

- 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 20, 2025

**2:00PM – 4:00PM**

**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) **IMPA**s 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**

**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 3:45pm  
The tour will depart promptly at 4:00pm*

**5:30PM – 7:00PM**

**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. We will also eat a delicious dinner together.

*Larsen Student Union, First Floor*

**8:00PM – 10:00PM**

**Game Night**

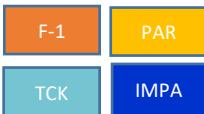
\*Optional\* Gather together for some fun games in the Union! The IMPAs will be leading different group games and board games. Please stop by and enjoy a fun atmosphere and some sweet & savory snacks.

*Larsen Student Union, Second Floor*

# Thursday, August 21, 2025

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**8:30AM – 9:00AM**



**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*

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**9:00AM – 9:30AM**



**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*

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**9:30AM – 10:15AM**



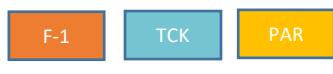
**Meet the Registrar**

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*

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**10:15AM – 10:45AM**



**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*

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**11:00AM – 12:00PM**



**Session with International Admissions Staff**

International Admission Personnel will provide a time to answer any questions about Messiah University.

*Boyer Hall, Room 134*

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**11:00AM – 12:00PM**



**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*

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**11:00AM – 12:00PM**



**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*

**12:00PM – 12:30PM**

**IMPA Panel & Conclusion**

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**

**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*
**1:30PM – 5:30PM**

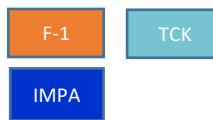
**Shopping Trip**

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**

**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*
**7:30PM – 9:30PM**

**Student Coffeehouse**

This is a beloved tradition on Multicultural Move-In Day! All our international students are welcome to join the Multicultural Council (MCC) as they host this Coffeehouse. Anyone can show their talents and perform. (This event is for students only.)

*Larsen Student Union*

## Friday, August 22, 2025

**7:00AM – 8:00AM**

**Breakfast**

Remember your “early arrival” meal card/ID card.

*Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*

**9:00AM – 9:30AM**

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**Continental Breakfast**

A light continental breakfast (fruit, pastries, and coffee) will be served before the Worship and Praise service starts. *Just a note: No food permitted inside Palmer Hall*

*The High Center, Lobby Area outside Palmer Hall*

**9:30AM – 10:15AM**

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**Multicultural & International Worship and Praise**

Come together with first-year multicultural and international students and their families. There will be a time of singing and a sermon.

*The High Center, Palmer Hall*

**12:00PM – 1:00PM**

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**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*

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## Fri, Aug. 22 – Mon, Aug. 25, 2025

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**Welcome Week**

All International Students are expected to participate in Welcome Week 2025, a time for all new and transfer students to Messiah University.

**At some point on Friday, August 22, 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.

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