Parent Orientation 2018

Saturday, August 25

11:00am  Leaves from Student Center Steps
**Cambridge Side Galleria**
Take the free shuttle from Kendall Square to the Cambridge Side Galleria. It’s the nearest mall with great clothing, food, electronics, and more. (Bring money for shopping)

1:30pm  Meet in Lobby 7 – 77 Massachusetts Ave
**Campus Tour**
Get to know the MIT campus and interesting facts about the Institute.

3:00pm  Leaves from Student Center Steps
**Cambridge Side Galleria**

Sunday, August 26

9:30am – 10:30am  W11 – Main Dining Room
**Christian Brunch & Service**
Join us for a light brunch and brief service with prayer and worship, and introduction to the Christian community at MIT. Also, learn about other local churches in the Boston area.
Parents and students are welcome to attend. Sponsored by Baptists, but all are welcome.

10:00am  MIT Chapel
**Tech Catholic Community Welcome Mass**
Welcome Mass followed by reception in W20-La Sala.

11:00am  Outside the MIT Chapel
**Office of Religious Life New Student and Parent Open House**
Meet MIT chaplains and Chaplain to the Institute Kirstin C. Boswell-Ford and explore the MIT Chapel, recently named #16 on Boston Magazine’s “Best Buildings in Boston” List.

12:00pm  W11 – Main Dining Room
**Hillel Jewish Community Lunch**
Welcome to MIT orientation! Hillel provides Jewish life on campus and is happy to host a Kosher bagels and lox lunch for new students and their families. For more information, please contact hillel-orientation@mit.edu.

1:00pm  Leaves from Student Center Steps
**Campus Tour**
Get to know the MIT campus and interesting facts about the Institute.
1:00pm – 2:00pm  
**Academics Panel**  
Learn about core freshmen classes and unique learning opportunities. Professors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to answer questions relating to your student’s academic endeavors.

2:00pm – 3:00pm  
**Greek Life at MIT**  
**Greek Life Open House**  
Join MIT’s fraternities’ and sororities’ executive boards for an open house in W20-400 to get to know a little more about our communities and how your students can join at the Institute in a more casual environment. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

2:30pm – 3:30pm  
**Greek Life Forums**  
Join us as the executive boards of MIT’s fraternities and sororities will be hosting separate panel discussions about our communities, what role we play at the Institute, and what it means for your students to join. Parents interested in hearing from the Interfraternity Council about fraternities should go to Lobdell, Student Center 2nd floor, and those interested in hearing from Panhellenic Council about sororities should go to W20-407, Student Center 4th floor. These will be question-driven events, so please come with any you may have.

3:00pm – 4:00pm  
**MIT Dining & Dining Dollars/TechCASH**  
Join staff from the Division of Student Life to learn more about dining on campus and Dining Dollars/TechCASH. This presentation will cover everything from dining options and meal plans, to the most convenient way for students to purchase goods and services across campus using only their MIT ID, including laundry, books and food items. All sessions will cover the same topics, so please feel free to join us for any one of the scheduled presentations.

3:30pm – 4:30pm  
**Transition to Campus Living Panel**  
Is your student excited about living in residence? Join representatives from Housing & Residential Services and Residential Education to learn more about your student’s new home. The panel will discuss various aspects of living on campus and the support provided to your student. Time will be provided for Q&A.
3:30pm – 5:30pm La Sala – Student Center, 2nd Floor

**Office of Minority Education (OME)**

**Parent/Student Reception – Introduction to the OME**

While enjoying some delicious food, meet the OME staff and your fellow freshmen. During this event, you will hear about our mentoring, leadership, graduate school, and academic excellence programs. You will hear about ways to maximize your MIT experience by building ties with faculty and getting involved on campus. All parents and students are welcome.

4:00pm – 5:00pm Twenty Chimneys – Student Center, 3rd Floor

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4:00pm W11 – Main Dining Room

**Christian Welcome Worship Service**

Join this special casual worship gathering for those from Christian backgrounds desiring to spend some moments in praise to God on your first day at MIT. Students & parents are invited to join others from non-denominational or other denominational backgrounds.

5:00pm

**Dinner on Your Own**

5:30pm W11 – Main Dining Room

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7:30pm Morss Hall – Walker Memorial

**Jazz Night**

Enjoy an evening relaxing to smooth jazz melodies while meeting parents of incoming freshman, as well as current MIT students. There will be light refreshments and an open bar. Bar sponsored by the MIT Parents Association.
Monday, August 27

9:00am – 10:30am Residence Halls
Residence Hall Open House
Want to meet the people who will be helping your student navigate MIT? Come and meet your student’s House team for an informal meet and greet located in the lobby of all residential facilities. This is an opportunity to ask about support within the houses, resources offered to students, and more.

11:00am – 12:00pm Kresge Oval – under the tent
President Reif’s Convocation and Welcome
President L. Rafael Reif officially welcomes you and your family to the MIT community. Come celebrate the greatness that is MIT!

12:00pm – 2:00pm Johnson Athletic Center
Vice President and Dean for Student Life Welcome for Parents/Families
While students enjoy a brunch in their residence halls hosted by Heads of House, parents and families are invited to attend a welcome brunch. The program will include welcome remarks from the Vice President and Dean for Student Life, Suzy Nelson, as well as an opportunity for informal interaction with student services staff, student leaders, and alumni volunteers. Parents will be able to connect personally with these resources, ask questions, learn about student life opportunities and services, and obtain information to keep in touch with student life resources at the Institute.

2:00pm – 3:00pm La Sala – Student Center, 2nd Floor
All About UROP
Over 90% of MIT students take advantage of the UROP program during their time at MIT. Learn more about the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program and how your student can be a part of it.

2:30pm – 3:30pm Mezzanine Lounge - Student Center, 3rd floor
Go Global: Student Opportunities at MIT
This panel of faculty, administrators, and students will help you understand the range of global opportunities available to students, including internships, study abroad, and public service projects. The panel will also talk about resources related to global opportunities and will answer questions about specific programs and about planning for and participating in an experience abroad, safety issues, funding, and more.
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MIT Student Health Plans
Staff from MIT Medical will be available to answer your questions and provide information on student health insurance.

Library Tour
Did you know there are four main libraries, a branch library, and the Institute Archives at MIT? Take an exciting and informative walking tour focusing on the MIT Libraries. Hear highlights of each library’s collection and services. The tour will take 45-60 minutes; be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

Finding a Path, Starting the Journey – Preparing Students for Lifelong Success
Overview of MIT Career Advising & Professional Development (CAPD)
This session will provide an overview of Career Advising & Professional Development and essential programs for student success Career Services, Prehealth Advising and Professional Development. Learn how students can effectively plan for their future career, graduate education and participation in the global economy, starting in their freshman year. Discover what employers look for in graduates and hear highlights of the Class of 2018 employment and graduate school outcomes. Finally, gain insight into ways in which parents can help students find their path and start their journey.