Dear Family Members of New Students,

This Family Orientation Guide complements the Parents’ Guide that can be found at go.middlebury.edu/parentsguide. Both resources provide useful information designed to anticipate and answer your questions and to help you support your Middlebury student during the next four years.

The Family Orientation Guide covers essential details about the February Orientation program, and highlights those events that you and your family are invited to attend along with your student.

The Parents’ Guide includes information about the following topics:

- Travel to and from campus
- Local lodging
- The Commons system
- Residential living
- What to bring
- Keeping in touch
- Mailing packages to campus
- Parental involvement
- Academic life
- Important campus policies
- Student resources
- Academic calendar

In addition, all incoming students have received first-year seminar registration materials, details regarding Spring course registration, and a letter directing them to the “Feb Web,” where we post information on topics such as what kinds of items to bring to campus, residential life, and other important preparation details. The “Feb Web” can be found at go.middlebury.edu/orientation.

If you have questions that are not covered in either guide, please contact us at 802.443.3103 or at orientation@middlebury.edu.

We hope you will be able to join us in February as we welcome your new student and your family to the Middlebury College community. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

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Office of the Dean of Students

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Before Heading to Middlebury

How and when should we mail packages to campus?
Please see the Parents’ Guide (go.middlebury.edu/parentsguide) for instructions on mailing packages to campus, page 17.

When should new students arrive on campus?
All students may arrive on Wednesday, February 5. The Welcome Center is open from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the Axinn Center at Starr Library; this should be your first stop on campus. Please note that the Welcome Center experience should take approximately 20 minutes, followed by the move-in process, so we encourage families to arrive early. Students traveling alone from great distances who wish to seek a shuttle service, students who are traveling alone and are of limited financial means may contact the Associate Dean of Students for assistance with transportation from the Burlington airport to campus. Please be sure to contact us no later than Friday, January 17. In addition, our Feb Leaders will help students transport luggage and packages they have shipped to the College to their residence halls.

If you are unable to attend Orientation but are interested in other opportunities to visit our campus or connect with the College community, please see “Parental Involvement” in the Parents’ Guide, page 19.

How should students travel to campus?
Students may choose to travel by plane, bus, or car to the Middlebury campus. For airport, bus, and taxi contact information, please see the Parents’ Guide, page 4.

What if I am unable to accompany my student to the Orientation program?
Although we are always delighted to welcome new Middlebury families to campus, please be assured that students who arrive “solo” will be well cared for by their Feb Leaders, their student residential staff, their Commons team, and the rest of our staff and faculty. Middlebury does not provide a shuttle service, students who are traveling alone and are of limited financial means may contact the Associate Dean of Students for assistance with transportation from the Burlington airport to campus. Please be sure to contact us no later than Friday, January 17. In addition, our Feb Leaders will help students transport luggage and packages they have shipped to the College to their residence halls.

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What if a member of our family has special needs?
We hope to make your visit to campus as successful as possible. If you or a member of your family has special needs regarding mobility or visual or hearing impairments, please contact us at 802.443.3103.

What other information should we expect to receive before we arrive?
Your student should expect several additional notifications this winter. Students receive housing and roommate assignments as well as notification of their first-year seminar and adviser via Middlebury e-mail. After they are housed, students are placed into Feb Orientation groups of nine students and two or three Feb Leaders (specially selected sophomore Febs) and will receive an e-mail from their group leaders. Students will also learn by e-mail if they are able to participate in a FOO trip.

How do we drive to the Orientation Welcome Center?
For students and families driving to campus from various locations, the following directions will bring you directly to the Welcome Center in Axinn. For those using a GPS, type in 14 Old Chapel Road, Middlebury, Vermont 05753.

From Burlington International Airport (approximately 1 hour): Left out of airport. Go straight across Rt. 2/Williston Rd. until you enter Rt. 189. At the end of 189, left onto Rt. 7S. As you enter Middlebury, you will see a white church on the right. Take a right at the church. Drive through town, and the roundabout, bear right up College Street/Rt. 125. Halfway up the hill, take a left onto Old Chapel Road. Follow this road until you see the Welcome Center on your left. You may park temporarily on Old Chapel Road.

From Montreal (approximately 2.5 hours): Canadian Rt. 133S to U.S. Interstate 89S to 189S (in Burlington) to Rt. 7S to the town of Middlebury. Refer to “From Burlington International Airport” for specific directions from Route 7S.

From Boston (approximately 4 hours): 93N to 89N into Vermont. Take Exit 3 (Bethel) to Rt. 107W to 100N to 125W. Follow 125W past the Middlebury Snow Bowl and Bread Loaf campus until you come to a “T” with Rt. 7. Right on Rt. 7N; continue for several miles. Turn left on Cross Street. At the traffic circle take the second exit onto College Street/Route 125 (Otter Creek Bakery will be on your right). Turn left on Old Chapel Road and follow signs to the Welcome Center.

From New York City via Albany (approximately 5 hours; Albany is 2.5 hours away): Take 87N to Exit 24 (Albany); through toll booth; continue to Exit 20 (Glens Falls) to 149E to 4E to Exit 3 (Route 30N) into Middlebury. You will pass through Cornwall, and as you come uphill toward the College, you will pass the College golf course and athletic facilities on your right. After passing the Mahaney Center for the Arts on your right, take your next left onto Old Chapel Road and follow it until you see the Welcome Center at Axinn on your right. You may park temporarily on Old Chapel Road.

From Route 7, from the South
After driving through Brandon, Salisbury, and East Middlebury (past Rt.125E—do not turn here), you will be approximately 4 miles from Middlebury. Continue on Route 7N; refer to “From Boston” for directions from Route 7N.
Arrival Day FAQs

What should families bring to Orientation?
Parents and family members attending Orientation need not bring any items other than warm clothing and footwear. Bear in mind that February temperatures in Vermont can be quite chilly. Although we are hoping for a sunny and temperate Orientation program, snow and ice are realistic possibilities. The dress for all Orientation events is informal and comfortable.

What items should our student bring to Middlebury?
This information can also be accessed on the “Feb Web” site (go.middlebury.edu/orientation) under “What to Bring.” Also included there are recommendations about purchasing computers and cell phone plans.

Where do we go first on Wednesday, February 5?
Students and family members should stop first at the Welcome Center in Axinn, which will be open from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

What do I need to do at the Welcome Center?
There are just a few important tasks you need to complete at the Welcome Center:
1. Pick up your student’s Orientation materials. A detailed Orientation schedule is included that will guide you through the next five days.
2. If you haven’t yet registered your student’s bike or car with Public Safety, stop by their office at 125 South Main Street.
3. All new students are going skiing on Saturday! Stop by the Ski Day table to tell us your student’s plan and to reserve a bag lunch.
4. Connect with one of your student’s Feb Leaders. When you’re finished with the Welcome Center, he or she will accompany your family to your student’s Commons office to pick up your room key and help you transport your luggage to your room.

How do I get to my Commons office?
Atwater: Drive down Old Chapel road to College Street (Route 125). Turn right on College Street, left on Shannon Street, and left up the second steep driveway, which leads to the back of Wright Theatre and Atwater. Atwater’s offices are located in Allen Hall, which is to the right when you get to the parking lot.
Brainerd: Drive down Old Chapel road to College Street (Route 125). Turn left on College St., left at the top of the hill on Hepburn Road, and proceed down Hepburn Road to Stewart Hall, which is on the left.
Cook and Wonnacott: Drive down Old Chapel Road, cross College Street, and proceed around the loop in front of Battell Hall. Wonnacott is on your left as you face Battell, and Cook is on your right.
Ross: Drive down Old Chapel Road, turn left on College Street, drive to the top of the hill past Adirondack Circle on your right, and make the next right just beyond the Ross Complex. Drive up that street, past the parking and through a gate. Just past the gate on your right you will see a sign for the Ross Commons Office – have one person stay in the car while someone else stops by the Commons Office for a key and instructions.

Will there be assistance with moving in?
As you arrive at the Welcome Center at Axinn, you will be paired with a Feb Leader who will help your student check in. When you have finished at the Welcome Center, the Feb Leader will accompany you to the Commons office and will assist you with luggage. Once you have unloaded your car, you will be instructed to move it to a visitor parking lot before unpacking in the residence hall. Families without cars who have shipped their student’s belongings to campus may go to the Mail Center (in the McCullough Student Center) to retrieve them, and your Feb Leader will assist you in transporting them to your student’s room.

Which items should never leave the car?
Fire safety regulations dictate that coffee makers, halogen lamps, Christmas lights, and other heat-conducting appliances are not allowed in student rooms. Not sure whether to hold onto an appliance? Check with your Commons staff.

Will there be support available for setting up our student’s computer?
Library & Information Services (LIS) staff will be on hand at the Welcome Center to answer general technology questions and direct you to appropriate resources. In addition, each student receives computing tips information on the USB stick provided in their welcome packet. The Walk-in Technology Help Desk (located in Davis Family Library, room 202) will be staffed throughout the day to provide hands-on assistance with equipment or you may call 802.443.2200.

Where in the area can we shop for room items?
The campus and town of Middlebury offer several options for purchasing general supplies within a short drive. For more information, see www.middkids.com.

Searching for more serious furnishings may require a trip to the Burlington/Williston area, approximately an hour’s drive, where shoppers can take advantage of the following resources among many others:
Bed Bath & Beyond: 115 Trader Lane, Williston (802.878.9991)
Best Buy: 26 Cypress Street, Williston (802.872.0992)
Christmas Tree Shop: 100 Cypress St., Williston (802.872.9509)
Home Depot: 759 Harvest Lane, Williston (802.872.0039)
Homeport: 52 Church Street, Burlington (802.863.4644)
Knapp: 947 Shelburne Road, S. Burlington (802.864.4575)
Wal-Mart: 863 Harvest Lane, Williston (802.878.5233)

How and when should we retrieve packages we mailed?
All packages will be stored at the Mail Center in the McCullough Student Center, which is open on weekdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Families arriving in the Middlebury area on Tuesday, February 4 may visit the Mail Center to retrieve packages before 4:00 pm; please note, however, that students will not have access to their residence halls on Tuesday.
Where should I park after I unload my car?
New students with cars need to go to the Department of Public Safety (125 South Main St.) to register the car. To complete this process, your student will need the car registration and the $50 parking fee. Students will receive a parking permit and instructions on where to park the car on campus. After unloading family cars, you can park them in visitor parking spots around campus, along the tennis courts behind Proctor Hall, behind the Mahaney Center for the Arts, in the Ridgeline parking area, or in the Wright Theatre lot.

Where should we eat lunch?
You may choose from three lunch options: 1) Proctor Dining Hall, open from 11:00 am–1:00 pm; 2) the Grille in the McCullough Student Center, open from 11:30 am–2:30 pm; or 3) downtown restaurants. A list of local restaurants is included in the back of this booklet. We invite family members to be our guests for Wednesday’s lunch and dinner and Thursday’s breakfast.

Do family members need to register in advance to participate in Orientation events?
We are hopeful that many of you will be able to remain on campus through Thursday morning to participate in optional scheduled events for family members. The President will host a welcome dinner for all students and families in Ross Dining Hall. Dress for dinner is casual, warm and comfortable.

What should families stay overnight?
This information can also be accessed on the “Feb Web” site (go.middlebury.edu/orientation/family) under “Where to Stay.” Although rooms at Middlebury’s Bread Loaf campus in Ripton, Vermont, are available to parents who visit Middlebury in the fall, Bread Loaf is closed for overnight lodging during the winter months because it is an unheated facility.

What happens on the first day of Orientation?
We offer campus tours for students and family members starting at 2:00 pm. To join a tour please meet back in the Axinn Winter Garden. Another afternoon option is the Student Services Fair. This drop-in event happens in Atwater Dining Hall from 3:00–4:30 pm. Stop by to learn more about Middlebury’s co-curricular opportunities and to enjoy a few snacks. At 5:00 pm we host a Welcome Dinner for students and families in Ross Dining Hall. Dress for dinner is casual, warm and comfortable.

What is the complete Orientation schedule for students?
By mid-January, you will be able to view the Orientation schedule on the “Feb Web.” go.middlebury.edu/orientation. Please note that this schedule may be adjusted as we finalize the details of this program. Students will receive their complete and finalized Orientation schedule at the Welcome Center.

What kind of academic orientation will students receive?
One of the primary goals of Orientation is to ensure that new students receive academic advising as they choose their first semester of classes and plan for future class sequences. All first-year students enroll in first-year seminars, which draw upon the breadth of our curriculum. There are approximately 15 students in each class.

The seminar instructor also serves as the academic adviser for these students throughout their first year at Middlebury. This model of advising has proven to be highly effective and makes possible frequent and meaningful contact between new students and their faculty advisers. Students meet with their advisers individually and as a class during the Orientation program to discuss course selection, Middlebury academic requirements, and class registration. Students will also participate in an Academic Forum which will provide them with an opportunity to interact with faculty from every department on campus. After attending their first-year seminar class on the second day of Orientation, students take placement exams in those departments that require exams. This helps ensure that they enroll in classes appropriate to their skill level. For more information on placement exams, please visit the “Feb Web.” There will also be several optional sessions on time management, academic scheduling, study skills, and other useful topics to help students transition to college, as well as optional academic policy and practice discussions with returning students and members of the Registrar’s staff.

When do students leave at the end of the semester?
Please see “Travel Plans” in the Parents’ Guide on page 12, and make note of the academic calendar on the last page of this booklet.

Who should I contact with additional questions?
Students or family members with additional Orientation questions may contact us at 802.443.3103 or at orientation@middlebury.edu. To contact other College offices, please use the directory on the Middlebury College website.
**Schedule for Families**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

*Note: On Wednesday families may park behind the Middlebury Center for the Arts, behind Wright Theatre, or in the parking lot behind McCarell Bicentennial Hall.*

**8:30 AM–2:00 PM**

**Students and Families: Welcome Center**

All students should check in at the Welcome Center to receive their Orientation packets, meet their Orientation leaders, and more! If your student needs to register a car, you will need to stop at the Office of Public Safety after visiting the Welcome Center. Please have your student bring his/her driver's license, vehicle registration, and a $50 registration fee. If your student would like to rent ski equipment (at no charge) for Saturday's activities at the Middlebury Snow Bowl, he/she will have an opportunity to complete a rental form at the Welcome Center. If you arrive at Middlebury after 2:00 PM, please go directly to your student's Commons office for more information.

**Axinn Center**

**10:00 AM–4:00 PM**

**Students and Families: Student Financial Services Drop-In Hours**

Student Financial Services staff will be available to answer any questions you or your student may have regarding financial aid or payment of a student account. No appointment necessary. They will be hosting hours throughout Orientation beginning Wednesday, February 5 through Friday, February 7.

**Service Building, First Floor**

**11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

**Students and Families: Lunch**

A complimentary “drop-in” lunch will be available in Proctor Dining Hall from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Other options include The Grille, located in the McCullough Student Center, for families who wish to purchase lunch on campus or any of the local restaurants on the list provided in the back of this booklet.

**Proctor Dining Hall**

**2:00–3:00 PM**

**Students and Families: Campus Tours**

Get to know your student’s new home by taking a tour of the Middlebury campus. Students and/or their family members are encouraged to join a student-led tour of the College. Tours start at 2:00 PM at the Welcome Center in Axinn.

**Axinn Center**

**3:00–4:30 PM**

**Students and Families: Student Services Fair**

We encourage you and your student to take some time to meet with key members of the Middlebury staff and faculty who oversee some of the most important aspects of student life on campus. Representatives from a number of offices will be on hand to share information and answer your questions.

**Atwater Dining Hall**

**5:00–6:15 PM**

**Students and Families: Welcome Dinner**

Join us on campus for a special dinner for Febs, transfer and exchange students, and their families. Enjoy dinner as you mingle with fellow incoming students and their families, as well as Orientation leaders, administrators, staff, and faculty. Dress code is warm and comfortable!

**Ross Dining Hall**

**6:30 PM**

**Students and Families: Convocation**

We invite everyone to join us for this traditional event, led by President Liebowitz, which symbolizes the beginning of your student’s academic journey at Middlebury.

**Mead Chapel**

**Please note: This is the last official event of Orientation that includes students and families together. If you would like to reconnect on Thursday, please make independent arrangements.**

**7:30 PM**

**Students: Meetings with Orientation Groups**

After saying goodnight to you, your student will meet the Orientation leaders and divide into Orientation groups.

**Mead Chapel**

**7:30–9:30 PM**

**Families: Family Mingle**

Please join us for drinks, desserts, and an opportunity to meet fellow Middlebury families!

**McCullough Crossroads Cafe**
Schedule for Families

9:30 PM
Students: Square Dance
Students celebrate their first night on campus with a great Middlebury tradition: the square dance.
McCullough Social Space

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6
*Note: On Thursday families should park in the lot behind Middlebury’s Mahaney Center for the Arts.

7:00–8:00 AM
Students: Breakfast with Orientation Groups
Proctor Dining Hall

7:00–9:00 AM
Families: Drop-in Breakfast
Families are invited to enjoy a complimentary breakfast in the dining hall.
Proctor Dining Hall

8:00–10:00 AM
Students: First-Year Seminar Meetings
This class will be your student’s first meeting with his/her seminar classmates and academic advisor. Some professors use this time to lead a general introduction to academic life at Middlebury, while others conduct this session as a first class and dive right into course content. Professors will also schedule individual advising meetings at this session. Students should consult their Orientation Guide for meeting locations.

9:00–10:00 AM
Families: Helping Students Find Their Way—Academic Advising at Middlebury College
Join us for a panel discussion on teaching and advising at Middlebury. Faculty colleagues from a range of disciplines and our Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tim Spears, will share their thoughts on how faculty connect with and guide students from first-year seminars through senior thesis work and beyond. Ample time for Q&A.
McCullough Social Space

10:00–11:00 AM
Students and Families: Coffee Break
If you would like to meet with your student during this time, please make your own location and timing arrangements.
McCullough Crossroads Cafe

10:30 AM–12:30 PM
Students: Placement Exams
Placement exams are offered to students to determine their appropriate level in a variety of courses. Detailed placement exam information has been mailed to students and is available on the “Feb Web.”
Various

11:00 AM–Noon
Families: Commons Panel
Commons teams serve as students’ primary support systems throughout their Middlebury experience. This meeting is an important opportunity for families to meet representatives from all Commons, learn about Middlebury’s Commons system of residential and academic life, and explore any remaining questions.
McCullough Social Space

Noon
Families Depart
We look forward to having you back on campus in the near future!

12:30–1:30 PM
Students: Lunch with Orientation Groups
Proctor Dining Hall
Local Restaurants

$ = $12 and under $=$ $13 to $18 $$$$ = $19 to $25

Coffee House
Carol's Hungry Mind Café ~ 24 Merchant's Row (802.388.0101) $  

Breakfast/Deli Sandwiches
Costello's Market ~ 99 Maple Street (802.388.3385) $  
Dunkin Donuts ~ 16 Court St. (802.388.9300) $  
The Grapevine Grille ~ 2506 Route 7 South (802.382.8646) $  
Middlebury Bagel & Delicatessen ~ 11 Washington St. (802.388.0859) $  
Middlebury Market & Sama's Café ~ 54 College St. (802.388.6408) $  
Middlebury Natural Foods Café ~ 1 Washington St. (802.388.7276) $  
Noonie's Deli of Middlebury (delivery available) ~ 137 Maple St. (802.388.0014) $  
Otter Creek Bakery ~ 14 College Street (802.388.3371) $  
Steve's Park Diner ~ 66 Merchants Row (802.388.3297) $  
Subway ~ 40 Court Street (802.388.8200) $  

Italian/Pizza
Green Peppers ~ 11 Washington St. (802.388.3164) $  
American Flatbread ~ 137 Maple Street (802.388.3300) $$  
Ramunto's Sicilian Pizza ~ 21 MacIntyre Lane (802.388.7755) $  

Casual American Eclectic
The Grille - McCullough Student Center (802.443.5014) $  
51 Main ~ 51 Main Street (802.388.8209) [open Thursday – Saturday] $$  
Mister Up's ~ 25 Bakery Lane (802.388.6724) $$  
Rosie’s Restaurant ~ 886 Rt. 7 South (802.388.7052) $  
Two Brothers Tavern ~ 86 Main Street (802.388.0002) $$  
McDonald’s ~ 280 Court St. (802.388.3177) $  

Semi-Formal American Eclectic
Fire & Ice Restaurant ~ 26 Seymour Street (802.388.7166) $$  
Storm Café ~ The Frog Hollow Mill (802.388.1063) $$$  
Swift House Inn ~ 25 Stewart Lane (802.388.9925) [open Thursday – Sunday] $$$  
Morgan's Tavern at the Middlebury Inn ~ 14 Court Square (802.388.4061) $$$  
Waybury Inn ~ Rt. 125, East Middlebury (802.388.4015) $$  
The Bobcat Café & Brewery ~ 5 Main Street, Bristol (802.453.3311) $$  
The Black Sheep Bistro ~ 253 Main St., Vergennes (802.877.9991) $$$  
La Tourelle ~ 3629 Ethan Allen Hwy., New Haven (802.453.6309) $$$  

Asian
A Taste of India ~ 1 Bakery Lane (802.388.4856) $$  
China House ~ 201½ Seymour St. (802.388.3883) $  
Magic Wok ~ 1499 Rt. 7 South (802.388.0339) $  
Sabai Sabai Thai Cuisine ~ 22 Merchants Row (802.989.7376) $$

Academic Calendar 2014

January
1  Wednesday  New Year's Day  
5  Sunday  Residence Halls open  
6  Monday  Winter term classes begin  
20  Monday  Martin Luther King Day  
1  Friday  Winter term classes end;  

February
1  Saturday  Celebration for  
5  Wednesday  Spring orientation begins  
10  Monday  Spring term classes begin  
20–22 Thurs.–Sat.  Trustee meetings  
20  Thursday  Winter Carnival recess  
21–22 Fri.–Sat.  Winter Carnival  
24  Monday  Classes resume (8:00 am)  

March
5  Wednesday  Ash Wednesday  
9  Sunday  Daylight Saving Time  
21  Friday  Spring recess begins  
31  Monday  Classes resume (8:00 am)  

April
11  Friday  *Student Research  
15  Tuesday  ***First Day of Passover  
20  Sunday  Easter (Christian)  

May
8–10 Thurs.–Sat.  Trustee Meetings  
12  Monday  **Spring term classes end  
15  Wednesday  Examination period begins  
15–20 Thur.–Tues.  *Final examinations  
21  Wednesday  Residence Halls close for  
24  Saturday  Baccalaureate  
25  Sunday  Commencement/  
26 Monday  Memorial Day  

Notes
* Spring exams scheduled Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday.  
** Friday class schedule observed on Monday, May 12.  
*** These religious holidays begin at sundown of the preceding day. Dates are based on the lunar calendar and may vary.
This is the McCullough Student Center!