



Dear SFIS Family,

September is one of my favorite months throughout the year. I love it when the weather cools down, sweaters are all the rage, and our sports teams are in full competition mode. Anyhow, don't forget for the month of September the following Fridays are Early Release, and as such each will have two Rail Runner options for students to head home: Sept. 1, Sept. 15, & Sept. 22.

Off-Campus Self Sign-Out Day officially starts on September 6th, 2023 and will take place each Wednesday afterward until Daylight Savings Time hits, at which point HSSL will discuss next steps. I admit that the entire HSSL staff is nervous with excitement, and some amount of concern, as we have not had this privilege afforded to our students for several years. Please support us by speaking with your students about being safe in public, SFIS is putting a great deal of trust in each of them, and so are you. We have included the Off-Campus Policies and Procedures with this document to help guide you and your student(s).

Residential Count Week starts September 24th through October 14th. The Count Week period is of the highest importance to both Student Living (SL) programs because it dictates the amount of funding SFIS receives related to the SL programs in future years. We request that you please take note of this critical time, and do your best to support the entire SL program by making sure your students are present on-campus each day. To celebrate the start of Residential Count Week, HSSL's and MSSL's Open House takes place Sunday, September 24th, 2023. We've already begun planning for an awesome time filled with fun, games, and prizes. Your entire family is invited, of course. Specific details will go out as we get closer.

The first SFIS Convocation for the 2023-24 School Year takes place on September 27th, 2023. More information related to the programming for the event will be communicated in the following weeks, but as with every Convocation, the entire SFIS community is invited to attend. Yes, that includes you, parents & guardians and your families.

This newsletter is HSSL's push to have more communication with our Parents and Guardians in 2023-24. To clue you in on what is happening on the floors in September, we've attached our caseload activities for the entire month. If your student has an activity they'd like to explore in the future, encourage them to speak to their SLA. They're always looking for ideas, we need them because we want to create activities that our students have fun with.

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](mailto:ltromero@sfis.k12.nm.us)).

Sincerely,  
Leslie Romero  
Student Living Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study Hall: M-Thurs. 4pm-5:00 pm in the classrooms</li> <li>HS Dinner: 5:30pm</li> <li>Daily Curfew: 7:00 pm &amp; 8:30 pm</li> <li>Athlete Study Hall: Mon-Thur. 6pm-7pm</li> <li>EP starts 9/12 4pm-5:30 pm. SH 7p-8:30pm</li> </ul>					1 Early Release 2pm Dorms Close at 6pm	2 Dorms Closed Acoma Pueblo Feast Day
3 Dorms Closed	4 No Classes <b>All Staff Work Day</b> <b>Dorms Open at 4pm</b>  <b>*Bring Your Child to Work Day</b>	5 Julz- Fire pit Storytelling 7-8:30pm Renee-Smoothies 7:15-8:30p	6 Mark- Fire Pit 7:30p Carlton-Walk to Taco Bell 6-7p Denelle- Walk to Baskin Robbins 6pm Scott-Cooking w/Myron 6:30pm Mary-Team Building Rotunda 7-8p Ray-Bulletin Bd. 6pm Anita-Off Campus Walk 6:30p	7 Pod C-Santa Fe Con. Center 5pm-10pm Gena- Walk to Baskin Robbins 6pm	8	9 State Fair Parade w/ Rec Team 7:30am-4pm
10 Homecoming Week (9/10-9/15)	11 Pod C- Focus Night w/cereal 7p-8:30p Gena-Mall Trip 6-8pm	12 EP Classes Start 4pm-5:30 pm Study Hall in the Dorm 7pm-8:30 pm	13 Pod C- Focus Night w/cereal 7p-8:30p Renee-Earring Holders 7pm 2nd Girls-Outdoor Movie 7pm	14 Pod C- Focus Night w/cereal 7p-8:30p Julz-Cooking (Kitchen)6pm	15 Early Release 2pm	16
17	18 Pod C Craft Night 7p-9p Julz-GCCC Swimming Mary-Softball Game 6p-8p (field) Renee-Cereal Night 7p Ray-Fire Pit 7pm Lois- Canvas Painting 6-8p	19 EP Classes 4pm-5:30 pm Study Hall in the Dorm 7pm-8:30 pm	20 Isotopes Game w/ Rec Team 1st Girls- Giving Back w/ Fry Bread 6pm-7pm Scott-GCCC 6-8pm	21 Mark-Off Campus Walk 6p Denelle- Mall Trip 6-8pm Ray-Senior Group Discussion 7:30pm Anita-Trad. Cooking (Kitchen) 6-8:30 pm Lois- Off Campus Walk 6p-8p	22 Early Release 2pm	23 Zuni Fair Trip Rec Team 7am
24 Student Living Open House 4pm-7pm Count Week Starts	25 Scott-Hyde Park Hiking 4pm-7pm Lois-Canvas Painting 6-8pm	26 EP Classes 4pm-5:30 pm Study Hall in the Dorm 7pm-8:30 pm	27 Convocation Day Pod C Self Care Night 7p-8p 1st Boys -Kickball Game 6-7:30p Denelle- Walk to Taco Bell 6pm-7pm Gena-Walk to Starbucks 6-8p Renee-Cereal Night 7pm	28 Ray-Junior Class Discussion 7:30pm	29	30 Taos Feast Day Trip Rec Team 10am-6pm

# SEPTEMBER

Theme: Anti-Bullying

Core Value: Respect

Foundational Topic: Education



## SFIS 2023-24 Off-Campus Procedures and Policies

Students who are eligible (details below) have the privilege of self sign-out after school on the specific days provided.

### **Students MUST meet the following criteria to be eligible for self sign-out:**

- Students must have completed the **Off-Campus Safety Presentation** offered by Student Living.
- Students must not have any substance use violations, or *commit a crime while using their Self Sign-Out Privilege*, in the current academic year. Doing so will result in their Self Sign-Out Privilege being revoked without the ability to get it reinstated in the current academic year.
- Students cannot be on any restrictions, including In-Dorm.
- Student must have been on-time for all curfew checks.
- Student must have had a Good or Excellent rating for all room checks in the week prior.
- Student must be in good-standing across all Student Living Expectations.
- Student must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Must have a current **Off-Campus Permission Form** and current **Hold Harmless Form** on file.

The off campus self sign out schedule is as follows:

High School **11TH & 12TH GRADE ONLY** - Once-a-week (Wednesday)

High School - Students are able to use transportation provided by SFIS, and are permitted to walk off-campus of their own accord during the self sign-out period.

On self sign-out days, sign-out begins at 3:40M and ends at 5:45 PM. Students have from 3:40PM to 3:55PM to sign-out, students cannot Self Sign-Out after 3:55PM. Students must return to their assigned dorm and sign-in by 5:45PM. Times are subject to change due to seasonal changes. Off-campus privileges may be canceled at the director's discretion.

Students must use the North Gate Only to leave campus (this may change with feedback). Students can return to campus through any of the school entrances/exits. Students are highly encouraged to use the "buddy system."

Students that had a substance abuse violation in the prior academic year must have completed all of their disciplinary sanctions before being able to use their Self Sign-Out Privilege, this does include finishing any assigned Strict Probation period.

Any student who is absent and/or tardy, and did not notify staff prior, when signing back-in from Off Campus Self Sign-Out will have their off-campus privileges revoked.

Students are not allowed to use rideshare applications such as Uber, Lyft, etc.

Students are not allowed to drive their own vehicles during off-campus self check-out, additionally students are not allowed to receive rides from other students and/or other non-SFIS individuals during self sign-out time. Only department approved drivers and vehicles are able to transport students during self sign-out time.

Students who do not comply with these rules will have their Off-Campus Self Sign-Out privileges revoked. Privileges will not be reinstated during the academic year in which the violation occurred.

Courteous behavior must be exercised by all students while off campus and out in the community. Students must observe all city and state laws.