



LEYSIN AMERICAN SCHOOL IN SWITZERLAND



August
Orientation
2019



Schedule

Day 1 - Tuesday, August 27

New Student Arrival and Placement Testing

Welcome desk at the airport is open from 08:00 - 18:30

Shuttle buses will be departing from the airport at 09:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, and 18:30*

09:00 - 17:00	New Student Registration - Belle Époque Campus (BEC) Library and Grande Salle
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch - BEC Dining Hall
14:00 - 17:00	Scavenger Hunt - Mandatory for all grade 7, 8, and 9 students who have completed registration, Fishbowl
15:00 - 16:00	Meet the Faculty - Meet the Dean of Academics/Associate Deans/ Director of University Advising in BEC
15:00 - 17:30	Supervised MMAC (Magic Mountain Athletic Center) Time - For grades 10-12 who have completed registration
16:00 - 17:00	LAS edge Program - Dr. Paul Magnuson, BEC Library
17:30 - 18:30	Dinner - Savoy & BEC Dining Halls
19:00 - 19:30	Dormitory Open House - Savoy Campus dormitories - Beau Site, Esplanade, Savoy, and Vermont
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in** - All dormitories
19:45 - 20:15	Dormitory Meetings** - All dormitories
20:15 - 21:30	Supervised MMAC Time - Students can participate in indoor activities and games

*Students should book flights that arrive in Geneva no later than 17:00

Mandatory for all students | **For Parents Only

Day 2 - Wednesday, August 28

Returning Student Arrival, New Student Academic Advising, and Power of Parenting

Welcome desk at the airport is open 08:00 - 18:30

Shuttle buses will be departing from the airport at 09:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, and 18:30*

Returning students must arrive in the dormitories by 21:00 at the latest

08:00 - 08:55	Breakfast with Student Ambassadors - All new students meet in their dormitory at 08:00. Buses will pick students up from Savoy 3rd floor at 08:10 to bring students to BEC for breakfast and Placement Testing
09:00 - 12:00	Placement Testing - Laptops must be picked up from IT and brought with you for testing - BEC Campus
09:00 - 17:00	Returning Students - Pick up their fob directly from their respective dormitories
09:00 - 10:30	New Student Registration - For late arrivals in the Grand Salle, BEC
09:00 - 11:00	Power of Parenting Conference - Savoy Library (parents please RSVP). More info on pg. 6.
11:00 - 17:00	New Student Academic Advising - Placement Testing must be completed prior to advising Grades 7-10 "Middle School & Preparatory Years" - BEC: R12 and R13 Grades 11-12 "Diploma Years" - BEC: R10 and R11 Learning Support - BEC: R14
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
15:00 - 17:00	Supervised MMAC Time - Returning students and new students who have finished their Academic Advising can participate in indoor activities and games
16:30 - 18:00	Big Brother/Big Sister - New students in grades 7, 8, and 9 and "Big Brother/ Big Sister" participants only - Fishbowl
17:00 - 18:00	Ott Family Reception - Meet Faculty Parents in the Grande Salle, BEC
17:30 - 19:00	Dinner - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in** - All dormitories
19:45 - 20:15	Dormitory Meetings** - All dormitories
20:15 - 21:30	Supervised MMAC Time - Students can participate in indoor activities and games

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Day 3 - Thursday, August 29
Parents' Day on the Swiss Riviera and Student Meetings

08:30 - 09:45	All School Breakfast and Faculty Family Advising Period** - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls (shuttle to BEC will leave outside Savoy at 08:15 and from BEC to Savoy at 08:20. At end of Advising Period, the bus will leave from BEC to Savoy.
10:00 - 10:45	All School Assembly** - Magic Mountain Athletic Center (at the end of the assembly a shuttle will depart from Savoy 3rd floor to BEC)
10:30 - 16:30	A Day on the Swiss Riviera - Departure from BEC parking lot (parents please RSVP)
11:00 - 11:45	Berneuse Challenge Class Meetings** Grades 7 and 8 - Fishbowl; Grade 9 - Esplanade Lounge; Grade 10 - Savoy Library; Grade 11 - MMAC; Grade 12 - BEC Grande Salle
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
12:15 - 18:00	Visa Trip to Lausanne - Resident Permit Registration (only for students with an invitation). Meet in Savoy Library at 12:15
14:00 - 17:00	Swimming at Upper Sporting - All new and returning grade 7, 8, and 9 students, Meet at Fishbowl
14:00 - 18:00	Vevey Trip - All other students (those not required to go to Lausanne) may sign up for this trip Departure from Savoy parking lot and BEC main entrance.
14:00 - 18:00	Supervised MMAC Time - For those not on the Vevey or Lausanne trip, check in at required at MMAC
14:30 - 15:30	Afternoon Tea with Dr. and Mrs. Ott - This event is for parents who are unable to attend "A Day on the Swiss Riviera" (parents please RSVP) - La Pyrolle (villa next to Belle Époque Campus)
17:30 - 19:00	Dinner - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in** - All dormitories
19:45 - 20:15	Dormitory Meetings** - All dormitories
22:00	Night Dormitory Check-in - All students sleep in dormitories. Farewell to parents

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Day 4 - Friday, August 30
Berneuse Challenge

09:00 - 10:00	Breakfast - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
10:30 - 15:00	Berneuse Challenge** - Departure by class - Following Berneuse Challenge, bus will pick up at the bottom of Berneuse (at the bus stop) from 14:00-15:00
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch - Kuklos Restaurant at the top of Berneuse
17:30 - 19:00	Dinner - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in** - All dormitories
19:45 - 22:00	Magic Mountain Athletic Center and Student Lounges Open - Café 7° and the Cave: Everyone welcome
19:45 - 21:00	Evening Activity - Mandatory for all grades 7, 8, and 9 at the Savoy Dining Hall
21:00	Dormitory Check in** - Grades 7 and 8
22:30	Dormitory Check-in** - Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12/PG

Day 5 - Saturday, August 31
Montreux Trip

10:30 - 11:00	Brunch Check-in** - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
12:00 - 18:00	Montreux Trip with Student Ambassadors - Required for all new students <i>Grades 9-12: Departure from Savoy parking lot and BEC main entrance (returning students must sign up)</i> <i>Grades 7-8: Special Excursion</i>
17:30 - 19:00	Dinner - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in** - All dormitories

Day 6 - Sunday, September 1
Afternoon Classes and Faculty Family Dinner

10:30 - 11:00	Brunch Check-in** - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
13:00 - 16:00	Classes** - Shortened schedule
17:00 - 18:30	Faculty Family Dinner** - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in** - All dormitories

**Mandatory for all students



Power of Parenting

The Power of Parenting Conference is about you and us. You have given us the power with your most precious possession—your child—and we want to show you how we are partners in parenting them. This conference is an opportunity for you to meet the school directors and administrators, learn about the many systems we use, and ask questions. We are committed to providing you with everything necessary to ensure a successful year for your child.

Wednesday, August 28

Schedule: Held at the Savoy Campus Library

09:00 - 10:00

Introduction and Welcome

10:00 - 11:00

Student Travel, Residential Life, Academic Overview, and University Advising

Introduction and Welcome:

Managing Director, Head of School - **Dr. Marc-Frédéric Ott**

Managing Director, Head of Operations - **Dr. Christoph Ott**

After Power of Parenting, shuttle bus will depart from Savoy to BEC at 11:00.

A Day on the Swiss Riviera

On Thursday, August 29, we are offering a day trip for all parents who would like to explore some of the magnificent sights near Leysin and get to know other parents. LAS students are required to attend an all-school assembly and meetings in the morning and in the afternoon some students are required to go to Lausanne for resident permit registration.

Parents will be hosted by Dr. Marc-Frédéric Ott, Managing Director, Head of School and grandson of our school's founders, Fred & Sigrid Ott. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.

Thursday, August 29 Itinerary

10:30 - The bus will depart from the BEC parking lot

16:00 - Approximate return to Leysin

RSVP is required and there is maximum space for 80 parents. Reservation is on a first come, first served basis. Please email rsvp@las.ch to reserve your place.

More information to follow.





Calendar

2019 - 2020

Fall Term

- August 27: New Student Arrival (Tuesday) - Arrival desk at the airport will be open from 08:00 -18:30. Students should book for flights that arrive at Geneva airport no later than 17:00. Registration at school for new students is from 09:00 - 17:00.
- August 28: Returning Students' Arrival (Wednesday) - Arrival desk at the airport will be open from 08:00-18:30. Students should book for flights that arrive at Geneva airport no later than 17:00. Students traveling by themselves to school must arrive no later than 21:00.
- September 27 - 30: Long Weekend (Friday - Monday)
- November 8 -11: Long Weekend (Friday - Monday)
- December 12- 13: Departures for Winter Break (Thursday - Friday). On December 11 students can depart from LAS after exams end at 16:00. Therefore, flights for that day can only be booked if they depart from Geneva airport after 20:00. On December 12 and 13, we will provide shuttles buses that depart at 03:00, 05:00, 09:00, and 12:00.

Winter Term

- January 4 - 5: Students Return (Saturday & Sunday)
- February 10 - 13: Family Winter Week - Parents visit their child at LAS. There will be scheduled activities.
- February 14 - 16: Long Weekend (Thursday - Sunday). Classes will finish on Thursday at 12:35.
- March 21: Departure for Spring Break (Saturday) - On March 20 students can depart from LAS after classes end at 15:35. Therefore, flights for that day can only be booked if they depart from Geneva airport after 20:00. On March 21 we will provide shuttle buses departing at 03:00, 05:00, 09:00, and 12:00.

Spring Term

- April 4 - 5: Students Return (Saturday and Sunday)
- June 3 - 4: Underclass Students Depart (Wednesday-Thursday) - On June 3 students can depart from LAS only after 12:00 (in case there was a delay of return time from cultural trips on June 2) and the school will provide bus shuttles departing at 12:00 and 16:00. No flights should be booked before 16:00 departure. June 4 we will provide shuttle buses departing at 03:00, 05:00, 9:00, and 12:00.

School Closed: The school closes completely during the Winter Break and Spring Break. Following the Winter term, dormitories will not open until Saturday, January 4. Following Spring Break, the dormitories will not open until Saturday, April 4.

Graduation: Graduation events on June 4 and June 5 are only open to the senior class.

What is Family Winter Week at LAS?

Family Winter Week takes place February 10-13, 2020. This special week has become an annual event where LAS organizes a host of activities and events for parents, giving you an opportunity to share in the daily lives of your child or children while they are at LAS.

Monday, February 10: Arrival day.

Tuesday, February 11: Parent-teacher conferences take place in the afternoon. In the evening, parents are invited to attend a student concert and art exhibition which will showcase the musical and artistic talents of our students.

Wednesday, February 12: Wednesday is a busy day, beginning with the Public Forum which is open to parents, faculty, and LAS administrators. At the public forum parents will meet the Head of School and senior administrators. The Head of School, Dr. Marc-Frédéric Ott, will present the new initiatives and agenda for the 2020-2021 school year and will be available to answer any questions you may have. Following the Forum, coffee and dessert will be served.

In the evening there will be an all-school reception at the Belle Époque Campus. Afterwards parents are invited to join the Ott family and the faculty for after-dinner drinks and dessert at one of our student lounges, called 'The Cave.'

Thursday, February 13: On Thursday school finishes at 12:35 and, because there are no classes on Friday, parents can arrange to spend a long weekend with their children, traveling together or enjoying a winter weekend in Leysin. Please note that February is a busy time of year for most ski resorts and Leysin is no exception. If you are planning to attend Family Winter Week please book your hotel as early as possible.



Helpful Information

Dining Hall Hours

Belle Époque Campus

Tuesday and Wednesday	Refreshments - 08:00 - 17:00 Breakfast - 08:00 - 09:45 Lunch - 11:30 - 12:30 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00
Thursday	Breakfast - 08:00 - 08:45 Lunch - 11:30 - 13:00 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00
Friday	Breakfast - 09:00 - 10:00 Lunch - 11:30 - 13:00 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00

Savoy Campus

Tuesday and Wednesday	Breakfast - 07:00 - 09:00 Lunch - 11:30 - 13:00 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00
Thursday	Breakfast - 08:00 - 09:45 Lunch - 11:30 - 12:30 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00
Friday	Breakfast - 09:00 - 10:00 Lunch - 11:30 - 13:00 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00

Shuttle Service

Buses will operate in a loop from BEC to Savoy Campus on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday and Wednesday	09:00 - 18:00	Friday	Bottom of télécabine to Savoy and BEC - 14:00 - 15:00
Thursday	Savoy to BEC - 08:15 BEC to Savoy - 08:20 Savoy to BEC - 10:50	Sunday	Savoy to BEC - 16:40 BEC to Savoy - 16:50

*For any questions or to RSVP please email rsvp@las.ch.
We reserve the right to make changes as necessary.*

Campus Store

Belle Époque Campus Store

Tuesday	09:00 - 17:30
Wednesday	09:00 - 11:00

Savoy Campus Store

Friday	13:00 - 17:30
Sunday	10:00 - 13:00

IT Office

New Students

Belle Époque Campus - SS03/4

Tuesday	09:00 - 17:30
Wednesday	09:00 - 11:00

Returning Students

Belle Époque Dorms - SS02/3
Savoy, Vermont, Esplanade, and Beau Site Dorms - Pick up in IT Office in Vermont

Wednesday	13:00 - 17:30
Thursday	15:30 - 17:30

Leysin Taxi Service

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