



Vermont State University

New Student Kickoff Weekend 2023

New Student Schedule – Castleton Campus

Welcome to your New Student Kickoff Weekend! We are excited that you are here to meet new people, have wonderful new experiences, and learn. We hope that this weekend will help you to discover all that Vermont State University and specifically the Castleton campus have to offer. Throughout the weekend, you will be introduced to some really great people. Among these people are your Student Orientation Staff Leaders whom we more commonly refer to as SOS Leaders. Make sure to attend all events, be courteous and respectful to the presenters and your peers, and have fun! From all of the Faculty, Staff, Administration, and SOS Leaders – we wish you a great first semester and nothing but success! Go Spartans!

Friday, August 18, 2023

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast*	Huden Dining Hall
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Check-In for Late Arrivals and Commuter Students	Fine Arts Center
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	New Student Welcome Enjoy welcoming remarks from university administration and an introduction to the expectations that the University has for you as a valued member of our community.	Casella Theater
9:40 -10:05 a.m.	Student Orientation Staff (SOS) Groups Meet your SOS Leader! They will provide you with important information about the weekend and your first semester.	Various Locations
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	Healthy Living Martha Coulter, Assoc. Dir. of Health and Wellness, presents resources offered through the Wellness Center.	1787 Room, Campus Center
	The Red Zone Amy Miller, Victim's Advocate, presents on "The Red Zone" and ways to remain safe during your time on campus and beyond.	Jeffords Auditorium, 122
	Introduction to Academics Meet with your Student Success Advisor (SSA) to understand the academic expectations that we have.	Leavenworth 103,4,5,6, 203
	Introduction to Academics for Transfers	Leavenworth 204

Meet with staff to understand academic life as a transfer and how it may differ from your previous institution.

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11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Healthy Living	1787 Room, Campus Ctr.
	The Red Zone	Jeffords Auditorium, 122
	Introduction to Academics	LVN 103,4,5,6, 203
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch*	Huden Dining Hall
1:30 - 1:50 p.m.	Class Photo	Woodruff Hall Steps
1:50 - 2:15 p.m.	Popsicle Break	Woodruff Hall Steps
2:25 - 2:55 p.m.	Class Tree Planting Ceremony	TBD
3:05 - 3:50 p.m.	Healthy Living	1787 Room, Campus Ctr.
	The Red Zone	Jeffords Auditorium, 122
	Introduction to Academics	LVN 103,4,5,6, 203
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	SOS Check-In	Various Locations
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	BBQ*	Castleton Pavilion
	Meet with Alumni, Staff, and Administration while enjoying a meal!	
6:15 - 7:45 p.m.	Playfair	Old Chapel Lawn
	A fun, interactive, get-to-know you experience!	
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Campus Center Open House	Campus Center
	Free t-shirts! Free ice cream! Remember to pick up your blue GCI shirt and compete in Min-To-Win style games for a chance to win!	

Saturday, August 19, 2023

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast*	Huden Dining Hall
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Civic Engagement & Community Service Kick Off	Castleton Pavilion
	Hear from Faculty, Students, and Townspeople on the importance of community and civic engagement.	
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Green Campus Initiative (GCI) Projects	Various Locations
	Please wear your blue GCI Shirts and closed toed shoes. Follow the instructions of your SOS Leader. Some projects will be off campus (transportation provided).	
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m.	Lunch*	Huden Dining Hall
1:45 - 2:30 p.m.	Introduction to Soundings	Casella Theater, FAC
	Marisa Valent-Altland, Mgr. of the Fine Arts Center and Soundings Program, introduces you to the Soundings program and how to be successful in the course!	
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	Matriculation Ceremony	Castleton Pavilion
	This is your formal entrance to VTSU-Castleton as you follow in the footsteps of thousands of Castleton alumni.	

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	SOS Group Meetings Get to know your Class Schedule with your SOS Leader!	Various Locations
4:45 - 6:45 p.m.	Dinner*	Huden Dining Hall

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00 - 8:15 p.m.	Soundings Event: Marble Valley Dance Collective Take advantage of the first Soundings Event of the semester!	Casella Theater, FAC
8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Candlelighting Ceremony Join Castleton alumni in this brief traditional welcoming ceremony! (And, keep that candle if you can! We do this again at Graduation!)	Old Chapel
9:30 - 11:00 p.m.	Campus Center Open Come and hang out after a long weekend and play games, meet new friends, and more!	Campus Center

**Resident ID or commuter meal ticket required for meals.*

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Meal Hours in Huden:

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Brunch

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Dinner

Campus Gearshop Hours:

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Brief Glossary of Castleton Terms and Acronyms

CAB - Campus Activities Board

Casella - Theater on campus in the Fine Arts Center

eCampus - Online webstore where you get textbooks

Visit: vermontstate.ecampus.com to search!

FAC - Fine Arts Center

Fireside - Food Option in the Campus Center

Gearshop - Campus Store in the Campus Center

Visit: vtsu.getugear.com for swag!

Herrick - Auditorium in Stafford Academic Center

Huden - Dining Hall

IT - Information Technology (they fix stuff)

Jeffords - most likely referring to the Auditorium in Jeffords Hall

RHD - Residence Hall Director, pro-staff

RA - Resident Advisor, student-staff

SGA - Student Government Association

SOS - Student Orientation Staff Leader

SSA - Student Success Advisor

VTSU - Vermont State University