



The Taft School

Dear New International Students,

I'm writing to invite you to Taft's International Student Orientation on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. The goal of orientation is to give you an opportunity to get to know Taft better before classes begin. Several of our returning students and some key faculty will be available during the day to welcome you and 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 who have been contacted by varsity coaches have a different arrival date to attend pre-season athletic practices.) Students traveling with their families often choose to spend Monday evening [at a local hotel](#).

Orientation will begin Tuesday with a registration period in Main Circle between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. At 2:00 pm, Ms. Bohnsack, the Director of Enrollment, will welcome everyone, followed by an informative panel from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm and a barbeque from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm with your student mentor, class deans, dorm parents, and the head of school. Please note that participation in this Tuesday, September 3 International Student Orientation is completely optional, but most parents and students find it extremely helpful.

If you plan on attending the International Student Orientation, please let us know who will be accompanying you by completing the attendance form located here:

[New International Student Orientation RSVP](#)

Should you have any questions or require assistance with your travel plans, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Office. Most families fly into Bradley International Airport or one of the New York Airports (LaGuardia or JFK). 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. Alternatively, Gateway Limousine (<https://gatewaylimos.com/> or 860-274-4148) drives directly to Taft.

Finally, if you have any questions about your immigration documents, please



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contact Ms. Wendy Osborn at wosborn@taftschoool.org.

If there is anything else we can help you with in preparation for your arrival at Taft, please feel free to reach me at ckidger@taftschoool.org or by phone at 860-945-4005.

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you to campus in the fall!

Sincerely yours,

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Registration
Main circle

Lunch will be available from 11 am to 1 pm in our dining halls.

2:00-2:30 pm Welcome by Amanda Bohnsack, Director of Enrollment
Mark Potter Art Gallery

2:30-3:00 pm Panel discussion with Lisa Parente, Interim Dean of Academic Affairs; Lindsay Leal, Dean of Students; Thomas Allen, Dean of Community, Justice, and Belonging
Mark Potter Art Gallery

5:00-6:00 pm Informal barbecue with Class Deans and Dorm Parents for new international students with their families and their student mentor. Welcome by Head of School Peter Becker '95.
Jig Patio (weather permitting)

Please RSVP by completing the following online form:

<https://www.taftschooL.org/students/new-international-student-orientation-attendance-form>

Thank you!