

May 2019

TO PARENTS OF NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Taft's International Student Orientation will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3 and 4, 2019. The goal of these two days is to give you and your child an opportunity to get to know Taft better before classes begin. Several of our returning students and some key faculty will be available to welcome you, and to answer your questions.

All new international students should plan to arrive on Tuesday, September 3. Please do not plan on arriving before 10:00 am. (Those international students contacted by varsity coaches will have a different arrival date to attend pre-season athletic practices.) Students traveling with their parents often choose to spend Monday evening at a local hotel.

Should you have any questions or require assistance with your travel plans, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Office. Most students fly into Bradley International Airport or one of the New York Airports (LaGuardia or JFK). If your child will be traveling alone, we will make every attempt to supply transportation from Bradley or the New York Airports. Please notify Mr. Mike Blomberg either by email (mblomberg@taftschool.org) or by phone (860-945-7721) well in advance if your child needs to be picked up. If you will be traveling with your child, you should plan either to rent a car or arrange transportation from the airports. One option is CT Limousine service (https://ctlimo.com/ or 800-472-5466) available from Kennedy, LaGuardia and Bradley International airports, with stops near Taft, including the Courtyard Marriott in Waterbury. Alternatively, Gateway Limousine (https://gatewaylimos.com/ or 860-274-4148) drives directly to Taft.

A more detailed schedule for the September 3 and 4 orientation days will be sent to you, along with a RSVP form, in June. In the meantime, if you have any questions about your immigration documents, please contact Ms. Wendy Osborn at <u>wosborn@taftschool.org</u>.

Please do not hesitate to write to me over the summer if you have questions. During the opening days of school, if you or your son or daughter have any concerns that you feel we are not aware of, I hope you will also contact me. I look forward to meeting you on opening day.

Sincerely yours,

Peter A. Frew