



STB Back to School FAQ

2021-2022

How does pick-up/drop-off work?

First, let's start with students who *don't* drive:

- FOR DROP OFF: Parents are asked to drive down Goodrich St., enter the student parking lot, and exit at Harvard St. between 7:15 and 8:10AM.
- FOR PICK UP: Parents are asked to line up in the student lot by entering at the Goodrich St. side and to exit at the Harvard St. pass.
- NOTE: Parking and drop off directly on Harvard St. is prohibited, per order of the Fitchburg Police Department.

For students who drive themselves:

- FIRST: Be sure to fill out the Parking Permit sheet and the Driving Waiver documents sent out by the school. Students are required to have these documents submitted in order to park at school. Note that ***only juniors and seniors are allowed to park at STB.*** If additional parking becomes available, we will notify you!
- IN THE MORNING: Enter the student lot via the Goodrich entrance and park. The student entrance will be opened at 7:15AM for you!
- AT DISMISSAL: Be sure to leave the lot via the Harvard St. exit and honor the one way direction of the parking lot.

Please note that students and parents are expected to drive safely and honor pedestrian yields and appropriate speed limits while on school grounds.

Where do I go when I get to school?

It depends on the day!

On Morning Meeting days (like the first day of school and every Monday and Friday), you can head to your locker to grab your books for the morning and then head to your first period class to drop off your bags and check-in with your homeroom teacher before 8:10AM so that you're not marked late/absent.

From there, go ahead and grab a seat in the Auditorium. You can hang out here until Morning Meeting begins!

On STB TV days (every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday), you can head to your locker to grab your books for the morning and then head to your first period class. Your first period teacher will take attendance at 8:12AM, so be sure to be there on time or you'll be marked tardy. Remember that the schedule letter days rotate daily, so on an A day, you'll head to A period for homeroom; on a B day, you'll head to B period for homeroom; etc.

Please note: phones are not allowed during Homeroom or Morning Meeting.

What supplies do I need to bring with me on the first day of school?

While we typically allow a day or two for students to get familiarized before requiring any specific supplies, we recommend all students bring the following with them for the first week of school, if they're able:

- **Laptop and charger**
- **Pens / pencils (*five of each recommended*)**
- **Notebook and folder for each academic subject (*three-ring binders preferred*)**
- **TI-83 calculator**
- **Copy of summer reading book: *The Life of Pi***
- **Backpack**
- **Combination lock for locker**

Students are allowed to bring their backpacks with them to class, provided their bags do not contain illicit materials and are tucked under the student's desk to avoid a fire hazard.

What does the STB uniform entail?

Yes, uniforms are still required, though please keep in mind that we've made some updates in recent years using [Global Schoolwear's catalog](#), which include dry-fit polos and khaki shorts for male and female students. We're confident the uniform will be comfortable for all students and will allow us to reap the [benefits of uniforms on student well-being](#).

In addition, we've made some changes to our standards for shoes as part of our updated uniform requirements: starting this year, **all STB students are allowed to wear any form of footwear (with the exception of sandals, backless shoes, and slippers) that are a solid,**

neutral color. Neutral colors include white, black, gray, beige, tan, and brown. Navy is also acceptable.

A student handbook will be distributed to all enrolling families over the next weeks, to clarify this and all other school policies and expectations for students. You can find the most recent version of the student handbook on the STB website under the Student Life tab.

What do I do if my uniform shipment is delayed?

Don't panic! Global Schoolwear -- the official uniform provider of STB -- has been experiencing shipping delays associated with being understaffed, and it's impacted many of our families.

Based on availability, you may be able to borrow uniforms from the Uniform Closet at STB. All borrowed uniforms must be washed and returned when no longer needed.

Alternatively, students may wear the following, to ensure that they are honoring the STB dress code while awaiting their shipments:

- Wear only solid color polos, ideally navy, white, or maroon in color
- Wear only knee-length khaki shorts or khaki pants
- Wear uniform shoes and honor all other dress code standards; this is a requirement, regardless of student uniform shipment status

Provided students honor the above steps, they will not be given demerits for being out of uniform.

If uniforms cannot be obtained within the month, families must reach out to the Assoc. Principal (dmonahan@stbernardscchs.org) for further guidance.

How does lunch work?

Lunch runs every day at 11:30 and follows fourth period.

There are two lunch locations at STB: the Cafeteria and the Media Center. In addition and on good weather days, students are allowed to eat outdoors in a designated space by the student parking lot. All three locations will be observed by faculty and staff.

Students may choose their lunch location from the above, supervised spaces.

Students are not allowed to eat in other locations, unless under direct supervision of a teacher/staff member.

Does STB provide lunch for students?

STB has two options for provided lunch.

Mondays through Fridays, students may order lunch using the Subway App. All orders must be submitted by 9:00 AM and must include in the NOTES section which lunch the student will have that day (“First Lunch,” “Second Lunch”). All orders will be delivered to the school at the time of the student’s specified lunch. (Further information about how to utilize the Subway App to order lunches at STB will be provided as a separate attachment.)

Every Friday, STB orders pizza from Athens Pizza. Pizza costs \$1.50 per slice and must be paid for at lunch. Student is given at a first-come, first-serve basis, though we aim to have enough to feed all students purchasing.

What are “athletic study halls?”

In-season student athletes are required to participate in afterschool study halls (from 2:30-3:15pm) on non-game days, M-Th.

The goal of this arrangement is to fully support the development of St. Bernard’s model *student-athlete*, emphasizing to our athletes the importance of diligent study and commitment to academic advancement.

Students should be in study hall on time and are not allowed access to their cell phones and/or smart devices. Student conduct reports will be sent to their coaches to ensure proper tracking.

Student athletes may use their study hall block to participate in enrichment activities, as well, provided they sign up for those activities in advance and track their attendance with both their study hall proctor and their enrichment supervisor.

At the termination of athletic study hall, students are free to leave the building and/or head to practice.

What is enrichment, and how do I participate?

“Enrichment” describes the forty-five minute period following school dismissal (beginning at 2:30pm) and ending with the culmination of after school study hall (3:15pm). During enrichment block, students are invited to participate in a variety of activities, from arts offerings, to additional academic programming, to elective, non-credit mini-classes.

In-season athletes who are required to participate in afterschool study hall may enroll in enrichment activities during their prescribed team study hall. In the event that student athletes decide to engage in enrichment, their attendance will be tracked by both their study hall proctor and the enrichment supervisor to ensure proper participation is maintained.

Students will be given an opportunity to explore the different club and enrichment offerings at STB later in the month at our Activities Fair.

Some clubs/activities have strict attendance requirements, while others allow for students to come and go freely. It's important that students understand the expectations of each specific activity before signing up and while enrolled.

Enrichment participation is not required, though it is highly encouraged, as it gives students opportunities to grow in non-traditional ways and supports their development and leadership as they prepare to apply for college.