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WELCOME WEEKEND 2020 - WHAT STUDENTS CAN EXPECT FROM CSS THIS YEAR

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Incoming freshmen this year may be feeling a bit overwhelmed with the changes that are being enforced. Welcome Weekend was already different with smaller groups, a large focus on outdoor activities, and, of course, wearing masks. However, although there will be noticeable changes throughout this academic year, the values held by CSS will remain the same.

"We were able to keep a lot the same about this year's Welcome Weekend," said Megan Perry-Spears, dean of students at CSS. "Although things were more complicated to organize, the weekend was still designed to set incoming students up for success."

Perry-Spears explained that although students will have to make some adjustments this year, there shouldn't be any reason why they can't still have a lot of fun. "I think all it comes down to is being more intentional with your time and making friends. Instead of trying to hang out with a group of 20 people, try asking three or four to grab dinner or go on a walk."

View the full article at https://www.thescriptnews.com/welcome-weekend-2020-what-students-can-expect-from-css-this-year/



It's a big day! Freshmen at CSS are seen moving their things into their dorm rooms. Delta members make sure to help with any heavy lifting (above)

Freshmen at CSS hang out together with their Delta groups while socially distancing outside during the 2020 Welcome Weekend (below).



CAMPUS LIFE IN THE TIME OF COVID

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When the College of St. Scholastica community left campus for spring break, it was difficult to imagine that most would not be returning for the remainder of the semester. As we've slowly grown accustomed to these unprecedented and unfamiliar times, many are now looking forward to what the new fall semester will bring. Students with an on-campus housing placement may be wondering what life on campus will look like.

One feature of on-campus housing that will remain the same is the College's two-year live-on requirement. According to Director of Residential Life Elliott Johnston, the requirement is based on the date of high school graduation, meaning traditional students who graduated from high school in either 2019 or 2020 are required to live on campus for the academic year.

"We have this because we think the community you can have here on campus is super valuable, and we really want to create that community," Johnston said.