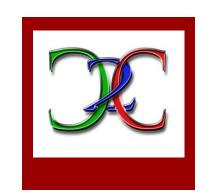




## Countdown to College Parent and Student Information Session

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- the average student loses the equivalent of 1.0 to 2.6 months of previous learning over the summer.
- Biggest losses occur in spelling and computational math (multiplication, addition, etc.).
- Good news: a summer learning plan can reduce and even eliminate this "academic atrophy"



#### C2C Camp

- Academic Boot Camp, that will take place every summer
- Started in 2010, first 25 students that were selected were from NativityMiguel schools
- 4 year commitment, for 2 weeks every summer
- Focus academic areas: reading, writing/grammar, vocabulary, and math
- Classes are everyday for two-weeks including Saturday with activities in the afternoon

## Academic Aspect

- Reading, Writing/Grammar, Vocabulary, and Math
- Classes are everyday starting at 9am-3:30pm with breaks in between and one hour lunch.
- Students rotate from class to class
- Two instructors per class, a professor from Saint Mary's and a professor from San Miguel that will join.
- Ratio from Students to staff: 3:1
- Rigorous class work with one-hour worth of homework every night.





## Social Aspect

- Get to experience college life first hand!
- Live on college campus, college dorms for two weeks, eat in college cafeteria
- Challenge Students to strive
- Nightly discussion on: peer pressures, life after middle school, staying healthy, finding books to read, life in high school, etc.
- High Ropes Challenge
- Canoeing, Hiking, Sports
- Field Trips: Museums, Eagle Center, Ice Breakers, Academic Games: Who wants to be a millionaire, Family Feud, Picnics, Talent Shows





# Planning C2C

- 4 Saint Mary's Professors and 5 NativityMiguel Teachers
- Safety Regulations: Dorm Safety, Campus Safety, and Winona Safety
- 3 Meals a day
- Transportation
- Classes



## Saint Mary's University

- Lasallian School
- About 1,300 undergrad, 80% On-campus
- Ratio Student to Faculty: 13:1
- Location: Winona MN: about 6hrs away from Chicago, 5hrs away from Racine, and 4hrs away from Milwaukee

## Long Term Commitment

- Student follow up through all four years of high school.
- Every summer: preparation for college courses
- After fourth year, the student will have the opportunity to apply for the First Generation Scholarship of Saint Mary's
- First Generation Scholarship: Full Tuition for 4 years, housing, books, cultural activities with FGI group

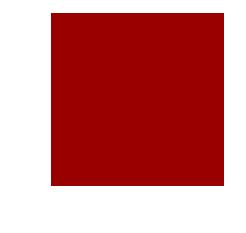


## Applying for C2C

Graduate Support/ counselors and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
Teachers will nominate students

 Basic Application, with a student statement included along with a parent statement

- 24 Students new raising 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be nominated every year, from 14 schools
- Cost: FREE, Including Family Weekend
- 4 year commitment



#### Questions?!?

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