

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME AT SYNOD SCHOOL...

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION. There will be a special orientation time at **5:00 p.m. on Sunday** in Anderson Auditorium in the Siebens Forum just for Newcomers to Synod School. We will go over what to expect, help you decide what's important to read and what can wait, how to get around campus, and all the "rules" which everyone knows but never talks much about. It will also be a time to get all your questions answered in a safe place. If you are unable to attend that session, another Q&A session will be held after worship and orientation in the chapel.

Q & A REGARDING SYNOD SCHOOL. The Question and Answer sheet on the back of this page will probably be especially helpful. If you have other questions, don't hesitate to call or email and ask!

YOUR HOUSING. Your registration confirmation shows the type of housing arrangement to which you have been assigned. All dorms are air-conditioned, and we rarely have problems with rooms being too warm. We strongly encourage you to bring an extra blanket as folks have complained of being cold, the college only provides one blanket per bed, and air conditioning is not always easy to adjust. Remember that bathrooms are shared with others.

YOUR COURSES. Your registration confirmation form will show the courses to which you have been assigned based on your requests and available space. If you change your mind about the courses you'd like to take, or if you want to check on availability of a class you did not get in, there will be a table at registration for making changes, if course limits allow.

REGISTRATION AT THE SCHOOL. The first thing you should do is park in the big parking lot on West Fourth Street. Then come to the Siebens Forum (enter from Grand Avenue – see map). The Sunday Registration Information sheet has more details about the process. Any balance due can be paid in cash or with a check made out to the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. We are not able to take credit cards. There will also be a place to pick up your free mug or water bottle for the week, change classes, change the name on your nametag, and get something cold to drink.

AFTER REGISTRATION. Unload, unpack, and get settled and, if time permits, tour the campus and find your and/or your children's classrooms or visit the bookstore and gift shop. Be back at Siebens Forum at 5:00 p.m. for the Newcomer Orientation. All ages are welcome.

SYNOD SCHOOL COMMONS. Located in Siebens Forum on the way to the dining hall, the Commons is where you will find the Synod School office, the bookstore, gift shop, and announcements of mini-courses and other events and news.

DINNER. Dinner is served from 5:00-6:30, cafeteria-style (as are all meals), and it helps if everyone doesn't show up at the same time. There will be plenty of time after the orientation for you to have a leisurely meal before the evening worship at 6:45 p.m. And you'll get instructions on how to find all the food in the cafeteria! There are lots of options.

CHILDREN AND CHILD CARE. Children are a primary reason for Synod School to exist. They are welcome everywhere, although some programs and courses are obviously aimed at adults. There are full programs for babies through grade 6 during convocation and morning and afternoon classes using the denomination's Vacation Bible School curriculum. Grades 7-12 have a special convocation and morning classes; grades 7-9 participate in a planned program in the afternoons and grades 10-12 are free to take the courses of their choice in the afternoon. At no time do we officially provide child care apart from the children's classes. Your children and youth are your responsibility during meal times, afternoon free time, and all evenings. Evening worship is intentionally intergenerational. Parents who want to participate in the mini-courses in the evening should arrange child care with other parents. During orientation on Sunday evening there will be an opportunity for parents to find their children's classrooms and meet the teachers so they can share expectations and respond to any questions. Parents, please read "How to Help Your Child Have a Successful Synod School Experience" included with this mailing.

MINI-COURSES. Each evening there are a number of other options to keep you up late and learning. This usually includes a number of mini-courses (often variations on daytime classes), movies, Saints-a-Playin' (outdoor games for the young and young-at-heart), and the popular "Coffee House" with refreshments and live music. Options will be posted by noon daily on all bulleting boards in Siebens Forum and projected before evening worship in the Chapel.

**CALL OR EMAIL US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS –
OR BRING THEM TO REGISTRATION OR THE SYNOD SCHOOL OFFICE IN SIEBENS FORUM AT BV**