



Parent and Family Weekend, Santa Fe

St. John's College in Santa Fe invites you and your family to Parent and Family Weekend 2011. This year, Parent and Family Weekend is focused on exploring differences between the ancient and modern understandings of art and enquiry. Does art merely represent philosophical ideas, or does it offer an independent means for engaging in enquiry and exploration? Are paintings simple shadows that are projected like cartoons on walls, or can a painting be a means of dialogue that is as effective as the written word? We will approach these questions, and more, via a special lecture and parent seminar. The text for the seminar will be the "Allegory of the Cave" from Book VII of Plato's Republic. There will also be plenty of time in the schedule for you to visit with your son or daughter and sit in on classes as well. You can register online at www.regonline.com/PFW11, or by mail via the enclosed registration form (registration deadline is September 30, 2011).

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Registration

Coffee Shop, Peterson Student Center
3 - 6 p.m.

Pick up your registration materials when you arrive on campus.

Observe a Seminar

The heart of the St. John's curriculum is the evening seminar. We invite you to observe your student's seminar, but keep in mind that only students and tutors are allowed to speak. Please contact your student ahead of time to get his or her seminar reading, meeting time and room number.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Registration

Coffee Shop, Peterson Student Center
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Observe a Tutorial

Parents are invited to observe Friday classes, which may include language, mathematics, laboratory, or music depending on your student's course schedule. If you plan to observe your student's classes, please contact him or her ahead of time to get his or her Friday class schedule and room numbers. As with seminar, we ask that you observe only. You will have an excellent opportunity to be an active participant in the Parents' Seminars on Saturday.

Campus Tours

Coffee Shop, Peterson Student Center
Leaving at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Meet the Tutors Reception

*Junior Common Room and Balcony,
Peterson Student Center*
4:30 - 6 p.m.

This is an invaluable opportunity for parents to meet senior administration, faculty, staff, and other parents. Students are welcome to attend so they may introduce you to their current tutors.

Dean's Lecture: Pictures and Meaning in Contemporary Art

Great Hall, Peterson Student Center
8 p.m.

The Friday Night Lecture is an important part of the St. John's Program, and is well attended by students and faculty alike. Tonight's lecture will be given by Laura Steward, an author, art historian, and curator of contemporary art. From her précis: For most of the history of art in the West, the role of the visual artist was to depict myths, biblical stories, historical events, or scenes from daily life, and that of the viewer was to interpret works of art through the texts they pictured. Advanced works of art of our own time, however, very rarely illustrate texts, and there is almost never a simple answer to the question "what does it mean?" This lecture will consider how and why the visual arts unhinged themselves from texts and, more importantly, how we viewers can interpret works of art that do not refer to stories we already know. How do such works create meaning?

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Parents' Seminar

Santa Fe Hall: Staff members will be located at the north doors of Santa Fe Hall to give room assignments.
9:45 a.m. - Noon

The seminar experience awakens an intense curiosity regarding the eternal questions of human existence, deepens one's understanding of a text, and provides an environment for intellectual growth and personal enrichment. This is your chance to experience the very essence of learning at St. John's College. Registration is required, and participants are asked to read the selected text prior to arrival on campus at least once. This year's seminar will be co-led by tutors and members of the Student Committee on Instruction.

The text for the parents' seminars this year is the "Allegory of the Cave," from Book VII of Plato's *Republic*. This popular passage is among the best known sections of Plato's writings, and is an accessible and provocative discussion of the role of the philosopher in society, as well as touching on questions of the best forms of education and child-rearing.

(Please note that Parents' Seminars are for Parents only, and students will certainly be happy to use this time to sleep in!)

A copy of the reading will be sent to you as part of your registration confirmation packet.

President's Lunch

Great Hall, Peterson Student Center
12:30 - 2 p.m.

Join President and Mrs. Peters for lunch as the formal events of Parents' Weekend come to a close.

Gallery Walking Tours

Railyard and Canyon Road Arts Districts

The city of Santa Fe has long been a center for artistic expression. Parents are invited to take a self-guided walking tour of two of the main arts districts close to the campus, the Railyard and Canyon Road. Explanatory materials and maps will be available at registration. For more information on tour companies offering guide services by foot or by tram, contact the college Advancement Office at the numbers listed below.

Waltz Party

Great Hall, Peterson Student Center
8 p.m. - midnight

A long tradition at the college, waltz parties liven up the weekends for a break from study. Join your students for waltz, jitterbug, swing, rock, and more.

ALSO ON CAMPUS

Dining Hall

Breakfast 8 - 10 a.m., Continental Breakfast
10 - 10:30 a.m.: Monday thru Friday
Price: \$7.00 (Parents \$5)
Lunch 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Mon - Fri
Price: \$9.00 (Parents \$6.00)
Sat & Sun Continental Breakfast 8-10:30 a.m.,
Brunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Price: \$9.00 (Parents \$6)
Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.: Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun
Price: \$9.00 (Parents \$6)
Monday & Thur 5 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Coffee Shop

Tue, Wed, Fri 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Mon & Thur Open from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Bookstore

(Schedule subject to change)
Monday - Thursday: 8:45 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:45 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 12 - 6 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

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Mondays: 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m. - midnight
Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. - midnight
Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. - midnight

Event Registration

We strongly encourage online registration at <http://www.regonline.com/PFW11>, but you may also register by filling out this form and mailing it to the college's Advancement Office no later than September 30, 2011. The \$50.00 registration fee covers all activities; there is a maximum charge of \$100 per family. Current St. John's students and those under 12 years old may participate at no charge. Please be sure to indicate the number of participants from your family for each event, including your student where applicable.

Please print legibly.

Name of Registrants and relationship to student:

Name (s) _____
First Last

Name (s) _____
First Last

Address _____

_____ *City State Zip*

Phone _____
Day Evening

E-mail _____

Your student's name, class year _____

May we share your contact information with other participants?

Yes No

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Thursday evening
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Registration Fees

The cost of registration includes all events. Fee for one person is \$50; for more than one, \$100 inclusive of all attendees.

No. Attending _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

● Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

● Visa ● MasterCard
● American Express ● Discover

Name on credit card _____

Card number _____

Expiration date _____ CVV number _____

Amount _____

Signature _____

Please return in the enclosed envelope by:
September 30, 2011 or via fax to 505-984-6167

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