one of four \$25 SMU Bookstore gift cards. Visit the Library desk from September 5–14!

Service Expo

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm.

Location: Loyola Academic Building

Drop by the Loyola Academic Building to visit some essential services, and get your questions answered!

Campus Tours

- Mid to High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Location: Meet at Isaacs Commons

Get to know campus and discover key supports and services on a guided tour. Pack Leaders will show you must-see spots, share their tips and tricks, and help you feel at home at SMU!

Parent and Supporter Orientation

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 1:30pm – 3:00pm.

Location: Atrium 101.

Parents and supporters can learn what to expect as their student begins university. Learn about Saint Mary's services and supports and gain practical tips for supporting your student through their first year at SMU. (Session is for the parents and supporters of new students.)

City Walking Tour

- Mid to High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm.

Location: Depart from Quad.

Explore downtown Halifax on a guided walking tour featuring iconic landmarks, including the waterfront, Citadel Hill, and Spring Garden Road. Get to know your new city, meet fellow students, and discover local tips along the way!

SMUSA Family Feud

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

Location: McNally Main Auditorium.

Think you've got all the answers? Grab your friends for SMUSA's Family Feud showdown! Compete in hilarious rounds, enjoy free pizza and snacks, and cheer on your fellow Huskies. Find out who will be crowned this year's SMUSA Harvey!

Sunday, September 6

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International Student Welcome

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Location: Sobey Inspiration Hub 324.

International students: Meet staff and student leaders from the International Student Centre. Learn about immigration documents, Nova Scotia ID cards, Social Insurance Numbers, campus services, and more. Get introduced to life in Canada! Lunch is provided.

International Parent Meet and Greet

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm.

Location: Sobey Inspiration Hub 325.

Parents and supporters of international students can learn about university services, what to expect, and how to support their students. Meet President Dr. Michael Khan and Associate Vice-President Student Affairs Tom Brophy, then join the Global Welcome Lunch.

Global Welcome Lunch

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm.

Location: Loyola Academic 290.

International students: Connect with fellow international students over a meal and get to know one another. Meet the President, Dr. Michael Khan, Associate Vice President, Student Affairs & Services, Tom Brophy, other university staff and the SMUSA executives.

Transfer Student Welcome

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Slides made available upon request

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm.

Location: Atrium 216.

New to SMU as a transfer student? Connect with fellow transfer students, discover key services and resources, and explore ways to get involved academically, socially, and beyond the classroom as you settle into your new campus.

Start Strong

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Slides made available upon request

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm.

Location: Atrium 101.

Start with confidence! Build practical skills for managing your time, balancing academic and student life, and creating habits for success. The Student Success team will share helpful tips and introduce services and support to help you thrive throughout your first year.

Welcome to Residence

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Location: McNally Main Auditorium.

Kick off your residence experience by meeting new people, learning the essentials, and getting connected. Discover what res life has to offer and start building your community from day one.

Off Campus Student Welcome

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Location: Sobey Inspiration Hub 324.

Commuting to campus? Learn how to make the most of your commute, navigate the UPass, find lockers and study spaces, and discover ways to get involved, build community, and make campus feel like home.

Let's Talk Sex! Bingo

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

Location: McNally Main Auditorium.

Think you know your stuff? Put your sex ed knowledge to the test! Bust myths, learn surprising facts, challenge your friends, and win prizes in this fast-paced, judgment-free mix of fun and learning.

SMUSA Welcome to the Gorsebrook

- High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 9:00pm – 1:00am.

Location: Gorsebrook Lounge.

Kick off the year with a throwback glow party featuring a live DJ spinning 2016 hits, free pizza, and nostalgic vibes. Meet new people, discover the Gorsebrook, and celebrate the start of your SMU experience with energy and fun!

Monday, September 7

Group Welcome Session

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Slides made available upon request

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am.

Location: Loyola Academic.

Meet your Welcome Weeks group, connect with students in your faculty, and get to know your Pack Leaders. Learn about Welcome Weeks and make your first campus connections before heading together to Opening Celebrations and P.U.M.P.

Opening Celebrations and P.U.M.P

- Mid to High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Location: Huskies Stadium.

Celebrate being a SMUdent at Opening Celebrations on Huskies Field! Then, meet new people through People Up Meeting People P.U.M.P., a fun team-building event packed with interactive icebreakers, laughs, and new friends. Stick around afterward for the New Student BBQ!

New Student BBQ

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm.

Location: Quad.

Enjoy a BBQ, meet fellow new students, and celebrate the start of your SMU experience! Sponsored by Alumni and the SMU Health & Wellness Fund.

RAD Cup

- High Sensory

Time: 2:00pm – 3:30pm.

Location: Huskies Stadium.

Get ready for some friendly competition at the RAD Cup! Join fellow students for games, challenges, and team spirit as you connect, compete, and have an unforgettable afternoon.

SMUSA Husky Festival

- High Sensory

Time: 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

Location: Quad.

Once a Husky, always a Husky! Celebrate Welcome Weeks with carnival games, inflatables, music, food, and campus spirit! Challenge your friends, enjoy free pizza, popcorn, and cotton candy, and experience one of Saint Mary's favourite traditions while making memories with your new community.

Ace Your First Term

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Slides made available upon request

Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

Location: Atrium 101

Set yourself up for success with study strategies, time management tips, and practical advice for university learning with the Student Success Centre and Peer Success Coaches. Hear from experienced students and discover tools to help you succeed from your very first week of classes.

Trashformers: How to Recycle

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Location: Loyola Academic 188.

Learn how to recycle properly in residence and make a positive impact on the environment. This quick, informative session will help you sort waste correctly and live more sustainably on campus.

Tuesday, September 8

Faculty of Arts Academic Welcome

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Location: McNally Main Auditorium.

Get to know your degree, meet your professors, and connect with classmates before classes begin. This informative and interactive session is a great opportunity to learn more about your program and start building your Arts community at Saint Mary's! The Presidents' Welcome Lunch is included!

Faculty of Science Academic Welcome

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Location: Loyola Academic 290.

Meet your Deans, Professors, Academic Advisors, and fellow Science students! Learn what you need for your first week, discover ways to get involved, find support, and explore exciting opportunities in the Faculty of Science. The Presidents' Welcome Lunch is included!

Commerce Getting Involved

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 10:30am – 11:30pm.

Location: Loyola Academic.

Connect with fellow commerce students and explore ways to get involved at SMU! Discover clubs, societies, student leadership, and campus events while Pack Leaders share tips and stories to help you find your people and your place on campus.

Presidents' Welcome Lunch

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 11:30am – 1:30pm.

Location: Quad.

Join the SMU and SMUSA Presidents for lunch, connect with fellow new students, and celebrate the start of your SMU journey.

Arts & Science Getting Involved

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 10:30am – 11:30pm.

Location: Loyola Academic.

Connect with fellow arts and science students and explore ways to get involved at SMU! Discover clubs, societies, student leadership, and campus events while Pack Leaders share tips and stories to help you find your people and your place on campus.

Commerce Academic Welcome

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Location: Loyola Academic 290.

Begin your academic journey at the Sobey School of Business! Meet fellow students, connect with your Dean, faculty, and staff, hear from current students, and discover how business can be a force for good through interactive activities and discussions. The Presidents' Welcome Lunch is included!

Santamarian Ceremony

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

Location: McNally Main Auditorium.

Officially become a Santamarian! Join university leaders, alumni, faculty, and staff for this special ceremony to celebrate your SMU journey, officially sign into the University, and receive a special Santamarian gift from the President.

Shopping Trip

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

Location: Depart from O'Donnell Hennessy Student Centre.

Join the International Student Centre to shop for school supplies, residence or apartment essentials, and personal items before classes begin. Travel to Halifax Shopping Centre with SAGA volunteers via Halifax Transit, and remember to bring your Student ID! Everyone is welcome!

Laundry Day

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

Location: Loyola Academic 188.

New to doing laundry? We've got you covered! Learn how to use the machines, tips for keeping your clothes fresh, and how to avoid common laundry mistakes in residence.

SMUSA Late Night Breakfast

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 7:30pm – 10:00pm.

Location: Loyola Academic 290.

Enjoy a buffet-style breakfast after dark, games, and interactive activities designed to help you meet new people. Come in your comfiest PJs, connect with fellow students, and unwind with comfort food, cozy vibes, and good company!

Wednesday, September 9

Service Expo

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm.

Location: Loyola Academic Building

Drop by the Loyola Academic Building to visit some essential services, and get your questions answered!

Peer Success Coach Lemonade Stand

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm.

Location: Quad.

Come by the Lemonade Stand in the Quad to meet the Peer Success Coaches. Grab a drink from the coaches and find out how you can connect with your Peer Success Coach this year!

Mario Mania

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm.

Location: Patrick Power Library.

Drop by Games in the Library between classes for Mario Kart, snacks, and some much-needed fun! Jump on a controller, race your friends (or new ones), and take a fun reset before heading back to class

What the Tech?

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Slides provided upon request

Time: 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

Location: Patrick Power Library Classroom.

Get connected with SMU technology! Learn the essentials of SMU email, Brightspace, Microsoft 365, campus Wi-Fi, printing, and other digital resources to help you start your term feeling confident and prepared.

Keep It Social Obstacle Course

- Mid to High Sensory

Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

Location: Loyola Academic 290

Test your skills on a fun obstacle course with a twist! Navigate challenging obstacles while wearing simulation alcohol and cannabis impairment goggles, and see how impairment can affect your ability to Keep it Social.

Thursday, September 10

Unlocking Your Course Syllabus

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Slides provided upon request

Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm.

Location: Loyola Academic 277.

Learn how to unlock your course syllabus with Peer Success Coaches! Identify key information, important dates, and course expectations while getting practical tips to stay organized, manage your coursework, and build a plan for success from the start of term.

Let's Talk Money

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Slides provided upon request

Time: 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

Location: Patrick Power Library Classroom.

Join SMU Financial Aid & Awards to learn how to manage your finances as an undergraduate student. Explore tuition payments, budgeting tips, scholarships, bursaries, and financial supports available to help you succeed at SMU.

SMUSA Husky Royale

- Mid to High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

Location: Loyola Academic 290.

Step into Husky Royale, a high-energy games night where you and your friends can dive into an evening of cards, wheels, and friendly competition! Play for points, bragging rights, and fun prizes! Bounce between tables, try your luck, and see if you can finish the night on top!

Friday, September 11

Athletics and Recreation Day

- Mid to High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Location: Homburg Centre.

Come check out Athletics & Recreation Day! From 1-4 at the Homburg Centre try fitness classes, dodgeball, pickleball, games, facility tours, and more. Explore the fitness and recreation centre, get active, meet fellow students, and then head out to play lawn games and cheer on the Huskies at the Football Home Opener! (Gate and lawn games at 6:00pm, kick off at 7:00pm- see you there!)

Shopping Trip

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Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Location: Depart from O'Donnell Hennessy Student Centre.

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Vision and Vibes: Your Board, Your Future

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Location: Patrick Power Library Classroom.

Create a vision board, set goals, and connect with fellow students! Enjoy free craft supplies and snacks while creating a personalized board to keep you inspired, motivated, and grounded throughout the year.

Touchdown Pep-Rally

- Mid to High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Location: Huskies Stadium.

Get game-day ready at the Touchdown Pep-Rally! Enjoy interactive booths, games, face painting, music, giveaways, and activities before the football home opener. Wear your maroon, meet fellow students, and help kick off another exciting Huskies season!

ResLife Student Social

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

Location: Sobey Inspiration Hub 324.

Come hang out at the ResLife Student Groups (RLSG) Social and meet other residents in a relaxed, fun setting. Enjoy activities, conversations, and a chance to build connections within your residence community.

SMU Huskies Varsity Football Game

- High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Location: Huskies Field.

The reigning AUS Champion Huskies are back to defend their title! Cheer on Saint Mary's as they take on the Mount Allison Mounties in their home opener. Pack the stands, show your Huskies pride, and kick off another championship season under the lights!

Saturday, September 12

Peggy's Cove and Lunenburg Day Trip

- Mid to High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 8:30am – 6:00pm.

Location: Depart from O'Donnell Hennessy Student Centre.

Explore Peggy's Cove and the charming town of Lunenburg on a day trip with the International Student Centre. Wander scenic streets, snap photos, enjoy delicious local cuisine, and discover Nova Scotia's beautiful coastline and iconic destinations!

SMU Huskies Varsity Rugby Game

- High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Location: Huskies Field.

Cheer on the Saint Mary's Huskies Women's Rugby team as they take on the Acadia Axewomen in their home opener! Experience the excitement of varsity rugby, show your Huskies pride, and help make the home opener one to remember!

Sunday, September 13

SMUSA Mystery Party

- High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 7:00pm – 10:30pm.

Location: Meet on first floor Student Centre.

Get ready for a night to remember at SMUSA's biggest mystery party of the year! The location? Top secret (for now) but trust us... it'll be worth the wait. Expect a live DJ, great vibes, and free pizza! Whether you're showing up with friends or flying solo, this party is your chance to celebrate the new school year with good energy and good people.

Monday, September 14

Queer Student Welcome

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Location: Sobey Inspiration Hub 324.

Celebrate with the LGBTQIA+ community at Saint Mary's! Meet fellow queer students, make connections, discover campus resources and supports, and explore opportunities to get involved. Come as you are for an evening of community, conversation, and fun.

Tuesday, September 15

Graduate Student Social

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm.

Location: Grad Student Lounge.

Connect with fellow graduate students, meet your Peer Success Coach, and explore the Graduate Student Lounge! Enjoy a snack, ask questions, discover campus resources and supports, and start building your network and graduate student community at SMU.

Graduate Student Library Info Session

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Slides made available upon request

Time: 2:30pm – 4:00pm.

Location: Patrick Power Library.

Discover how the Patrick Power Library can support your graduate studies! Meet your librarians, explore study spaces and specialized resources, learn about research services, and discover tools and support to help you get started.

The “Yard” Reunion and Black Students Welcome

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Location: Sankofa Black Excellence Commons.

The "Yard" Reunion & Welcome is the official meet and greet for new and returning black Students hosted by the Black Student Advising Office. Come eat, chat with your Black Student Advisor, meet your peers- just community in the spirit of Ubuntu!

SMUSA Gift Card Bingo

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Location: Student Centre First Floor.

Who doesn't love free gift cards? Whether you're a bingo pro or it's your first time, come out for a cozy evening of Gift Card Bingo, an easygoing, high-reward event where every round is a chance to win. Bring a friend, grab your card, and get ready to yell “Bingo!”

Wednesday, September 16

Access Nova Scotia on Campus

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Location: Patrick Power Library.

Access Nova Scotia will be on campus issuing Nova Scotia Identification Cards. Students will need their Nova Scotia ID to enter restaurants, pubs, and any other establishment where government ID is required.

COST: The Nova Scotia ID costs \$17.70. Must pay with debit/credit card (cash is not accepted). The card is valid for 5 years.

NOTE: Must bring your passport, study permit and SMU student ID.

SMUSA Societies and Partners' Expo

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm.

Location: Quad.

Looking to get involved on campus? Visit the Society & Partners Expo to discover student societies and campus partners, enjoy games and giveaways, and find new ways to connect, meet people, and make the most of your SMU experience!

Festival of Food

- Low to Mid Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm.

Location: Quad.

The Festival of Food welcomes food trucks from throughout Halifax to campus for the day! Grab a friend and come enjoy something delicious! Note: This is a paid event, and some vendors only accept cash.

Study Hall Open House

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

Location: Patrick Power Library Classroom.

Discover Study Hall, a weekly workspace with snacks, academic resources, and support from a Research Librarian, Writing Tutor, and Peer Success Coach. Review your syllabi, tackle early assignments, and ease into the term with support and community.

Thursday, September 17

Service Canada on Campus

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Location: Patrick Power Library.

Service Canada will be on-campus issuing Social Insurance Numbers (SIN). The Social Insurance Number (SIN) is a nine-digit number that students need to have before they work in Canada or to access to government programs and benefits.

NOTE: Must bring your passport, study permit and SMU student ID.

Arthur L. Irving Entrepreneurship Centre Open House

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Location: Arthur L. Irving Entrepreneurship Centre.

Explore the Arthur L. Irving Entrepreneurship Centre! Tour the space, meet the team, discover student programs and opportunities, and enjoy interactive games, AI experiences, tech giveaways, and free snacks. Discover how the Centre can support your entrepreneurial journey!

Time Management Toolkit

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Slides made available upon request

Time: 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

Location: Loyola Academic 275.

Get organized and make the most of your time! Join the Peer Success Coaches to learn practical strategies, tackle common challenges, and create a personalized weekly schedule to stay on top of your goals all term.

Golden Hour Crafts

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Location: Atrium 340.

Get creative with fun craft options, sip delicious mocktails, and connect with fellow students. Try something new, unwind, and make memories while creating your own unique masterpiece or trying something new!

Friday, September 18

Science and Engineering New Student Drop-In Advising

- Low Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Location: Atrium 301.

Meet your Academic Science Advisors and get your questions answered! Stop by the Science Advising Centre to connect with the team and learn how they can support you throughout your studies.

Saturday, September 20

Welcome to Nova Scotia Evening

- Mid to High Sensory
- Wheelchair Accessible

Time: 5:00pm – 9:00pm.

Location: Gorsebrook Lounge.

Experience a traditional Nova Scotia kitchen party with local music, dance, trivia, prizes, free pizza, and non-alcoholic drinks. Meet new friends, connect with your SMU community, and celebrate Nova Scotia culture at the Gorsebrook Lounge! Make yourself at home!