



Dear SFIS Family,

It's December and Christmas songs are in every store, the weather is cold, and I hope the turkey (if you had some) was nothing short of spectacular. The last days of the semester are fast approaching and with that, the final exams stressors can be next level for our students. Please encourage them, remind them to study, and to manage their time wisely. We'll keep them as focused as we can here in Student Living.

An important reminder, the Friday academic class schedule for December allows for an early release for students at 2:00pm on the following days: December 6th and 13th. On those days the available Rail Runner times are 2:52pm and the 4:20pm southbound train departures. Please call your student's SLA or RA each week by Thursday to authorize your student(s) to ride the Friday train home. Rail Runner travel will not be available the last week of the semester (12/15-12/20), this includes mid-week requests regardless of reason. Please plan with your student accordingly.

Additionally, If you did not know, the last week of the semester (12/16-12/19) is when academics has final exams, during that time students will finish their school day early with a dismissal time of 12:40PM. The dorms will be open to accept our students at that time, and schedules have been adjusted to account for this. It should be noted that we do still hold activities and study hall for the students during that week, but we are cognizant of their testing load. We do ask that families be supportive of our students getting their study time in, considering finals can already be hard enough with preparation.

Details on the Student Living department provided Winter Travel have been shared before through various messaging and SL Staff phone calls, but please see the attached flyers for any information you may need. Be aware that this year is different than those in the past because we are only providing transportation to those communities outside the 60-mile radius from SFIS, based on the student's NASIS address. Be aware these numbers have already been confirmed and no additional adjustments can be made.

Christmas Break starts Thursday, December 19th with the end of exams at 12:40PM. We highly encourage those families that are able, especially our within 60-mile radius communities to pick-up their students for that extra day of rest and family connection. We will be sending a certain amount of those students who are taking the department provided travel that same day to get them home earlier for some restful family connection time.

Friday, December 20th is the travel day for those students who are taking the SL department provided transportation from communities that require a multi-hour drive. We do want to be aware of the sunset and do our best to not travel during that time. Departure dates and times have been attached to this letter. The dorms will reopen after the break on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025 at 4pm.

This newsletter is HSSL's way of having more communication with our Parents and Guardians each year. We have included the December Activity Calendar, which has everything going on at High School Student Living. Martina Valdo, MSSL Coordinator, will send a newsletter and calendar on behalf of Middle School Student Living, if it has not arrived already by this letter's publication.



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of our Student Living Staff, including myself. I can be reached at my office number (505) 216-7307, my cell phone number (505) 490-5990, or via email at (ltromero@sfis.k12.nm.us).

Sincerely,
Leslie Romero
Student Living Director

P.S. We've added some extra flyers to let you know about the College and Career Plaza FAFSA Night for families, as well as our notice of a Giving Back opportunity sponsored by Student Living. We thank you for taking the time to read!

STUDENT LIVING FLOOR CELL PHONES

NOTICE:

Student Living has received cell phones for emergency communication to the floors. Be aware, these cell phones are not in the sole "ownership" of the SLAs, they are cell phones meant for the whole floor, mainly for emergency-type purposes. Please do not be afraid to call these numbers, but be aware that it may take time if you are looking for a specific staff member to speak to. As a courtesy we would request that parents please clarify who the message is for whenever you text or when leaving a voicemail. These phones are not "manned" from 8AM-1PM Mon.-Thurs. Student Living Leadership's cell phones are always on-hand.

Middle School Student Living	
MSSL Boys	(505) 372-9724
MSSL Girls	(505) 372-9725
High School Student Living	
HSSL 1st A-Wing (Girls)	(505) 396-1391
HSSL 2nd A-Wing (Girls)	(505) 396-1396
HSSL 3rd A-Wing (Girls)	(505) 396-1374
HSSL Pod C (Girls)	(505) 396-1387
HSSL 1st B-Wing (Boys)	(505) 396-1389
HSSL 2nd B-Wing (Boys)	(505) 396-1382
HSSL 3rd B-Wing (Boys)	(505) 396-1394
Student Living Leadership	
Leslie Romero, Student Living Director	(505) 490-5990
Delilah Crespín, HSSL Supervisor	(505) 699-8560
Martina Valdo, MSSL Coordinator	(505) 490-2845

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Health & Wellness GIVING BACK Assembly

WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 11, 2024

As part of our December Core Value: **Giving Back**, we are kindly asking for donations during this Christmas season, all donated items can be dropped off with dorm staff anytime or during our Health and Wellness Assembly. Donation Boxes will be stationed at both Middle School and High School Student Living.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED ARE: NON- PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, GENTLY USED CLOTHING: WINTER CLOTHING: SCARVES, GLOVES, HATS, SOCKS ETC.

**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE
GIVEN TO TRIBAL
COMMUNITIES FOR THOSE
THAT ARE IN NEED.**



FAMILY FAFSA NIGHTS

The FAFSA Opens December 1st
Join us to get it done!
The earlier the better.

Please Bring:

- ✓ Chromebook/Laptop Computer (Charged Up!)
- ✓ Your FSA ID <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/>
- ✓ 2023 Tax Forms & W-2s for guardian & working student
- ✓ Permanent Resident Card or Green Card if applicable
- ✓ Social Security Number for student and guardian
- ✓ List of Schools that student is considering
- ✓ Parent(s) marriage status. Dates of marriage or divorce



**DECEMBER
15TH**

6-7:30 pm

HS Dorms

Questions?
Contact Summer Romero CCP Program Coordinator



505-372-9672



summer@collegecareerplaza.org

REGISTER NOW



www.collegecareerplaza.org/events/

Student Living Winter Travel Information

All Winter Travel Rosters, Routes, and Times have been finalized.

Departure: December 19, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Bus/Stop	Destinations Stop Name	Estimated Time of Arrival
1	ABQ / Isleta Pueblo / Bosque Farms / Los Lunas	COACH BUS
1-A	Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104	1:40 PM
1-B	Isleta Travel Center 4050 NM-47, Albuquerque, NM 87105	1:44 PM
3	Thoreau / Gallup / Zuni Pueblo / Crownpoint	MINI COACH
3-A	Speedway, Hwy 371 Mile Marker # 1, Thoreau, NM 87323	3:08 PM
3-B	Speedway, 1189 NM-53, Zuni Pueblo, NM 87327	4:00 PM
4	Aztec / Farmington	SUV
4-A	Speedway 6176- US-64, Bloomfield, NM 87413	3:44 PM
5	Zia Pueblo / Jemez Pueblo / Cuba / San Ysidro	COACH BUS
5-A	Zia Pueblo Fire Station, 550 U.S., Zia Pueblo, NM 87053	1:43PM
5-B	Jemez Pueblo Governor's Office, 4471 Highway 4 North, Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024	1:51 PM
6	Dulce	MINI COACH
6-A	Jicarilla Apache Supermarket, 3 Hawks Dr, Dulce, NM 87528	3:07 PM
7	Taos Pueblo / El Prado	MINI COACH
7-A	Taos Visitor's Center, 1201 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571	2:06 PM
8	Tijeras / Edgewood	SUV
8-A	Sedillo Hill Route 66 Travel Center, 1192 U.S. Rt. 66, Tijeras, NM 87059	1:54 PM

Departure: December 20, 2024 at 7:30 AM

Bus/Stop	Destinations Stop Name	Estimated Time of Arrival
2	Tohajiilee / Laguna Pueblo / Acoma Pueblo / Grants / San Fidel / Casa Blanca / Canoncito / Mesita / Encinal	COACH BUS
2-A	Route 66 Casino, 14500 Central Ave SW, Rio Puerco, Albuquerque, NM 87121	8:42 AM
2-B	Dancing Eagle Travel Center, Exit 108, 187 Casa Blanca Rd, Casa Blanca, NM 87007	9:11 AM
2-C	Sky City Travel Center, I-40 & Exit 102, Acoma Pueblo, NM 87034	9:16 AM
2-D	Asian Super Buffet Parking Lot, 1508 E Santa Fe Ave, Grants, NM 87020	9:31 AM
9	Mescalero	SUBURBAN
9-A	Dollar General, 100 Dollar Parkway, Tularosa, NM 88352	11:21 AM
10	Hotevilla, AZ	SUBURBAN
10-A	Hopi Cultural Center Hwy 264, Milepost 379, Second Mesa, AZ 86043	12:27 PM

