



2018-2019 Student Information

I. Communication

Telephone contact with students may be made through the residence hall phones listed below. Students may wish to bring a calling card to make outgoing calls through these telephones; they are also welcome to bring mobile phones. Among major carriers, AT&T, Sprint, and Verizon offer the best on-campus coverage.

St. Bernard Hall (Women)
805-421-5986 West ~ 805-421-5987 North

St. Katherine Hall (Men)
805-421-5984 East ~ 805-421-5985 North

Ss. Peter and Paul Hall (Men)
805-421-5993 1st floor East
805-421-5994 1st floor West
805-421-5995 2nd floor East
805-421-5996 2nd floor West

St. Therese Hall (Women)
805-421-5988 North ~ 805-421-5989 South

St. Monica Hall (Women)
805-421-5990 2nd floor North
805-421-5991 2nd floor South
805-421-5992 1st floor

Bl. Serra Hall (Men)
805-421-5997 East ~ 805-421-5998 West

In case of an after-hours emergency, please call 800-634-9797 or 805-525-4417 and press 1.

Mail should be addressed as follows, and may be sent as early as the beginning of August. Mail and packages will be delivered to the students' rooms upon their arrival in August:

Name of Student, Freshman
% Thomas Aquinas College
10,000 Ojai Rd
Santa Paula, CA 93060

II. Computers

Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops. Internet access is available in the College Library and in the mailroom. College computers are available for use in both areas. Students may also use the Ethernet cables provided in these areas to access the internet through their laptops (Wi-Fi is not available). Additionally, College email account access is available in the study rooms located in each residence hall.

II. Transportation

Freshmen should arrive on campus between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16. As College housing and food services will not be ready until that day, please do not plan to arrive earlier than August 16.

Students traveling to the College typically fly into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and then take a shuttle from LAX. The two most popular shuttle options are:

- 1) Ventura County Airporter: www.venturashuttle.com, 805-650-6600. Approximate cost: \$42 pre- paid. The Airporter takes students to Oxnard Airport (OXR) where a College courier can meet them and bring them to the College. Students who use the Ventura County Airporter should contact the College receptionist at (805) 525-4417 at least one week in advance of the day of travel to arrange for a College courier to meet them at the Oxnard Airport.
- 2) Roadrunner Shuttle: www.rrshuttle.com. Approximate cost: \$100. Offers direct transport to campus.

Due to the distance and time involved, the College couriers are unable to meet students at LAX

III. Freshman and Parent Orientation

On the evening of Thursday, August 16, the College will host a barbeque for the freshmen and their accompanying family members. After the barbeque, the College prefects will host a welcome party for all freshmen. At the same time, the Dean and President of the College will host a Parent Orientation meeting

followed by a wine and cheese reception.

On Friday, August 17, the freshmen will assemble in St. Joseph Commons for Orientation and registration. Orientation meetings and activities will continue through Saturday, by which time all tuition and room and board charges for the first semester must be paid.

IV. **Convocation**

Convocation Mass of the Holy Spirit will be said at 9:00 am on Monday, August 220, and will be followed by coffee and donuts. Matriculation for freshmen will begin at 10:45 am in St. Joseph Commons. Freshman classes will begin Tuesday, August 21. Information about the campus and assignments to be completed for the first classes will be found in the College's Handbook, given to freshmen upon their arrival.

V. **Health**

The College nurse visits the campus on a regular schedule and the College physician has an office in nearby Santa Paula. There is also an urgent care clinic and a hospital in Santa Paula.

VI. **Clothing**

Southern California has a moderate climate. Warm days may occur at any time of the year and several weeks of hot weather can be expected in the fall. Winter clothing should include warm sweaters, coats, and rain wear. Temperatures occasionally drop to freezing during the winter. Please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Office (admissions@thomasaquinas.edu) or with any questions. The resident assistant for women, Jeannette Richards, will be sending more specific information separately as well.

For classes, meals, and Mass:

Men wear presentable khakis or slacks (jeans or similar casual pants, e.g. trousers with exterior pockets, are not acceptable), shirts with collars, and dress shoes. For more formal occasions men often elect to wear a suit or coat and tie.

Women wear dress shoes or sandals (not casual or athletic styles) and skirts or dresses with hemlines below the knee. Tops are not tight-fitting and have sleeves and modest necklines. Slacks are not worn at these times.

For sports, recreation, and casual wear:

Men wear jeans or shorts. Shirts are required at all times on campus, except during men's sports on the athletic field and basketball courts.

In informal settings, students wear jeans or longer shorts. Clothing is modest and not tight-fitting. For swimming, women wear either a one-piece bathing suit or a tankini that covers the midriff.

VII. **Important items to bring**

- pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, flash drive
- pillow, blankets, mattress cover, bed linens (*extra-long twin recommended*)
- towels and wash cloths
- desk lamp, alarm clock
- laundry detergent (*Washers and dryers are available for use in the residence halls at no charge.*)
- personal toiletries

VIII. **Additional helpful notes**

- Ship larger items ahead: you may ship and/or order items to be delivered 1-2 weeks ahead of your own arrival. The items will be delivered to your room.
- All required books will be provided upon the students' arrival. There is no need to purchase them.
- Class and roommate assignments will be provided at move-in; please ensure that your registration forms have been completed and submitted!
- Information on nearby accommodations and attractions may be found at <http://www.thomasaquinas.edu/admission/visit-connect>

The College cannot be responsible for the loss of personal valuables.
