Students on an F-1 Visa

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Parents of International Students

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International and Missionary Student Peer Advisors

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|  | Wednesday, August 17, 2022 |
| 2:00PM – 4:00PM  PAR  F-1  IMPA  TCK | **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, purchase a phone or SIM card, sign up for a bank account and move into Residence Hall. (F-1 – Please bring passport, F-1 visa and 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 rooms.*  *Eisenhower Campus Center// First Floor Lobby* |
| 3:30PM – 5:00PM  PAR  F-1  IMPA  TCK | **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 at 3:45pm* |

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| 5:30PM – 7:00PM  F-1  IMPA  TCK  PAR | Welcome Dinner  Come celebrate your first official night at Messiah University! Dr. Todd Allen (Vice President for Diversity Affairs), our MISP Office staff, peer mentors, and others from around campus will be there to provide an overview of the next few days, a time for questions and some great food from Lottie Nelson Dining Hall to welcome all students and families here.  *Martin Commons in Lottie Nelson Dining Hall* |
| 8:00PM – 10:00PM  IMPA  TCK  F-1 | **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* |
|  | **Thursday**, **August 18, 2022** |
| 8:30AM – 9:00AM  F-1  PAR  IMPA  TCK | **Welcome Breakfast**  We are getting an early start, so swing by for a hot 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  IMPA  PAR  TCK  F-1 | **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  PAR  TCK  F-1 | **Meet the Registrar**  Registrar Kathee Clark and Associate Registrar Beth Moshier 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 the Registrar’s Office!  *Boyer Hall, Room 131* |
| 10:00AM – 10:30AM  PAR  TCK  F-1 | **Money Matters**  Zach Richardson 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. She as the Principal Designated School Official (PDSO) 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 131* |
| 11:45AM – 12:30PM  IMPA  PAR  TCK  F-1 | **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  IMPA  PAR  TCK  F-1 | **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 Minoska for meal tickets.*)  *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall* |
| 1:45PM – 5:15PM  IMPA  PAR  TCK  F-1 | **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](https://www.walmart.com/store/1886-mechanicsburg-pa) and [Target](https://www.target.com/sl/mechanicsburg/2202). *Transportation will be provided.*  *Meet at the Eisenhower Circle // Mechanicsburg, PA* |
| 5:30PM – 6:30PM  IMPA  PAR  TCK  F-1 | **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  IMPA  TCK  F-1 | **Student Coffeehouse**  This is a beloved tradition on Multicultural Arrival 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 19, 2022** |
| 7:00AM – 8:00AM  TCK  F-1 | **Breakfast**  Remember your “early arrival” meal card/ID card.  *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall* |

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| 9:30AM – 10:15AM  IMPA  PAR  TCK  F-1 | Multicultural & International Worship and Praise  Come together with all first-year multicultural and international students for this service. There will be a time of singing and we will hear from Dr. Drew Hart, alumnus and esteemed professor at Messiah University.  *The High Center, Parmer Hall* |
| 12:00PM – 1:00PM  IMPA  PAR  TCK  F-1 | **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 needed.  *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall* |
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| 7:00PM – 8:30PM  TCK  F-1  IMPA  PAR | **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. 19 – Mon, Aug. 22, 2022**

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| TCK  F-1 | Welcome Week  All International Students are expected to participate in Welcome Week 2022, a time for all new and transfer students to Messiah University.  At some point on Friday, August 19th, 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 Guidebook App* for more information. |