

## **Residential Contract 2025-2026**

### **HOUSING REQUIREMENTS**

#### *ON-CAMPUS HOUSING*

Saint Michael's College requires all full-time undergraduate students 17-25 years old, who do not reside with their families, to live on campus. Exceptions may be made if space is not available on campus, with seniors receiving priority.

We are unable to house:

- 1) undergraduate students who are under 17 years old,
- 2) undergraduate students who are over 25 years old,
- 3) undergraduate students who are married and/or looking to live on campus with family members, OR
- 4) undergraduate students who are not enrolled full time in classes at SMC.

All rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

All on-campus students are subject to the rules, regulations, and policies contained in the Saint Michael's College [Student Code of Conduct](#) and the Saint Michael's College Residential Contract.

The College reserves the right at any time to (a) alter, change or cancel a housing assignment; (b) change any room assignment or rate; (c) enter residences during reasonable hours at your request or for routine maintenance, inspections, repairs; etc (d) enter residences at any time for an emergency; (e) control the residences in the event of an emergency; (f) terminate the housing assignment for violation of College policies and regulations, for health or social reasons, or for other reasons deemed sufficient by the College.

#### *LIVING OFF CAMPUS*

All full-time undergraduate students between the ages of 17 and 25 are required to live on campus unless they live locally with their family or have applied for and received an exception from the Student Life Office.

Students living off-campus with their family should email [housing@smcvt.edu](mailto:housing@smcvt.edu) and the appropriate form will be made available to you in Residence (the campus housing system).

To apply for an exception, students must email [housing@smcvt.edu](mailto:housing@smcvt.edu) explaining their reasons for requesting to live off campus. We also request that a letter of support from parents/guardians be sent to the same address. This will demonstrate that they are in support of and aware of the request. Once permission is given for a student to live on campus, they must then submit a written request to be eligible to participate in any future room selection processes.

Full-time undergraduate students who are under 17 years old or 25 years old or older at the start of the entering semester or are married/have families should email [housing@smcvt.edu](mailto:housing@smcvt.edu) for the off-campus form to be made available to you in Residence (the campus housing system).

Off-campus students are subject to the same rules, regulations, and policies contained in the Saint Michael's College Code of Conduct, except for those that specifically pertain to residence hall living.

CONTRACT PERIOD

Students residing in Saint Michael’s College housing and arriving before or staying beyond the contract dates may be subject to additional housing fees charged on a daily basis.

Housing/meals are available according to the following schedule: (Calendar subject to minor revision)

Fall Semester 2025	Sun, August 24	Residential Areas Open at 9:00am (First Meal: Dinner)
	Mon, August 25	Classes Begin
	Thurs/Fri, October 9-10**	Fall Break (No Classes)**
	Fri, November 21*	Residential Areas Close at 6:00pm (Last Meal: Lunch)
	Mon-Fri, November 24-28*	Thanksgiving Break
	Sun, November 30	Residential Areas Open at 10:00am (First Meal: Dinner)
	Fri, December 12*	Residential Areas Close at 6:00pm (Last Meal: Lunch)

Spring Semester 2026	Sun, January 11	Residential Areas Open at 10:00am (First Meal: Dinner)
	Mon, January 12	Classes Begin
	Thurs/Fri, February 12-13**	Winter Break (No Classes)
	Fri, March 13*	Residential Areas Close at 6:00pm (Last Meal: Lunch)
	Mon-Fri, March 16-20*	Spring Break
	Sun, March 22	Residential Areas Open at 10:00am (First Meal: Dinner)
	Thur, April 2*	Residential Areas Close at 6:00pm (Last Meal: Lunch)
	Fri-Mon, April 3-6*	Easter Break
	Mon, April 6	Residential Areas Open at 10:00am (First Meal: Dinner)
	Wed, May 6*	Residential Areas Close at 6:00pm (Last Meal: Dinner)
	Sun, May 10	Commencement – Residential Areas Close at 6:00pm

Dates Are As Of February 27, 2025 and are subject to change

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**RESIDENTIAL AREAS ARE CLOSED FOR ALL COLLEGE BREAKS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LONG WEEKEND BREAKS IN OCTOBER AND FEBRUARY.**

- \*Residential areas are CLOSED for these breaks. Students who remain on campus may be subject to additional housing & meal fees charged on a weekly basis.**
- \*\* Residential areas remain OPEN during these breaks, however campus services may be limited during these times.**

HOUSING CLOSURES

THANKSGIVING BREAK CLOSING

Residential areas officially close at 6:00pm on Friday, November 21, 2025 and the last meal in the dining hall is lunch. Students who are here beyond this date (without permission) will be subject to a fine. Residential areas reopen on Sunday, November 30, 2025 at 10:00am and the first meal in the dining hall will be dinner. Classes resume on Monday, December 1, 2025. ***(Departure plans must be made according to that schedule to avoid additional housing costs.)***

FALL SEMESTER CLOSING

**Students must vacate halls/apartments 24 hours after their last final exam or by 6:00 pm on Friday, December 12, 2025** when the halls/apartments officially close, whichever comes first. Students who are here beyond this date (without permission) will be subject to a fine. Residential areas **reopen on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 10am** and the first meal in the dining hall will be dinner. Classes resume on Monday, January 12, 2026. **(Departure plans must be made according to that schedule to avoid additional housing costs.)**

SPRING BREAK CLOSING

Residential areas officially **close at 6:00pm on Friday, March 13** and the last meal in the dining hall is lunch. Students who are here beyond this date (without permission) will be

subject to a fine. Residential areas **reopen on Sunday, March 22 at 10:00am** and the first meal in the dining hall will be dinner. Classes resume on Monday, March 24. **(Departure plans must be made according to that schedule to avoid additional housing costs.)**

EASTER BREAK CLOSING

Residential areas officially **close at 6:00pm on Thursday, April 2, 2026** and the last meal in the dining hall is lunch. Students who are here beyond this date (without permission) will be subject to a fine. Residential areas **reopen on Monday, April 6, 2026 at 10:00am** and the first meal in the dining hall will be dinner. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. **(Departure plans must be made according to that schedule to avoid additional housing costs.)**

SPRING SEMESTER CLOSING

Halls/apartments officially **close at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2025/May 6, 2026 and the last meal in the dining hall is dinner. Students must vacate residences 24 hours after their last final or by the above date, whichever comes first.** Before departing, all residents must check out with the residence hall staff and return their key(s). Room accommodations will be provided for graduating seniors participating in the official commencement ceremonies. A limited number of facilities will be open for seniors, and consolidation may be necessary, and all students must **vacate by 6:00 p.m. on the day of commencement, Sunday, May 11, 2025/May 10, 2026.** Students who are here beyond either date without permission will be subject to a fine. **(Departure plans must be made according to that schedule to avoid additional housing costs.)**

RESIDENTIAL CHARGES

The Residential charges for each semester are due and payable upon receipt by the student of the statement of semester charges from the Office of Student Financial Services.

The refund schedule of residence fees for terminating this contract early without prior approval is the same as tuition and academic fees, which is published on our website and in the College Catalog.

The charges for the 2025-2026 academic year are as follows:

Housing Style	Locations	Meal Plan	Academic Year Price	Semester Price
Apartment – Premium	Cronogue	40 Block	\$16,240	\$8,120
Apartment – Single	Townhouses	40 Block	\$15,430	\$7,715
Apartment – Double	Townhouses (6 Person Double Room) – Double Occupancy	40 Block	\$14,200	\$7,100
Apartment – Double Upgrade To Single	Townhouses (6 Person Double Room) – Single Occupancy	40 Block	\$16,240	\$8,120
Suite Style – Premium	Aubin	Unlimited	\$20,480	\$10,240
Suite Style – Other	Cashman, Pontigny, & Canterbury	Unlimited	\$19,750	\$9,875
Residence Hall – Traditional	Alumni	Unlimited	\$18,440	\$9,220
Residence Hall – Upgrade To Single	Alumni (If Available)	Unlimited	\$20,480	\$10,240
Meal Plan Upgrade (40 Block To Unlimited	Townhouses & Cronogue		\$5,760	\$2,880

**Students on the Unlimited Plan MAY NOT Reduce to the 40 Block Plan**

The Residence Fee is for room, board and campus services. Students living in College housing are required to have their meals in the College Dining Hall. Students residing in traditional housing

will have a “Carte Blanch” meal plan. Upper-class students living in townhouse or apartment housing will have a 40 Block meal plan (40 meals per semester). The college reserves the right to change meal plans as deemed appropriate. All meal plans cease at the end of each semester and are not transferable.

## TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

The contract guarantees housing to the student, but it does not guarantee a specific assignment requested by the student. The Office of Residential Life reserves the right to enforce an administrative move if continued residency by the student at the existing location is determined by the Dean of Student Services or his/her designee to be detrimental to any part of the College community. The College may terminate the housing contract without notice in the event of an emergency and/or public health situation that would make continued operation of College housing not feasible or practical. The College reserves the right to terminate the housing contract/lease for reasons of conduct in violation of the Code of Conduct.

The refund schedule of residence fees for terminating this contract early without prior approval is the same as tuition and academic fees, which is published on our website and in the College Catalog.

The College may terminate this contract, or any portion thereof, and revoke the student's right to occupy his or her room (including denying access to the room) for any of the following reasons. Refunds will not be granted for temporary suspension of housing services that result from an emergency, act of God, force majeure, other exigency, or public health situation, but if the College terminates the contract for the remainder of a semester, it will issue refunds on a per diem basis for the unused remainder of any such semester.

- 1. Exigency. The College may terminate or temporarily suspend performance of any part of this contract without notice in the event of an emergency, act of God, force majeure, other exigency, or public health situation that would make continued operation for the Housing and Residence Life non-feasible or impractical. Any refunds for non-temporary suspension of the contract will be handled as specified above.**
- 2. Monetary Breach. A failure of the student to pay any fees or other amounts due to the College under this contract.**
- 3. Violation of Community Standards. Violation of College Community Standards may be grounds for College disciplinary action and termination of the housing contract.**
- 4. Removal and Suspension. Residents may be removed or suspended from campus housing for failure to comply with College regulations, or if their actions are found to be detrimental to the welfare of other residents. Residents removed or suspended from housing may be prohibited further access and/or visitation in campus housing.**
- 5. Failure to Comply with the Contract. If the resident fails to comply with any portion of this contract, the College may cancel this contract using appropriate notice.**
- 6. Health, Safety, General Welfare or Emergency. If the College finds, in its sole and absolute discretion, that such action is appropriate for the health, safety, or general welfare of its students and the campus community.**

**7. Ineligibility to Continue Enrollment. If a student is unable to meet academic requirements or maintain an academic load of 12 credits, the College may cancel this contract.**

It is College policy that students in College housing do not sublet their rooms at any time during the contract term. The College reserves the right to cancel the contract of any student who does not check into his/her room by the first day of classes or notifies the Office of Residential Life prior to that date that she/he will arrive after that date.

## STUDENT PLACEMENT

### HOUSING LOCATIONS

First-year students will be housed in Alumni Hall. First Year students may also opt to live in suites in Canterbury or Cashman Halls and may choose to live within a thematic program such as GREAT Housing, Honors Housing or LGBTQIA+ Housing at the published prices. If more space is needed, students will be housed in other upper-level housing. Transfer students are housed in spaces with current students or single rooms, suites, or apartments (if available).

### HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Incoming students who are members of the Class of 2029, as well as transfer students, will complete their housing applications electronically beginning in late May. Housing assignments may be altered by the Director of Residence Life to accommodate students with special needs and/or if the best interest of the College indicates such actions. Information is sent out to all new students in late May.

### ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

All upper-class students choose their room during the Room Selection process held in the spring for the following fall. Only those currently living on campus or approved by Housing may participate in Room Selection. Students who do not currently live on campus and students currently on a leave of absence from Saint Michael's College may submit a written request to be eligible to participate in room selection. Detailed information will be distributed prior to the process.

### CONSOLIDATION

In the interest of maximizing residential spaces, prior to the school year starting, and at any point during the school year, should your 4 person suite, townhouse, or apartment have 50% or less occupancy or your 5/6/8 person suite or townhouse have less than 80% occupancy, please know that you may be relocated into another suite/townhouse/apartment. Should you wish to remain in that suite, townhouse, or apartment, the Student Life Office will work with you to fill the vacancies either with individuals you identify or through assignments made by Housing. If residential numbers permit, you may also have an option to "buy out" additional spaces within your suite, apartment, or townhouse for an additional charge.

## OTHER HOUSING POLICIES

### ILLEGAL ROOM CHANGES

Illegal room changes may result in a \$150.00 fine and/or the student return to their assignment. There is a room freeze for the first two weeks of every semester to give the Residence Life Office a chance to reconcile rosters although we retain the right to approve changes at any time.

### ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS

We try our best to accommodate all special requests. Returning students should complete the housing accommodation form in Residence prior to the Room Selection process for the following year. New students should indicate having a special accommodation request on the Biographical Form completed prior to the housing application. Once indicated on the Biographical Form, the Accommodation Form will be released through Residence and should be completed and submitted as soon as possible. **All requests** will require supporting documentation and all accommodation requests should be submitted by June 13, 2025. Please note that this section refers to necessary accommodations that require supporting documentation. Housing preferences should be noted on your housing application.



### ROOM ENTRY

The College considers a student's room private and respects the residents' right to privacy. However, under reasonable conditions, the College reserves the right, without search warrant, to conduct an inspection or search of any student's room at any time with the approval of the Dean of Students or a designee. Furthermore, the College reserves the right to enter student rooms during all vacation periods for maintenance, housekeeping, and safety reasons.

### ROOM CONDITION/DAMAGE

Students will have the opportunity to notify Residence Life staff of damages to their room / suite/ apartment at the start of each period of occupancy. Any damage or repairs necessary (beyond normal wear) when residents vacate, that are not listed documented upon move-in, will be billed to the occupants of that room. All spaces should be left in the condition students found it upon arrival.

Any damage that occurs in a student's individual room or in any common suite, apartment, townhouse, lounge, or hallway during the academic year will be assessed to that student(s) at the time of incident unless the damage is determined to be the fault of a third party. Room owners are held financially responsible for all damage to their rooms or common areas.

Residents are responsible for reporting any damage and/or broken windows, doors, or locks to the Facilities Office in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may result in further damage and/or unauthorized entry by others, both for which the student is held accountable. It is also the responsibility of the student to ensure that their door and windows are locked when departing for vacations/breaks. Failure to do so may result in the student being liable for any damages incurred. Residents are permitted to personalize their rooms with the exception of painting or permanent decorations.

### INSTITUTIONAL LIABILITY

The College will not be responsible for damage to or loss of personal belongings which are a result of fire, wind, water, insects, rodents, vandalism or theft. However, when damage or loss is reported, the College will take reasonable steps to attempt to resolve the problem. Students are encouraged to make sure personal belongings are covered by their parent's homeowner's policy or a renter's insurance policy.

### ROOM KEYS / KNIGHTCARDS

New Students will receive a room key, a mailbox key, and a KnightCard. The KnightCard is used as your key to enter buildings and residence halls, and in some cases, your room/suite/apartment. During subsequent years, or if changing rooms during the year, a new room key(s) will be issued. All student rooms should be kept locked when unoccupied. Saint Michael's College is not responsible for personal property missing from rooms. Lost keys or KnightCards may be replaced by paying the \$40.00 fee per key / knightcard charge. A key replacement form should be completed in the Student Life Office and a student's account will be charged. When moving out, residents must return all room keys. Residents who do not turn in their room keys will be charged a \$100 fee to change the lock core. Students return mailroom keys IF they are not returning to Saint Michael's College the following semester/year.

### LOST ROOM KEYS

Residents MUST report lost keys immediately. To minimize potential security risks, the lock core on the room door will be changed and new keys will be issued. The fee to change the lock core and issue replacement keys will be \$100.

### LOST / REPLACEMENT KNIGHTCARDS

In the event of a lost KnightCard, the replacement cost is \$40. (In the event that a KnightCard has become demagnetized, and the old card is returned, the replacement cost is \$15.)

## LOCK OUTS

### *LOCK OUTS DURING OFFICE HOURS*

Lockout keys and Lockout fobs are available at the Student Life Office during business hours Monday-Friday. To obtain a spare key, a resident student will need to present their KnightCard or an alternative form of valid identification.

A student will be allowed to sign out the key for 4 business hours. In the event the office is closed, the student may return the key in a key envelope and place the envelope into the lockbox outside of Student Life. Lock out keys will be provided at no charge for the first **three** requests. However, failure to return the lockout key or lockout fob within the hour will result in a fine (\$40 per key / \$100 per fob). Residents may be asked to verify that they are in possession of their original room key by presenting it when they return the lock out key.

When a resident exceeds three requests per semester, each new lock-out request during office hours will incur a fee of \$35 per incident.

Failure to return a lockout key within 48 hours will result in an automatic core change and new keys issued. The fee to complete a core change and issue new keys is \$100. Failure to return a lockout fob within 48 hours will result in a \$100 lost card fee.

### *LOCK OUTS OUTSIDE OF OFFICE HOURS*

If a student is locked out at a time outside of office hours, they may call the Switchboard (802.654.2000) for a lockout. Switchboard will contact the RA on Duty or a Public Safety Officer to assist.

- *LOCK OUTS OUTSIDE OF OFFICE HOURS COMPLETED BY RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF MEMBERS:* Lock outs will be provided by a Residence Life staff member at no charge for the first three requests. When a resident exceeds three requests per semester, each new lock-out request will incur a fee of \$35 per incident.
- *LOCK OUTS OUTSIDE OF OFFICE HOURS COMPLETED BY PUBLIC SAFETY:* Lock out keys will be provided by a Residence Life staff member at no charge for the first three requests. When a resident exceeds three requests per semester, each new lock-out request will incur a fee of \$35 per incident.

## FEES ASSOCIATED WITH LOCKOUTS / KEY or KNIGHTCARD REPLACEMENT

All fees for room key replacement, knight card replacement, lockouts, and lock changes will be placed on the Student Account. The fee will show as "Key Replacement".

## USE OF SPACE

### *PERSONALIZING YOUR ROOM*

Residents are permitted to personalize their rooms with the exception of painting or permanent decorations.

**Signing a Residential Contract is like signing a lease for an apartment off campus.** As such, you have accepted the "responsibility for any loss or theft of personal property (either yours or your guests'), or for damages or destruction of such property by fire, water, or any other cause. All residents are advised to procure insurance against such eventualities, since the College does not purchase this protection for students".

### *GUEST POLICY*

As a Catholic college, Saint Michael's College is committed to respecting the inherent dignity of each person, and this value must be of greatest priority to all of our students. For Saint Michael's College resident students, the right to sleep, study, and remain in one's living space should always take precedence over the privilege of having guests. Furthermore, reflective of Catholic values and moral teaching, Saint Michael's College encourages relationships between

young adults that foster physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being and, as such, the College does not permit cohabitation.

All non-student guests must be registered in accordance with the online guest registration process and must carry a valid photo I.D. and printed out guest form at all times. All Saint Michael's College student hosts must inform their Resident Director of any guest visitors.

Students are permitted to host no more than two guests during any period of time. Guests cannot stay beyond two days / nights in a one-week period. If a guest is under the age of 18, the student must obtain permission from the Director of Residential Life. As is the expectation with all our students, guests must use a bathroom designated for their gender or gender neutral.

The full text of the Guest Policy can be found in the [\*\*Saint Michael's College Student Code of Conduct.\*\*](#)

#### *COOKING / APPLIANCES*

No cooking appliances other than low voltage microwave ovens are permitted in residence hall rooms. Glass bottles are prohibited in residence halls and living areas.

#### *REFRIGERATORS*

Refrigerators, 4.0 cubic feet or smaller, are permitted in residence hall rooms. Refrigerators are never permitted in the hallways or corridors.

#### *FURNITURE REMOVAL*

College furniture (bed frames, mattresses, couches, and other furniture) is not to be removed from student rooms/apartments. Furniture found in hallways, basements, or outside, will be removed by Facilities and the student will be charged for the replacement cost.

#### *PETS*

No pets (dogs, cats, fish, ferrets, lizards, etc.) may be kept in residence halls/apartments or brought into any building on campus. If a student requires an Emotional Support Animal, they must first receive permission through the Individual Accommodation Process. If a student requires a Service Animal because of a disability, the College would appreciate providing notice of that to The Office of Accessibility Services at [\*\*mwright3@smcvt.edu\*\*](mailto:mwright3@smcvt.edu).

#### *PROBHITIED ITEMS*

For the safety of all residents on campus, certain actions/items are prohibited from campus and are considered fire safety violations. Some items are listed below, however for a complete list of these items, please consult the [\*\*Saint Michael's College Student Code of Conduct.\*\*](#)

#### *AIR CONDITIONERS*

Due to liability, safety, and maintenance concerns, air conditioners are generally not permitted on campus.

#### *DECORATIONS*

Nothing (including tapestries or other fabrics) may be hung on sprinkler pipes or block fire safety devices or block any egress or exit.

#### *E-BIKES / SCOOTERS / HOVERBOARDS / SKATEBOARDS (containing lithium batteries)*

For fire safety reasons, and the safety of all community members, E-Bikes, E-Scooters, E-Skateboards, and other similar devices ARE NOT permitted in any residential building.

#### *GLASS BOTTLES*

With regards to the safety of those on our campus in wheelchairs as well as facilities and custodial staffs who must pick up broken bottles, we urge that containers other than glass be used on campus and in particular in our townhouse areas.

#### *HOT TUBS*

Due to liability, safety, and maintenance concerns, hot tubs are not permitted on campus.



## *OUTDOOR FURNITURE*

Only furniture intended for use outdoors (patio/deck furniture) may be used or stored outside. Indoor furniture (ie, couches, loveseats, etc.) as well as structures (bars, tables, etc.) may not be used or stored outdoors. All college-issued furniture must remain in the assigned room/apartment. Students will be charged for removal of furniture that is not intended for outdoors.

## *DISCLOSURE*

Your living space may contain sources of lead & asbestos. Please contact the Facilities Office with any concerns.

## *OTHER*

College-authorized personnel may be issued resident room keys in order to carry out routine maintenance and to perform other duties. The College reserves the right to enter resident rooms to conduct repairs, to perform inspections, to respond to emergencies or to restore order, as is noted in the Code of Conduct. Every effort will be made to notify residents in advance.

## *RESIDENTIAL POLICIES*

### *ALCOHOL*

Saint Michael's College policies regarding alcohol reflect Vermont State Law. The legal age for consumption of alcohol in the state of Vermont is 21; therefore, **alcohol is not allowed in campus Residence Halls**. You may have and consume alcohol if you are of drinking age **and** living in a townhouse or apartment. Activities that promote or encourage abusive drinking, such as drinking games, drinking paraphernalia (ex. funnels), kegs, or other multi-liter containers or rotational parties are considered by the college to be irresponsible and therefore are prohibited. No open containers are allowed in any public area of campus. State law and campus policy also prohibit the following:

1. Those of legal age from purchasing for and/or serving alcohol to minors
2. Misrepresenting one's age for purposes of purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages

If you are in violation of the campus alcohol policy, you may be subject to a fine in addition to major college discipline ranging from probation to suspension from school. There are consequences for public intoxication so make responsible decisions with regard to alcohol. For more information, please consult the [Saint Michael's College Student Code of Conduct](#).

### *OTHER DRUGS*

Vermont state law prohibits the use, possession or transfer of controlled drugs. Any violation of these laws will be considered serious and subject to major college discipline.

### *SMOKING POLICY*

Saint Michael's College is a tobacco free institution and smoking is not allowed in any area on campus. Please refer to the [Saint Michael's College Student Code of Conduct](#) for further information regarding the Tobacco Free Campus Policy.

### *FIREARMS*

Firearms are forbidden. This includes: rifles, handguns, BB guns, pellet guns, explosives, firecrackers, slingshots or the like.

### *NOISE/QUIET HOURS*

Courtesy hours extend throughout the day and evening. Quiet hours have been established in residence halls in an effort to enhance opportunities for needed sleep and studying. Please adhere to courtesy and quiet hours as they are designed to benefit all individuals. Quiet hours are as follows:

*Sunday – Thursday, 9:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.*

*Friday – Saturday, 11:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.*

## **FIRE SAFETY**

Any room alterations must be in compliance with existing fire codes. Tampering with fire equipment is also a serious offense. Offenders will be fined and are subject to disciplinary action. Candles and incense are both open flames and considered fire hazards and are not permitted in any residential facility and are subject to a disciplinary action and/or fine. Halogen lamps are prohibited in all campus buildings. Kerosene or electrical space heaters are not permitted in any residence hall, room, or apartment. Exterior holiday lights are prohibited. Students found in violation of the Fire Safety Policy may be subject to a fine.

## **COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

Saint Michael's College, and therefore the Student Life Office, officially communicates with students via: Electronic (Mikenet Email) and on College Letterhead distributed to campus PO Box and/or permanent address. Students will be expected to check both means of communication on a regular basis and will be responsible for their timely response to the information provided. Communications **will not** be sent to students' personal email accounts.

1. Electronic via Mikenet email: Saint Michael's College provides each student with an email account on the College network. Students who use another account bear the responsibility of checking their college account on a regular basis.
2. On college letterhead and distributed to campus P.O. Box and/or permanent address: Saint Michael's College provides each student with a post office box. Students residing off-campus should make sure the college has their current mailing address. Any changes in mailing addresses should be communicated to the Office of the Registrar at [OfficeoftheRegistrar@smcvt.edu](mailto:OfficeoftheRegistrar@smcvt.edu).

Official communications may include, but are not limited to, faculty/student communication, administration/student communication, course registration information, residential life updates, safety alerts and bulletins, storm-related delays or closings, or other emergency announcements. Students are expected to check both means of communication on a regular basis and are responsible for their timely response to the information provided. Emergency communications will be multimodal, including email and text messaging. SMC utilizes RAVE Mobile Safety and subscribes to the LiveSafe mobile safety application. All students are encouraged to download and utilize this free app.

***The above stated guidelines are written with the health and welfare of all residential students in mind. Saint Michael's College reserves the right to make modifications pertaining to matters included on this contract and those in the [Saint Michael's College Student Code of Conduct](#) when such modifications are deemed necessary.***