

HELPFUL INFO FOR FRESHMEN PARENTS CLASS OF 2027

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Please check RangerNet for any date changes or event updates. The school calendar will be released in July 2023. Please check the dates once the final school calendar is available; the dates listed here are tentative until confirmed on the official calendar.

ACADEMICS

- **Course schedules** will be posted on RangerNet in July. Any questions may be directed to Molly O’Sullivan, via email at mosullivan@jesuitcp.org or at extension 378.
- **Books** - The book list for the 2023-2024 school year will be released in July and will be found on Rangernet under the Resources tab. Be sure to make note of which digital texts will be provided by Jesuit electronically free of charge.
- **School photos** (for yearbook and student IDs) are taken during Freshmen Orientation on **Wednesday, August 16th from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm**. **All students should have a white shirt and tie for the photo** and a school approved haircut. Most boys wear a white shirt and tie with athletic shorts and tennis shoes—it’s quite the look! PE locks are also distributed on this day. The Ranger Connection store will be open for any spirit wear purchases.
- Purchase specific **school supplies** after the first day of class as specified by each teacher.
- **Label** all books, notebooks, clothing, etc. because freshmen tend to misplace their things.
- **Personal Responsibility Time (PRT)** is scheduled into each day and is a time for students to study, meet with teachers, get assistance in the math lab, work in the Information Commons, go to the Counseling Commons, etc. Freshmen may not enter the senior courtyard and cannot leave campus.
- **RangerNet** is an invaluable resource loaded with detailed, up-to-date information. By now, you should have received your own login and password for Rangernet. Grades, schedules, teacher communications, the school calendar, parent and student directories, and many other parent resources can be accessed through RangerNet. Questions about RangerNet should be directed to Dr. Kirby at bkirby@jesuitcp.org
- It is highly recommended that you access RangerNet often enough to stay informed, but not so often that your son doesn’t learn to take responsibility for himself. General recommendation is once per week, but this will vary significantly from family to family.

DRESS CODE

- Freshmen must wear khaki pants, dress shirt (white, yellow, blue or pink), a tie, a belt, socks and dress shoes.
- Ties – expressive of their personal style. No bow ties or string ties allowed. No caps may be worn during school hours or inside the building.
- Navy blazers are worn during the winter months (usually Nov – Feb/Mar). Students must wear blazers all day except during lunch or when given permission by a teacher to remove them in the classroom. Consider visiting St. Ignatius Closet (see below) or purchasing blazers second-hand at Salvation Army or Goodwill stores. These blazers will be stuffed in gym bags and thrown on the ground for impromptu football games after school so don’t feel the need to buy an expensive one.
- School Badges will be issued at Freshmen Orientation and these are required to enter the school grounds, and are also required to be worn during the school day. Should your son misplace his badge, please have him visit the Office of Student Affairs to get a day replacement badge and make arrangements to secure a new badge.

- Shoes – Dress shoes or Sperry type shoes, no sneakers—black, brown, or cordovan in color and in good repair in keeping with Jesuit’s dress code.
- St. Ignatius Closet: great source for gently used uniform items, hosted by the Jesuit Women’s Auxiliary (JWA), open every 3rd Thursday of the month from 2:00-6:00pm in the Terry Center Foyer; for more info, please visit - www.jesuitdallas.org/closet

TRANSITION INTO HIGH SCHOOL

- The best way for freshmen to meet other freshmen (and girls) is to participate in extracurricular activities & attend various campus events. The pertinent information regarding these activities can be found on Rangernet under “Clubs”. A Club Fair will be held during the first 2-3 weeks of school during each lunch period. Organizations will set up information tables and booths so that students can dialog directly with members and moderators.

SERVICE AND JUSTICE

- As part of understanding the “Men for Others” motto, all Jesuit students are required to complete community service each year.
- Freshmen are required to attend specific workshops at school and participate in specified community service projects in order to complete their service requirements. This is all carefully planned and organized by Jesuit. Outside community service work, although awesome for your college applications, will not be applied to your Jesuit community service requirement.
- Freshmen are not required to track their service hours as attendance will be taken at all events.
- Parents will be advised of their student’s progress on a quarterly basis via email.
- Visit www.jesuitdallas.org/servicejustice for more details and information.

FRESHMAN RETREAT

- Freshman retreat will be held on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023 8:00-3:00pm at Jesuit.**
- **All freshmen are required to attend! Please mark your calendars and be sure your son is there!**
- The retreat begins with a family Mass in the Terry Center at 8:00am—all parents/families are invited to attend. Dismissal is at 3:00 pm.

MUSIC

- Several options are available for students through the music program, including marching & concert band, men’s chorus, liturgical music, and orchestra. Contact Donovan Putnam, Fine Arts Department Chair, by phone at ext. 423 or by email at dputnam@jesuitcp.org.

ATHLETICS

- All freshmen, unless they are in band, will satisfy their P.E. credit through participation in their assigned Freshman Experience course. Tryouts for the various sports teams are arranged within this P.E. period. Jesuit will send out information via email about athletics, including answers to many frequently asked questions and dates for various team try-outs.
- The P.E. dress code will be shared with students during orientation.
- Students are assigned a P.E. locker which must have a regulation P.E. lock issued for free by Student Affairs at Freshmen Orientation. Locks are a must! There are many visiting teams from other schools in our locker rooms throughout the year.
- Have your son ask the P.E. teacher about Intramural Sports (which are separate from the traditional sports teams). Students can also listen for announcements about intramurals during the school day.

SOCIAL

- The Freshman Mixer (with Ursuline) is the first social event for the freshmen. This is scheduled for **Friday, September 8th at Jesuit**. Details are being finalized and information will be sent out via the weekly Ranger Report email.
- Freshmen should learn the Jesuit yell and fight song – they may be called upon at lunchtime to recite or sing it by the upper classmen. Typically, the freshmen will learn this at Freshmen Orientation and from their assigned Big Brothers.

WORK GRANT

- Mr. Ky Vu, ext. 508, is in charge of the work grant program (hint: try to get hours completed in the summer if possible & keep a separate log at home of hours worked).

PARENT MEETING & PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

- The first parent meeting (“meet the teacher”) is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 13**. Details will be sent out closer to the date in the weekly Ranger Report email. Please check the RangerNet calendar for any changes to this date.
- Though not a required event, parent-teacher conferences will be held on **Wednesday, October 11th**. This provides a great opportunity to dialog with faculty. Detailed sign-up instructions will be sent out via the weekly Ranger Report email. Sign-ups will occur via an online system during a specified time period.
- You do not have to meet with every teacher, but will definitely want to schedule an appointment with a teacher *if you have any concerns*.
- Be sure to **sign up early** for the best chance of meeting with the teachers you want to see.
- The school calendar will have the sign-up dates posted well in advance.

PARENT EXCHANGE & PSAT/COLLEGE PLACEMENT MEETING

- All freshmen and their parents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, January 24, 2024**. Please double check RangerNet for any changes to this date.
- Meeting includes an interactive small group discussion between parents and freshmen moderated by junior and senior retreat leaders. Former freshmen parents say “this activity is a must”.
- PSAT scores and college placement information will be presented on this night.
- This is a valuable and insightful evening. Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend!

HOMECOMING

- **Homecoming- 3 parts-** Ranger Day and Pre-Game BBQ, Homecoming Football Game, and Dance
 1. **Ranger Day – Friday, October 20 (8:00 a.m. – noon)**

A tradition at Jesuit that the boys really look forward to...a day of games and contests. Wear casual clothing (T-shirts and shorts) or a costume to school. Students sign up in advance for various events and competitions. See counselors for sign-ups.

Chariot races: Freshman and their big brothers are provided with a chariot which they decorate. The chariots are raced on the football field track at the end of Ranger Day. This is a very entertaining event that parents can watch in person or via live-stream.
 2. **The Game – Friday, October 20, 7:30 p.m. at Jesuit**

Students can purchase tickets in advance. Dress is casual. Boys usually buy the game tickets if they have dates. *Mums*- boys get these for the girls to wear to the game; *Garters*—girls get these for the boys to wear to the game. Order early and support the Booster Club or make your own. It's a good idea to call the girl's mother to help arrange for driving, pregame pictures, dinner, etc. The

freshmen often go in groups to take pictures and have dinner before the game. Not everyone will have a date and groups of boys often attend the game together. Information on purchasing mums and game tickets will be sent out closer to the date in the weekly Ranger Report.

3. **Dance** – Saturday, October 14, 7:00 -11:00pm

It is dressy, but not formal, especially for the younger students. Many of the boys go stag in a group of friends and that is fine! Corsages or hand held bouquets of flowers can be ordered from any florist or grocery store floral department. Order at least 2-3 days in advance. If possible, find out the color of the girl's dress to coordinate flowers and boy's tie.

- **Dinner:** Parents can help the kids choose a restaurant that takes reservations. Sometimes parents will host a dinner for several couples in their homes.
- Allow plenty of time for hair disasters and photo taking (for the girls...). Optional pictures may be taken at the dance.
- Call the girl's mom to confirm the arrangements.
- Students often go in groups of 2 or more couples.
- Once a student leaves the dance, he/she will not be re-admitted. If a student arrives late to the dance (typically after 8:00pm), a parent must be present to sign the student into the dance.
- Limos or party buses are HIGHLY discouraged. The dance is a toned-down homecoming; it's not prom.
- Boys purchase tickets in advance to the dance and must remember to bring them. Information on ticket purchase will be sent out in the weekly Ranger Report closer to the date.

MOTHER SON BRUNCH

- This is an annual event that will be held in Spring of 2024. Typically, it is a reception including professional mom/son pictures followed by mass, brunch and heart-warming tributes. Your son might say you don't need to go, but this is a real treat for all involved. Reservation details and a link will be made available by early Spring.
- Church clothes are appropriate. Think school uniform. Blazers suggested but not required. No jeans.
- Professional photos available that morning – Online ordering and prepayment are recommended to expedite the process but you may also pay at door. A link will be sent out closer to the date.
- Seating is first come, first served and the boys will want to sit with their friends if possible so plan ahead with your group to find a table together.
- The event includes Mass followed by brunch and speakers.

CHALLENGE DRIVE

- The Challenge Drive is the current parents' portion of our annual giving program designed to "bridge the gap" between the price of tuition charged and the cost to educate each student at Jesuit. The GAP this year is \$2,640 per student, and parents are asked to contribute to the Challenge Drive campaign each year to help enable programs and opportunities beyond those covered by tuition alone.
- Look out for a pledge card in the mail, make a gift online, or respond to the parent volunteer who contacts you to participate.
- Jesuit aims for 100% participation, as high participation is an important factor when applying for grants from foundations and corporations. We ask that all parents participate in a way that is meaningful to them – no amount is too small!

CAR POOLS

- Your Mentor Parents group is geographically sorted by area/zip code, so it is a great source for carpooling.
- You can also use the Parent Directory in RangerNet to help find families who live close to you. Login to RangerNet, Select “Directory”, choose “Parent” or “Student”, enter your zip code into the search bar, and select “Include All Fields” to find families in your zip code. A list of all families in your zip code will be shown. Click Map view to see other families in your area on a map of the metroplex.

VOLUNTEER IDEAS

- Visit www.jesuitdallas.org/getinvolved (under the Stay Connected tab on the website) or login to RangerNet, click on Resources>>Parent Involvement Opportunities, and scroll through the various parent organizations. There are so many ways to get involved at Jesuit! Options include something for everyone:
 - JWA, JPATS, the Booster Club, the Jesuit Auction Committee, Booster Club, Mum Making for homecoming, Mentor Parents (sign-up opens in early 2024), Jesuit Dallas Museum, Community Service Parent Support group, Moms in Prayer, etc.
 - Getting involved is a great way to meet other families and feel connected to the mission of the school!

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Phones** – Cell phones may be used during the school day outside of classrooms, in the cafeteria, and in Hughes Hall. Phones will be confiscated by Student Affairs if used inappropriately, during class time, or against the instruction of a teacher.
- **Attendance** – Please contact the Student Affairs office by email at studentaffairs@jesuitcp.org or by voicemail at Ext. 325 by 10am on the day your son is absent, arriving late, or leaving early from school. Please provide documentation for your son’s absence (e.g. doctor’s note). Planned absences must be reported to the Student Affairs office (Ext. 325) prior to the absences.
- **Ranger Connection** is open from 10:30am to 4:00pm on weekdays for purchase of your official Jesuit apparel. Please also visit our online store open 24/7 at www.rangerconnection.org. Items can be ordered for delivery or for in-store pick-up. **You can also create an account for your son online and deposit money there for snack and miscellaneous school supply purchases during the school day.
- **Diagnosed medical conditions/Medication form** – This form indicates prescription and non-prescription meds your son is allowed to take at school. Medicine can only be kept and administered by the Office of Student Affairs. ***Students cannot carry any medication with them on Campus.*** Common medicines (such as Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen) are provided by Jesuit with parental permission as indicated on the required Medication form which is completed online through Magnus. ***Carrying emergency items (like an EpiPen) requires documented approval from parents and the Office of Student Affairs.*** Any other diagnosed medical condition, such as asthma or diabetes, which may require accommodations must also be supported by documentation from a doctor. Please direct any questions to Nurse Anna at ext. 305 or email schoolnurse@jesuitcp.org.
- **Financial Aid information** is available by contacting Mr. Alex Soich, Vice President of Finance and Operations. He can be reached at ext 330 or by email asoich@jesuitcp.org.
- **Pickup/Drop-off Procedure** – please follow the flow of traffic in the front circle during carpool; the outer two lanes are for waiting for a student and the middle lane is for exiting the circle drive after you’ve picked up your student. All freshmen are to enter the building in the doors to the Hall of Honors, so be sure to **pull up ALL THE WAY TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE** when picking up or dropping off to allow others to turn into the circle drive from Inwood. Please do not park and/or wait for your son across from the school, as these are places of business that are not affiliated with Jesuit.
- **Changes to your address, phone number, email, etc.?** – Log into RangerNet to update your profile. Once you log in, click on your name in the upper righthand corner, select “Profile” from the drop down menu, Edit your information, and Save.

- **School closures or late start times alerts** – Please refer to RangerNet for more information on how to enroll/avail of this service.

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