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Dear Parents and Family Members of New Students:

This Family Orientation FAQs complements the Parents’ Guide found at go.middlebury.edu/parentsguide. Both resources provide useful information designed to anticipate and answer your questions and to help you support your student during his or her time at Middlebury.

The Family Orientation FAQs covers essential details about MiddView, Middlebury’s Fall Orientation program, and highlights those activities that you and your family are invited to attend.

The Parents’ Guide includes information about the following topics:

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

In addition, all incoming students have been mailed or e-mailed materials that include information on registering for classes, items to bring to campus, residential life, and other important preparation details. Along with most other summer mailings from Middlebury, these materials are posted on the MiddView website (go.middlebury.edu/orientation). If you have questions that are not covered in any of these materials or on the website, go.middlebury.edu/orientation, please contact us at 802.443.3103.

We hope that you will be able to join us on Monday, September 2 as we welcome your new student and your family to the Middlebury College community. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

JJ Boggs
Associate Dean of Students for Student Activities and Orientation

Readers who would like a large-print version of this text may contact us at 802.443.3103 or orientation@middlebury.edu.
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When should new students arrive on campus?

International Students
International students have been invited to participate in Middlebury’s Early Arrival for International Students. Participants will arrive on Friday, August 30; detailed information has been sent to these students in a separate mailing.

Preseason Athletes
Students who have been invited to participate in preseason practices for a fall sport should contact their coach directly to learn about arrival details. For coach contact information, visit our website at www.middlebury.edu/athletics, or call the Athletics Office at 802.443.5250. Preseason athletes may pick up their Orientation packets in their Commons Office.

All Other First-Year, Transfer, and Exchange Students
Students who are not participating in one of the programs noted above may arrive on campus on the first official day of MiddView: Monday, September 2. Commons Welcome Centers will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Students and their families may arrive any time between these hours and should plan to make their Commons their first stop on campus.

When should family members arrive on campus?
Family members of incoming students are enthusiastically invited to arrive on campus for Middlebury’s Orientation program on Monday, September 2. We hope that you will be able to participate in the Orientation events for family members offered Monday afternoon through the morning of Tuesday, September 3.

How should students travel to campus?
Students participating in the Early Arrival for International Students will receive more detailed information about their travel and pick-up options. All students may choose to travel by plane, bus, or car to the Middlebury campus. For airport, bus, and taxi contact information, please see the “Family Resources > How to Get Here” link at go.middlebury.edu/orientation.

How and when should we mail packages to campus?
Students mailing packages for arrival between August 19 and September 13: The arrival of many new students at the beginning of the fall necessitates that packages mailed at this time must be sent to the Service
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Building Warehouse, where a higher volume of large items can be processed efficiently. New and returning students who are shipping large items to the College between August 19 and September 13 should use the following address:

Student Full Name (no nicknames, please)
c/o (Box number if available) Middlebury College
Service Building Warehouse
84 South Service Road
Middlebury, VT 05753

Students who have not received their mailbox number by the time they must mail their belongings should indicate on the package that they are a first-year, transfer, or exchange student. The warehouse will be open throughout MiddView. Students should plan to bring their student IDs and package slips with them to the warehouse.

Students mailing packages for arrival between September 14 and August of the following year: During the academic year and summer, students who need to ship larger items (i.e., trunks, luggage, special-ordered equipment) to campus should send their items, prepaid, to the campus Mail Center.

How and when should we retrieve these packages?
All packages will be stored at the Service Building Warehouse, which is located behind the McCullough Student Center. The warehouse will be open on Monday, September 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for families who would like to claim their packages that day. Please bring a student ID and package slip or tracking number for pick-up. If a student receives an e-mail regarding a package, it can be retrieved from the McCullough Mail Center.

Where do we go first on Monday, September 2?
Students and family members should stop first at the Commons Welcome Centers, which will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students will pick up related materials, their room key, and attend to other important details. Family members will pick up Family Orientation materials such as updated schedules and event locations and other useful information (please plan to bring this booklet with you). Residential life staff will be available to assist with the move-in process.
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How do we get to the Commons Welcome Centers?

- **From Burlington International Airport** (approximately 1 hour): Left out of the airport. Go straight across Rt. 2/Williston Rd. until you enter Rt. 189. At the end of 189, left onto Rt. 7S. Approximately 30 miles to Middlebury on Rt. 7S. As you enter Middlebury, you will see a white church on the right. Right at church. Drive through town, following signs to Middlebury College/Route 125 (Otter Creek Bakery will be on your right). Proceed up College Street and look for signs that will direct you to your Commons Welcome Center.

- **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 the directions from the Burlington International Airport for specific directions from Route 7S.

- **From Boston** (approximately 4 hours): Take 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. As you approach downtown Middlebury, turn left on Cross Street. Take the second exit out of the roundabout and bear right onto College Street/Route 125 (Otter Creek Bakery will be on your right). Proceed up College Street and look for signs that will direct you to your Commons Welcome Center.

- **From New York City via Albany** (approximately 5 hours; Albany is 2.5 hours away): Take 87N to Exit 20 (Glens Falls) to 149E to 4E to Exit 4 (Rt. 30N) into Middlebury. You will pass through Cornwall, and as you come uphill toward the College you will pass the College golf course. As you near campus, look for signs directing you to your Commons Welcome Center.

- **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 Rt. 7N; refer to “From Boston” for directions from Rt. 7N.
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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 student residential staff, their Commons team, and the rest of our staff and faculty. While Middlebury does not provide a shuttle service, students who are traveling alone and are of limited financial means may contact us at orientation@middlebury.edu or 802.443.3103 for assistance with transportation from the Burlington airport to campus.

In addition, our warehouse staff will help students transport to their residence halls packages they have shipped to the College.

If you are unable to attend Orientation but are interested in other opportunities to visit Middlebury or connect with the College community, please see “Parental Involvement” in the Parents’ Guide, at go.middlebury.edu/parentsguide.

Where should we stay overnight?
Please consult the Parents’ Guide online for information about local hotels, motels, and bed-and-breakfast facilities. In addition, a limited number of rooms are available for the evening of Monday, September 2 at Middlebury’s Bread Loaf campus in Ripton, Vermont. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer accommodations at Bread Loaf on Sunday, September 1 or Tuesday, September 3. Bread Loaf is a 25-minute drive from campus and offers simple double and single rooms, all with single beds. Each floor has a community bathroom, and towels, sheets, pillows, blankets, and soap are provided in each room. Located in the mountains, it is a charming but rustic facility; there is no cell phone coverage, no wake-up call service, and there are no refrigerators, alarm clocks, or telephones in the bedrooms. Although the Ripton General Store is a five-minute drive from Bread Loaf, restaurants and retail services are fifteen minutes away in East Middlebury. Guests are responsible for their own transportation to and from Bread Loaf. The cost is $50 per person and includes breakfast on Tuesday morning.

Bread Loaf rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a room, please fill out the online form found in the Family Section of the Orientation website, go.middlebury.edu/breadloafreservations. Credit card payment must be made online. If registering online is not possible, you may call us at 802.443.3103 for help. Because these rooms are traditionally in high demand, all families are encouraged to make alternative reservations that may be cancelled once you receive confirmation of your lodging at Bread Loaf.
What should we bring to Orientation?
Parents and family members attending Orientation need not bring any items other than comfortable clothing and footwear. Bear in mind that early fall weather in New England can be erratic. Although we are hoping for a cool and sunny Orientation program, rain, wind, and heat are realistic possibilities. The dress for all Orientation events is informal and comfortable.
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When may students move into the residence halls?
Students arriving early for preseason athletics or Early Arrival for International Students will receive specific information about when they may access their rooms. All other students may move into their rooms on Monday, September 2, after obtaining their room key at their Commons Welcome Center. No other early arrivals are permitted.

Will there be assistance with moving in?
On Monday, September 2, between 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., each Commons will provide an enthusiastic and energetic move-in team of student staff. Once you have unpacked your car, you will be instructed to move it to a visitor parking lot, while your student’s items are transported to his or her room. Families without cars who have shipped their student’s belongings to campus may go to the warehouse to retrieve them. There, members of the warehouse staff will be available to help transport packages to the residence hall.

Where can we shop in the area for room items?
New students have received a list of recommended items for their rooms in an earlier mailing. The business community of the town of Middlebury works hard to meet the needs of college students by providing many of those items locally, and by special-ordering those products that are not sold locally when possible. By purchasing products from Middlebury-area businesses, students contribute to a thriving local economy, support the strong relationship between the College and the community, and reduce the need to pack, ship and transport excess items. To learn about local shopping opportunities, visit www.middkid.com/shop.

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 Street, Williston (802.872.9509)
Home Depot: 759 Harvest Lane, Williston (802.872.0039)
Kmart: 947 Shelburne Road, South Burlington (802.864.4575)
Homeport: 52 Church Street, Burlington (802.863.4644)
Wal-Mart: 863 Harvest Lane, Williston (802.878.5233)
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**Will there be support available for setting up our student’s computer?**

Members of the Library and Information Services staff will be on hand in the Davis Family Library to provide assistance to students who have difficulty with computer hardware, software or network connections. In addition, the Technology Help Desk (ext. 2200; located in the library) will be staffed throughout the day to answer set-up questions by phone. Information about purchasing computers can be found at go.middlebury.edu/computerpurchase. Our Book Store also offers an Apple Campus Store, as well Apple tech support year-round.

**What if a member of our party has special needs?**

We hope to make your visit to campus as successful as possible. If you or a member of your party has special needs regarding mobility or visual or hearing impairments, please contact us at 802.443.3103 or orientation@middlebury.edu.

**What other information should we expect to receive before we arrive?**

Please consult the “Pre-Arrival Checklist” on the inside front cover of the Orientation booklet mailed to students at the beginning of June. You can also find this checklist under “September Orientation” at go.middlebury.edu/orientation.

**What is the complete Orientation schedule for students?**

Later this summer, you may view the MiddView schedule on our website: go.middlebury.edu/orientation. Please note that Orientation for all first-year students will include off-campus trips. More information about the trips can be found at go.middlebury.edu/orientation. We will offer a slightly different Orientation for transfer and exchange students. Please keep in mind that these schedules may be adjusted as we finalize the details of these programs.

**What kind of academic orientation will students receive?**

One of the primary goals of MiddView is to ensure that new students receive effective academic advising as they choose their classes and plan for future class sequences. Between June 13 and June 20, all first-year students enroll online in their First-Year Seminars for the fall, which draw upon the breadth of our curriculum. There are approximately 15 students in each class, and the first class meeting takes place on the second day of MiddView. Students’ First-Year Seminar instructors also serve as their academic advisers 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. Transfer students will have advisers assigned to them based on their tentative field of interest.

Students also take placement exams in those departments that require them. This helps ensure that students enroll in classes appropriate to their preparation level. The MiddView materials mailed to all new students in June included a Placement Exam Information Chart that provides details about each department that requires a placement exam, what kind of exam they offer, who should take the exam, and a departmental contact. Placement exams in Latin, Spanish, French, Chemistry, and Biochemistry should be taken online prior to arrival, but after August 1. Results of all placement exams are provided to students on Tuesday afternoon of MiddView. During MiddView students will also attend the Academic Forum, where faculty representatives from each of Middlebury’s academic programs are available to talk with new students about courses and opportunities in their departments. Throughout Orientation students meet individually with their advisers to discuss their fall course selection, Middlebury’s academic requirements, and class registration. Finally, on Wednesday afternoon all students register for their remaining fall classes.

**Who should I contact with additional questions?**

Family members with additional Orientation questions may contact Orientation Interns Angela Santee ’13, Kristen DeGraff ’13.5, and Emily Cavanagh ’14 at 802.443.3103 or orientation@middlebury.edu. To contact other College offices, please see the administrative directory in the *Parents’ Guide.*
Orientation Events for Family Members

MiddView will begin on Monday, September 2 and will conclude on Sunday, September 8. We encourage parents and family members to join their sons and daughters for the first two days of Orientation. The tentative schedules for Monday, September 2 and Tuesday, September 3, which include events for parents and other family members, are listed below. Later this summer, a complete schedule will be made available on the MiddView website: go.middlebury.edu/orientation.

Monday, September 2

9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.
Students and Families: Commons Welcome Centers Check-In
All new students and family members may check in at their Commons Welcome Centers. Family members will retrieve their Orientation materials, and students will pick up their own Orientation materials and room key.

11:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.
Students and Families: Drop-in Lunch in Dining Halls
An informal complimentary lunch is available in our campus dining halls. Other lunch options include the Grille in the McCullough Student Center or Middlebury’s wide variety of local restaurants.

1:00 and 2:30 P.M.
Students and Families: Campus Tours
Get to know your student’s new home by taking a tour of the Middlebury campus. New students and/or their family members are encouraged to join a student-led tour of the College. Tours start at 1:00 and 2:30 P.M.

4:00—4:45 P.M.
Families: Welcome Address
President Ronald D. Liebowitz shares a welcoming address followed by a reception for family members.

Please note: We recognize that dropping your child off at college is a significant moment. Family members should arrange to say goodbye according to their student’s schedule. We do not have an official “goodbye slot” on the calendar, because some students will be taking placement exams on Tuesday, while others will not. Families may say their
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goodbyes before the President’s address on Monday, over breakfast on Tuesday morning, or as their student’s schedule permits on Tuesday morning.

5:00–6:30 P.M.
Families: President’s Reception
Join President Liebowitz and other members of Middlebury’s administration and faculty for a light dinner.

7:00–8:00 P.M.
Families: Presentation by a Middlebury Faculty, Staff, or Community Member
A member of Middlebury’s faculty, staff, or community will present on a topic relevant to you and your student’s Middlebury experience. Updated information on this session will be available later this summer.

8:00–10:00 P.M.
Family Mingle
Please join us for drinks, dessert, and an opportunity to meet fellow Middlebury families!
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Tuesday, September 3

7:00–9:00 A.M.
Families: Breakfast in Dining Halls
Family members are free to join their students for breakfast or simply dine on their own.

9:00–10:00 A.M.
Families: Student Development Sessions
Family members will have the opportunity to explore a variety of issues important to their student’s personal and academic development. Sessions may include presentations and discussions on Middlebury’s study abroad experiences, common transition challenges, and opportunities and resources available to students. More information about these sessions will be provided in the Family Orientation materials you will receive at the Welcome Center.

10:00–11:00 A.M.
Students and Families: Coffee Break
Faculty, staff, and administrators will join families for an informal coffee break. If you would prefer to meet with your student during this time, please make your own location and timing arrangements based on your student’s schedule.

11:00 A.M.–Noon
Families: Introductions to Commons Teams
While students attend placement exams or advising sessions, family members meet their student’s Commons team. These individuals serve as one of students’ primary support and advising networks throughout their Middlebury experience. This meeting is an important opportunity for families to connect with their student’s Commons head and dean and learn about Middlebury’s Commons system of residential and academic life. Plenty of time will be provided for families to ask questions.

Noon
Families Depart
Family members who are still on campus should plan to depart at this time.
Academic Calendar 2013–2014

September 2013
1    Sunday    Alumni College ends
2    Monday    Labor Day
2    Monday    Orientation begins
5–6  Thurs.–Fri.  ***Rosh Hashanah, I and II
7    Saturday  Residence Halls open for returning students (9:00 AM)
8    Sunday    Convocation
9    Monday    Fall term classes begin (8:00 AM)
14   Saturday  ***Yom Kippur
26–28  Thurs.–Sat.  Clifford Symposium

October 2013
11–13  Fri.–Sun.  Fall Family Weekend
15    Tuesday   ***Eid al Adha
17–19  Thur.–Sat.  Trustee Meetings
21–22  Mon.–Tues.  Midterm recess
23    Wednesday  Classes resume (8:00 AM)
25–27  Fri.–Sun.  Homecoming

November 2013
3    Sunday    Daylight Saving Time ends
26    Tuesday   Thanksgiving recess begins (4:15 PM)
28    Thursday  Thanksgiving Day

December 2013
2    Monday    Classes resume (8:00 AM)
6    Friday    Fall term classes end (4:15 PM)
7    Saturday  M.I.T. Winter Commencement
9    Monday    Reading Day
10–15  Tue.–Sun.  *Final examinations begin
12    Thursday  Reading Day
15    Sunday    Recess begins (10:00 PM)
16    Monday    Residence Halls close (Noon)
25    Wednesday  Christmas Day

January 2014
1    Wednesday  New Year’s Day
5    Sunday    Residence Halls open (9:00 AM)
6    Monday    Winter term classes begin (8:00 AM)
20   Monday    Martin Luther King Day
31   Friday    Winter term classes end; Recess begins (4:15 PM)

February 2014
1    Saturday  Celebration for mid-year graduates
5    Wednesday  Spring Orientation begins
10   Monday    Spring term classes begin (8:00 AM)
20–22  Thurs.–Sat.  Trustee meetings
20    Thursday  Winter Carnival recess begins (4:15 PM)
21–22  Fri.–Sat.  Winter Carnival
24   Monday    Classes resume (8:00 AM)

March 2014
5    Wednesday  Ash Wednesday
9    Sunday    Daylight Saving Time begins
21   Friday    Spring term recess begins (4:15 PM)
31   Monday    Classes resume (8:00 AM)

April 2014
11   Friday    *Student Research Symposium; classes do not meet
15   Tuesday   ***First Day of Passover
18    Friday    Good Friday
20    Sunday    Easter (All Christian)

May 2014
8–10   Thurs.–Sat.  Trustee meetings
12    Monday    ***Spring term classes end (4:15 PM)
13–14  Tue.–Wed.  Reading Day
15–20  Thur.–Tues.  *Final examinations begin
17    Saturday  M.I.T. Commencement
18    Sunday    Reading Day
21    Wednesday  Residence Halls close for general student body (Noon)
24    Saturday  Baccalaureate
25    Sunday    Commencement/Residence Halls close for Graduates and Senior FEBs (11:00 PM)
26    Monday    Memorial Day

* Fall exams scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
* 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.

NOTE: The Calendar is subject to change.