



Dear Families,

Welcome to new and returning families as a new school year is upon us! My name is Mr. Davis, and I am the Director of Student Residence at St. Croix Lutheran Academy. I oversee the residential program at St. Croix, including the students and the staff that will be caring for them. I am the main point person regarding character development and growth for your children at St. Croix. It is my hope that as a community of people from throughout the world, located on one campus, we grow together as Christians to learn from and appreciate each other. It is my honor to serve you in this role as your child lives on campus. I am always here to support you in your journey here and beyond St. Croix.

Mrs. Tamara Julian works alongside me to provide exceptional student care on campus regarding medical services and communication to our dormitory families. Please look for emails from Mrs. Julian in the near future.

Families, please save this document and spend time reading through the information and links (in red) with your son or daughter before arriving on campus. The dormitory staff, Mrs. Julian, and I are honored to provide caring relationships for your family by promoting safe and healthy growth for your child at St. Croix.

Mr. Grey J. Davis
Director of Student Residence





Dormitory Helpful Information - New and Returning Students

I would appreciate you and your son/daughter reading the linked (red) information before arriving at St. Croix. These links include helpful information for daily living on campus. Consider this document as a guide for the transition from home to life in a student residence. Students who read through this material ahead of arrival have a greater chance of success.

- **Dormitory Portal** - Helpful information for students/parents is located on this page. This site can also be found in my email signature. The portal provides families with every piece of information for a successful residential life for grades 6-12 including the student residence handbook, sign-up forms for airport-testing shuttles/activities, and calendars. Parents can also use this page to find ways to stay connected with life on campus from afar such as our social media pages.
- **Student Residential Handbook / Dormitory Fast Facts / Discipline Schedule**
- **Dormitory Communication** - This document explains how our dormitory communication system informs students and parents via email notifications.

St. Croix Faculty + Staff Bios/Roles - New and Returning Students

International + Dormitory Program Bios - Roles on Campus - Information about the people you connect with and what their roles are at St. Croix.

St. Croix Teachers - Use this with **Power School** to contact your teachers regarding academic work once school begins. Returning students will receive student schedules on PS closer to August. New students will receive their schedules on the first day of school. Power School access for new students and parents will arrive via email. New parents, if you do not have access by the first day of school please contact Mr. Davis.

Academic Parent/Student Portal - Helpful information for academic progress/reports.

St. Croix Student Google Account - New Students

Your student account will be activated closer to your arrival date. On-campus, students use their email to receive information from teachers, Mrs. Julian, or Mr. Davis.

Dormitory Orientation Schedule and Arrival Instructions

New dormitory students will be excused from athletics/activity events on August 16-19 to attend new student orientation. New dormitory students must attend each event on the schedule below unless excused by Mr. Davis for school-related activities.

Dormitory Orientation - Student Edition - New Dormitory Student Schedule

Dormitory Orientation - Parent Edition - New Dormitory Parent Schedule

We invite all new parents to join us in the chapel on August 16 at 9:00 a.m. for an introduction to the SCLA family from Principal, Nate Kallies.

*Further information regarding academic orientation will be communicated separately to parents from the academic department.

Communication Contacts Prior to Arrival

New International Students ~ Mrs. Wolfrath - CWolfrath@StCroixLutheran.org

New Domestic Students ~ Mrs. Julian - TJulian@StCroixLutheran.org

Returning Domestic and International ~ Mrs. Julian - TJulian@StCroixLutheran.org

**Please submit dormitory forms or documents by August 1. If you have questions about any documents please reach out to the individuals above.*

**1 Page St. Croix Calendar*





DORMITORY CONTACT SHEET

St. Croix Lutheran Academy

Office: (651) 455-1521

Fax: (651) 451-3968

Dormitory Director: (651) 455-1521 ext 1123

Mr. Grey Davis GDavis@StCroixLutheran.org

Dormitory Student Advisor (651) 455-1521 ext 1118

Mrs. Tamara Julian TJulian@StCroixLutheran.org

***What to Bring?** - Information on what is + is not allowed in the dormitory. Supplies needed for academic + athletic/clubs will be communicated via email at a later date.

***Medical Services St. Croix Offers** - Medical help we offer and advise during summer.

*Where to ship packages? Mail call is after school each day in the dormitory.

Student Name
1200 Oakdale Ave.
West Saint Paul, MN 55118



AIRPORT ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS - MSP Airport Map

*New students may check into the dormitory at any time on August 14-15. Please email CWolfrath@St.CroixLutheran.org for new international student Bridge Camp information. This camp begins in early August and is for new international students needing support in the transition to St. Croix before school begins.

*Returning students may check into the dormitory at any time on August 19-20.

*Both returning and new students may arrive for athletics before the posted dates above if they are participating in fall athletics. The dormitory officially opens on August 12-13 for all students in athletics as practices begin on August 14.

New Students: A residence supervisor will meet you at the airport at baggage claim near door 4 when you arrive. He or she will have a sign with your name and a "St. Croix Lutheran Academy" sign. If you have difficulty, please call the girls' or boys' on-duty phone (next page). *Please save them on your phone.*

Returning Students: A residence supervisor will meet you at door 4, near the international arrivals gate. If you have difficulty, please call the girls' or boys' on-duty phone (next page). *Please save them on your phone.*

*Students, if you need a shuttle from the airport to the dormitory please fill out this [August shuttle form](#) by August 1. The [Dormitory Portal](#) lists future shuttle dates and deadlines for the upcoming academic year posted one year in advance for your planning. For further information about arrival see [on campus arrival instructions](#).

*New international students submit flights - CWolfrath@StCroixLutheran.org





ON DUTY CELL PHONES

Please use the numbers to contact dormitory supervisors in an emergency or urgent situation. They are 24/7 and carried by on-duty dormitory supervisors at all times.

Girls' On-Duty Supervisor: (651) 998-9241 | Boys' On-Duty Supervisor: (651) 998-4019

**Parents and students, please save both of these numbers on your phone.*

*New students, please text your first and last name to this number below. This ensures dormitory staff can contact you in an emergency.

*Text your first and last name to...
(651) 998-9306 - Do not save this number. It is only for intake purposes.





Historical St. Croix Information



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*Upon arriving please access the south dormitory road (right side of the picture). To access through the gate please call the on-duty supervisor numbers listed above.



Director of International Admissions & Programs	Director of Student Residence
<p>~ Ms. Hannah Schmiede HSchmiede@StCroixLutheran.org</p>	<p>~ Mr. Grey Davis GDavis@StCroixLutheran.org</p>
<p><i>Role ~ Ms. Schmiede oversees international admissions and the international program at St. Croix. She guides the international staff and crafts the long-term vision of the international program.</i></p>	<p><i>Role ~ Mr. Davis oversees the student residential program at St. Croix. He guides the Dormitory Student Advisor and Dormitory Staff on the day-to-day operations and caretaking of the residential community for the student's well-being.</i></p>
<p><i>Bio ~ Ms. Schmiede has a heart for serving people around the world. She has an extensive history of working with people from different countries. This experience comes from spending several years living in China teaching English and building relationships. Additionally, she served in the St. Croix dormitory as the Dormitory Director from 2014-2018. The international and dormitory program is close to her heart as she now is the head of the program and spends most of her time recruiting new students to attend St. Croix. This allows her to share her love for people in the world and the development they can share with each other through multicultural education!</i></p>	<p><i>Bio ~ Mr. Davis has a passion for helping families across the nation + world challenge and grow with one another to promote lifelong relationships among the St. Croix community no matter where our family resides. He enjoys learning about the journey the residential program has had since 1995 and works each day to find easier ways for people to stay connected and for families/staff to be set up for growth. The residential program is close to his heart as he served and lived in the dormitory as a supervisor/director from 2016-2019!</i></p>
<p>B.S. - English + Philosophy M.A. - Comparative Literature</p>	<p>B.S. - Secondary Education I Social Studies M. Ed. - Educational Leadership</p>
<p><i>*LinkedIn Page</i></p>	<p><i>Thesis + Published Article(s)</i></p>
<p><i>Connectedness, Strategic, Empathy, Ideation, Input</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Training Teachers to Be Effective Multicultural Educators</i> - <i>Are WELS Schools Truly Multicultural Underneath the Surface?</i>
<p><i>*LinkedIn Page</i></p> 	<p><i>*LinkedIn Page</i></p> <p><i>Context, Discipline, Competition, Maximizer, Significance</i></p> 

Chinese Admissions and International Programs	Dormitory Student Advisor
<p>~ Ms. Kristin Lehmann KLehmann@StCroixLutheran.org</p>	<p>~ Mrs. Tamara Julian TJulian@StCroixLutheran.org</p>
<p><i>Role ~ Ms. Lehmann oversees Chinese recruitment and leads international student social programs here at St. Croix. She guides both international and domestic students in mentorship programs to support a multicultural community of learners.</i></p>	<p><i>Role ~ Mrs. Julian oversees the medical care for dormitory students. She also is the main point of contact for students and families regarding communication or extra care to provide support for parents guiding students from afar.</i></p>
<p><i>Bio ~ Ms. Lehmann lives for helping and coaching people from around the world to interact with one another through cross-cultural engagement. She has spent several years in China teaching English and working in previous boarding schools here in the United States assisting international and domestic students by providing them the tools they need from a relationship level to connect. She loves meeting and experiencing new situations where people can find love for the uniqueness that each person brings to the world!</i></p>	<p><i>Bio ~ Mrs. Julian's roots run deep at St. Croix in the international and dormitory program. In the early 2000's she served in the same role she is in now. After time away from St. Croix to care for her family, she has returned to serve families from across the world. Her care for the needs of students, parents, and staff members here at St. Croix fulfills her each day. We thank her for the countless homestays her family has had before the new dormitory was built to accommodate students and her faithful service to St. Croix in the current moment of our program!</i></p>
<p>B.S. - Psychology M.A. - Chinese Studies</p> <p><i>*LinkedIn Page</i></p>	<p>B.S. - Education</p>
<p>Adaptability, Empathy, Individualism, Maximizer, Relator</p>	<p>Connectedness, Harmony, Responsibility Belief, Adaptability</p>
	

International Admissions Assistant	Domestic Admissions Counselor
<p>~ Mrs. Christine Wolfrath CWolfrath@StCroixLutheran.org</p>	<p>~ Ms. Anna Biedenbender ABiedenbender@StCroixLutheran.org</p>
<p><i>Role ~ Mrs. Wolfrath helps Ms. Schmiede and Ms. Lehmann through the international admission and onboarding process here at St. Croix. She communicates with international families ahead of arrival to ensure they are cared for and are ready for school in the United States.</i></p>	<p><i>Role ~ Ms. Biedenbender helps the principals through the domestic admissions and onboarding process here at St. Croix. She communicates with domestic families ahead of arrival to ensure they are cared for as students transition to life on campus.</i></p>
<p>Consistency, Empathy, Discipline, Harmony, Developer</p> 	<p>Deliberative, Empathy, Belief, Includer, Responsibility</p> 

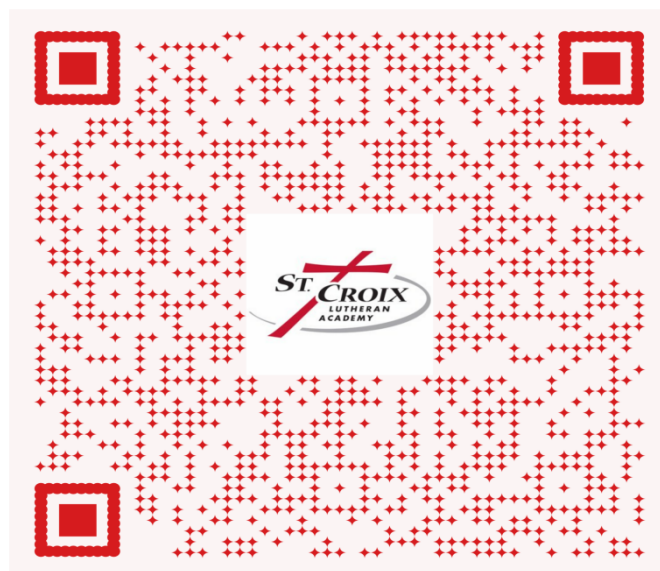
Dormitory Supervisor Bios - See bottom of [Dormitory Portal Page](#)

Role ~ They tend to the day-to-day needs of all dormitory students. Supervisors routinely check on students. Regularly scheduled meetings, special events, and celebrations are also typical aspects of residence life.

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St. Croix Lutheran Academy Dormitory Portal



Open your camera to scan the code above to view the student/parent portal.