Parent Orientation 2017

Saturday, August 26

10:30am Leaves from Student Center Steps
*Museum of Science*
Visit the Museum of Science and check out the two-story Van de Graaff generator, dinosaur exhibit, planetarium, IMAX Theater, and other awesome exhibits. (Bring money for admission, food, and shopping)

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*

4:30pm Leaves from Student Center Steps
*Take the T to the North End*
Come check out the best places for Italian food in downtown Boston. Along with being the oldest residential neighborhood in Boston, the North End is also a great place for desserts, including the famous Mike’s Pastry. You will also get a chance to use the Boston subway system – the “T”. (Bring money for food)

Sunday, August 27

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 Kresge Auditorium
*Tech Catholic Community Welcome Mass*
Welcome Mass followed by reception in Kresge Lobby.
11:00am  MIT Chapel

**Opening Worship**
All are invited to this Christian service of scripture and song, followed by light refreshments. New and returning students and families from a wide variety of prior religious experiences and personal beliefs are most welcome. (Sponsored by the Lutheran Episcopal Ministry at MIT, and the Protestant Student Community at MIT)

12:00pm  W11 – Main Dining Room

**Hillel Kosher Lunch**
Welcome to MIT Orientation! Hillel provides Jewish life on campus and during Orientation provides Kosher food to new students and their families. For more information, please contact hillel-orientation@mit.edu.

1:00pm – 4:00pm  PDR’s 1&2 – Student Center, 3rd Floor

**MIT Student Health Plans**
Staff from MIT Medical will be available to answer your questions and provide information on student health insurance.

1:00pm  Leaves from Student Center Steps

**Campus Tour**
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1:00pm – 2:00pm  Room 10-250

**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.

**Greek Life at MIT**

12:00pm – 2:00pm  Room 400, Student Center

**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.

2:00pm – 3:00pm  Student Center – see description

**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.

2:30pm – 3:30pm Room 10-250
**Health and Safety Panel**
Staff from MIT Medical, student support and well-being, alcohol education, the Dean on Call, and campus police will be available to answer questions about your student’s well-being at MIT.

3:00pm – 5:00pm Twenty Chimneys – Student Center, 3rd Floor
**TechCASH & Dining Session – starts every 30 minutes**
TechCASH is the most convenient way for students to purchase goods and services across campus. All they need is their MIT ID card to buy meals, books, coffee, laundry, and almost anything else while at MIT. Come to a session to learn more about how TechCASH works and how to get started. Representatives from Dining will also be available.

3:30pm – 4:30pm Room 10-250
**Transition to Campus Living Panel**
Are your students excited about living in residence? Join representatives from Housing and Residential Education to learn more about your students’ 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 – 5:00pm 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 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**
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7:30pm
**Jazz Night**
Morss Hall – Walker Memorial
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.

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**Monday, August 28**

9:00am – 10:30am
**Residence Hall Open House**
Residence Halls
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
**President Reif’s Convocation and Welcome**
Kresge Oval – under the tent
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
**Vice President and Dean for Student Life Welcome for Parents/Families**
Johnson Athletic Center
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
**All About UROP**
La Sala – Student Center, 2nd Floor
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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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 30-45 minutes; be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

4:00pm  Meet in Lobby 7 – 77 Massachusetts Ave

Library Tour

3:30pm – 5:00pm  La Sala – Student Center, 2nd Floor

Finding a Path, Starting the Journey – Preparing Students for Lifelong Success
Overview of MIT Global Education and Career Development (GECD)
This session will provide an overview of GECD and three essential programs for student success – Global Education, Career Services, and Pre-Health Advising. Learn how students can effectively plan their career and graduate education and best prepare for the global economy, starting in their freshman year. Hear about what employers look for in graduates and highlights of the Class of 2017 employment and graduate school outcomes. Finally, gain insights about how parents can help students find their path and start their journey.