Summer Storage in the Dorms

Shattuck-St. Mary’s recognizes the need for families to store student belongings on campus from one school year to the next. Each dorm has storage space available and dorm parents will guide your child in where and how to store their belongings based on the information below.

Storage is limited to students who will be returning as boarding students for the next school year. It is important to point out that storage in the dorms is not climate or humidity controlled and due to our active summer programming, is not considered secure. This means that we are unable to store some types of items due to space limitations, student health, and security concerns.

The following items may not be stored in the dorm over the summer:

- Carpets and rugs
- Mattresses, mattress pads (eggshell and otherwise)
- TVs/Monitors and other large electronics
- Scooters and bicycles of any type
- Any type of furniture
- All food, medications, and supplements - anything a student takes internally
- Expensive electronics (video game consoles, computers, etc…)
- Any other item of significant value, including expensive clothing, shoes, jewelry, laptops, etc.. or any other item of personal value to the student. All such items need to be taken home.

**All items put into a storage room must be contained in either a plastic bin with a lid (preferred container), a closed box, or a suitcase.** All bins, boxes, and suitcases need to be clearly labeled with the student’s name. Boxes are available in the school store for purchase and bins can be obtained during weekly student outings to Walmart.

Except for rising seniors, if a student is assigned to a different dorm in the coming year, items placed into storage will not be moved and it will be the student’s responsibility to collect and move such items in the fall, usually with some assistance from SSM vehicles. All rising seniors will be asked to place their items in storage in the dorm where they will likely live next year during a designated moving process late in May. The school is not responsible for items which are lost or damaged while placed into dorm storage.

**Storage and shipping assistance** can be obtained from our school store. Boxes can be purchased in the store and staff can assist students in the proper preparation of boxes and other items for shipment. The store is serviced daily by USPS, UPS, FedEx, and other services as well.

**Do you need another option for summer storage?** There are several third-party options. The UPS Store in Faribault will store boxes for students over the summer (for a fee) and then ship them to any location you request in the fall, whether it be a college, another boarding school, back to SSM, or even back home. For more information, contact 507/332-6772. College Boxes is a program with Uhaul that offers a similar service that can include a moving kit and pick up at the dorm.

*(see next page for policy on refrigerators)*
Refrigerator Policy *(similar to what was started last year)*

Since summer storage space is at a premium in our dorms, students are strongly encouraged to take their refrigerators with them when they move out at the end of the term.

The following options are also available:

A. Refrigerator is cleaned and labeled (permanent marker preferred) with the student’s name and moved into the designated summer storage location by the student several days before they leave campus. A $25 summer storage fee will be charged.

B. The refrigerator is officially donated to the school, cleaned and labeled as such, and moved to the designated storage location by the student several days before departure. (no fee)

C. The refrigerator can be cleaned and given/sold to another student, with a label recognized and noted by the dorm parent on the check-out form and moved by the students to the designated storage location several days before departure. No fee except the $25 storage fee for the new owner if it is left on campus.

D. Any refrigerator a student still wishes to keep, but was not moved by the student to the designated location before they departed will be charged an extra $25 cleaning and transport fee on top of the $25 storage fee.

E. Any refrigerator we find abandoned, thrown in a dumpster, or otherwise discarded to avoid any of the above scenarios will be traced back to the student, charged a $200 management fee, and the student will not be allowed to have a refrigerator the following year. This is to compensate for staff effort needed to avoid the illegal dumping of an appliance in the local landfill and the time needed to track down and identify the owner.

F. Any refrigerator that is no longer working or is deemed to be unfit for use by the head dorm parent should be labeled with the student’s name and marked as unusable. It then must be either taken home by the student or transported by the student to the campus loading dock area for recycling ($25 fee).

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