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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS

F-1 Students on an F-1 Visa

PAR Parents of International Students

TCK Third Culture and Missionary Kid Students

IMPA International and Missionary Student Peer Advisors

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

2:00PM – 4:00PM

F-1 PAR TCK IMPA

International Student Registration
All students should check in for International Student Orientation, receive their packets, pick up ID cards and room keys, receive Messiah University swag, sign up for a bank account and move into Residence Hall. (**F-1 Visa Students** – Please bring passport, visa and Form I-20 and have them readily accessible as copies will be made) *IMPAs will provide move-in support and directions to locations. There will be vans to assist families in bringing belongings to their rooms.*

Eisenhower Campus Center// First Floor Lobby

3:30PM – 5:00PM

F-1 PAR TCK IMPA

Campus Tour
Optional Students and parents are welcome to take an informative campus tour led by our Admissions Tour Guides. This would be a helpful activity for those who have never visited Messiah's campus!

Meet in the Eisenhower First Floor Lobby at 3:30
Tour will depart promptly at 3:45pm

5:30PM – 7:00PM

F-1 PAR TCK IMPA

Welcome Dinner
Come celebrate your first official night at Messiah University! Dr. Todd Allen (Vice President for Diversity Affairs), our MISP Office staff, International Admissions, IMPA mentors, and others from around campus will be there to provide an overview of the next few days and some great food from a local restaurant to welcome all students and families here.

Larsen Student Union, First Floor

8:00PM – 10:00PM

F-1 TCK IMPA

Game Night
Optional Gather together for some fun games in the Union! The IMPAs will be leading different group games and board games. Please stop by and enjoy a fun atmosphere and some sweet & savory snacks.

Larsen Student Union, Second Floor

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Thursday, August 22, 2024

8:30AM – 9:00AM

F-1 PAR TCK IMPA

Welcome Breakfast
We are getting an early start, so swing by for a hot and delicious breakfast catered in Boyer Hall, a prominent academic building. We will be in this room for most of the morning.

Boyer Hall, Room 131

9:00AM – 9:15AM

F-1 PAR TCK IMPA

Introduction
Director of International Student Programs Amy Nicols will start with an overview of the day and some important details as students and families continue to eat their breakfast.

Boyer Hall, Room 131

9:15AM – 10:00AM

F-1 TCK PAR

Meet the Registrar
A representative from the Registrar's Office will answer questions, talk about academic things, and explain why you need to know what FERPA is and why you should be in touch with their Office!

Boyer Hall, Room 131

10:00AM – 10:30AM

F-1 TCK PAR

Money Matters
A representative from Student Financial Services will tell you about necessary information regarding tuition payments and other financial related matters. There will also be a short time for questions.

Boyer Hall, Room 131

10:45AM – 11:45AM

PAR

Session with International Admissions Staff
International Admission Personnel will provide a time to answer any questions about Messiah University.

Boyer Hall, Room 134

10:45AM – 11:45AM

F-1

F-1 Visa Advising
Director of International Student Programs Amy Nicols will lead this session. As the Principal Designated School Official (PDSO), she will provide an introduction and important review of F-1 visa regulations and how to stay in status while in the USA. (Only required for those students at Messiah University on an F-1 visa).

Boyer Hall, Room 131

10:45AM – 11:45AM

TCK

MK/TCK Transitions
Our speaker will focus on major themes facing MK/TCK students such as acknowledging and naming the task of reentry, perception of support, valuing open communication and permission to experience reentry differently from others. There will also be a time to share stories.

Boyer Hall, Room 130

11:45AM – 12:30PM F-1 PAR TCK IMPA	**IMPA Panel** The "IMPA" Peer Mentors will share their wisdom as upper class students and share with the new students about things that they wish they had known in their first year at Messiah University. *Boyer 131*
12:30PM – 1:30PM F-1 PAR TCK IMPA	**Lunch** Meet with fellow students and IMPA mentors to go to lunch in Lottie. Remember to bring your "early arrival" meal card. Meal tickets provided for those parents and guests who need them. (*Contact Amy or Lita for meal tickets.*) *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
1:45PM – 5:15PM F-1 PAR TCK IMPA	**Shopping Trip** International students and their families will have the opportunity to get off campus to the "Carlisle Pike" shopping area in Mechanicsburg, PA. This will be a time for students to purchase things such as bed linens, kitchen supplies, room décor, etc. We will be close to larger stores such as Walmart and Target. *Transportation will be provided.* *Meet at the Eisenhower Circle // Mechanicsburg, PA*
5:30PM – 6:30PM F-1 PAR TCK IMPA	**Dinner** Meet with fellow students and IMPAs to go to dinner in Lottie. Remember to bring your "early arrival" meal card given to you at the beginning of International Orientation. Meal tickets provided for those parents and guests who need them. (*Contact Amy for meal tickets.*) *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
7:00PM – 9:30PM F-1 TCK IMPA	**Student Coffeehouse** This is a beloved tradition on Multicultural Move-In Day! All of our international students are welcome to join the Multicultural Council (MCC) as they host this Coffeehouse. Anyone can show case their talents and perform. (This event is for students only.) *Larsen Student Union*

Friday, August 23, 2024

7:00AM – 8:00AM F-1 TCK	**Breakfast** Remember your "early arrival" meal card/ID card. *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*

9:30AM – 10:30AM F-1 PAR TCK IMPA	**Multicultural & International Worship and Praise** Come together with first-year multicultural and international students for this service. There will be a time of singing and a sermon. *The High Center, Parmer Hall*
12:00PM – 1:00PM F-1 PAR TCK IMPA	**Lunch with IMPAs** Meet with fellow students and IMPA mentors to go to lunch in Lottie. Lottie will be open to everyone on this day. No meal card or tickets will be needed. *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
5:00PM – 6:00PM F-1 PAR TCK IMPA	**Dinner with IMPAs** Meet with fellow students and IMPA mentors to go to dinner in Lottie. Lottie will be open to everyone on this day. No meal card or tickets will be needed. *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
7:00PM – 8:30PM F-1 PAR TCK IMPA	**Candlelight Service of Worship** This event welcomes all new students to the Messiah University community and reminds us of God's presence. The International Community will have a section reserved for students up near the front. Multicultural and International Student Programs (MISP) Staff will be there to welcome and support the students during this tradition. *Hitchcock Arena, Sollenberger Sports Center*

Fri, Aug. 23 – Mon, Aug. 26, 2024

F-1 TCK	**Welcome Week** All International Students are expected to participate in Welcome Week 2024, a time for all new and transfer students to Messiah University. **At some point on Friday, August 23, be sure to pass through Brubaker Auditorium to pick up your Welcome Week swag and check-in.** See more details here: **https://www.messiah.edu/welcomeweek** or download the *Messiah University Guides* for more information.