

WELCOME TO PARENT AND FAMILY ORIENTATION

Sponsored by the Office of the First Year



The Office of the First Year, within the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC), provides programming, access to Institute resources, and services that recognize the many needs, diversity, and uniqueness of students at MIT. This includes coordinating first-year pre-orientation programs, facilitating academic advising and mentoring relationships, and providing academic and personal support. Additionally, the First Generation and/or Low Income (FLI) Program is managed by the UAC. Information about programs and resources for first-year students can be found at firstyear.mit.edu.

Events and Programming

Saturday, August 26th

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The DEN (Building 3-108)

Check in For Parent Orientation

Come check in with the Office of the First Year staff and Orientation Leaders, get your nametag, have your questions answered, and pick up any tickets for events you purchased!

10:00 AM

Rockwell Cage (Z-Center)

Varsity Women's Volleyball Scrimmage

Support our Varsity Women's Volleyball team as they start off their season with three scrimmages vs. Framingham State University, Wentworth, and Southern New Hampshire University!

12:00 PM

Jack Barry Field

Varsity Women's Field Hockey Scrimmage

Support our Varsity Women's Field Hockey team as they start off their season with a scrimmage vs. Lasell College!

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM and 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Leaving from the Kresge Oval Tent

Campus Tour

Get to know the MIT campus, interesting facts and history about the Institute, and get a first-hand look at the amazing place your student is going to call home for the next four years!

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Spirit of Boston Cruises, Seaport, Boston

Spirit of Boston Boat Cruise

Advanced ticket purchase required.

Sunday, August 27th

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Hyatt Regency, Cambridge

Parent and Family Breakfast

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W15 - MIT Chapel

Tech Catholic Community Mass

Reception following in W11 (Main Dining Room).

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

W11 (Main Dining Room)

Tech Catholic Community Post-Mass Reception

Join for coffee and donuts after Mass!

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

W11-155 (Community Room)

Cru Church Connect

Connect with Christian community at MIT and learn about some surrounding churches in the area. MIT Cru will provide an informal and short worship service with a brief message from the Bible, prayer, and an opportunity to meet others. We'll also tell you more about Christian community at MIT and churches in the area. Snacks and drinks provided. More info at www.mitcru.com.

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM **UPDATED

W11-190

Christian Worship Service - Find Jesus & Church at MIT

Join us at W11-190 for our welcome worship service and introduction to the Christian community at MIT. Come at 9:30am for breakfast & 10am for our brief service. Learn about how to attend local churches in the Boston area. All students from non-denominational or other denominational backgrounds are welcome to attend. (Sponsored by Rev. Michael Dean, Baptist Chaplain, mdean@mit.edu, <http://bsf.mit.edu>)

Sunday, August 27th (continued)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

W11 (Main Dining Room)

Hillel Jewish Community Brunch

Welcome to MIT Orientation! Hillel provides Jewish life on campus and is happy to host a Kosher bagels and lox lunch for new students' parents/families. Meet Rabbi Fisher and other Hillel staff, and have an opportunity to make a parent blessing at this liminal moment. For more info, email hillel@mit.edu.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Kresge Auditorium

Academic Panel

Learn about core first-year classes and unique learning opportunities. Professors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to answer questions relating to your student's academic endeavors.

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Kresge Auditorium

Fraternity, Sorority, & Independent Living Group Life at MIT Presentation

Join the MIT Fraternity, Sorority & Independent Living Group (FSILG) Office team to learn more about all of the organizations that make up the FSILG Community, how our staff supports these groups and how your student can explore and potentially join these amazing organizations. This is a great introduction to our community!



Sunday, August 27th (continued)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Rehearsal Room A (Kresge Auditorium)

Interfraternity Council Panel

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Rehearsal Room B (Kresge Auditorium)

Panhellenic Council Panel

~~2:00 PM - 2:45 PM~~

~~Little Theatre (Kresge Auditorium)~~

~~Multicultural Greek Council Panel~~ CANCELED

The executive boards of MIT's IFC fraternities and Panhellenic sororities will be hosting separate panel discussions about their specific communities, what role they play at the Institute, how recruitment works and what it means for your students to join. Parents interested in hearing from the Interfraternity Council (IFC) should go to Rehearsal Room A and those interested in hearing from Panhellenic Council (Panhel) should go to Rehearsal Room B with questions!

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Kresge Auditorium

Health and Safety Panel

Staff from MIT Medical, Student Support and Wellbeing, Residential and Community Life, and the MIT Police will be available to answer questions about your student's well-being and safety at MIT.

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Little Theatre, Kresge

MIT Dining and Dining Dollars/Tech Cash

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. *Drop-in event*

Sunday, August 27th (continued)

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Kresge Lobby

Housing and Residential Services + Undergraduate Residential Life Expo

Meet with staff from Housing & Residential Services and Undergraduate Residential Life to ask questions and learn all about living on campus at MIT!

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Various Locations

Dinner on your Own!

Take advantage of all the restaurants there are in the area and have dinner on your own. We have included some ideas for places in the back of this booklet, but take advantage of the infinite amount of great spots in Boston/Cambridge and surrounding areas. Please note your student will be attending Mandatory Orientation Events starting at 6:00 PM.

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Hyatt Regency, Cambridge

Jazz Night

Enjoy an evening relaxing to smooth jazz melodies while meeting parents of incoming students, as well as current MIT students. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar. This event is sponsored by the MIT Parent Leadership Circle. Advanced ticket purchase required.



2027 Class Photo Purchase

**Scan this QR Code to
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commemorative
copy of the Class of
2027 photo!**

Monday, August 28th

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Respective Residence Halls

Residence Hall Open Houses

Want to meet the people who will be helping your student navigate MIT? Get acquainted with 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 and resources offered to students. *Drop-in event*

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Kresge Oval

President Sally Kornbluth's Convocation

You are invited to join President Sally Kornbluth and other Institute leaders as they welcome you into the MIT community. The program includes first-person advice from faculty members who attended MIT and a chance to sing the School Song along with the famed Chorallaries of MIT. It's a great way to celebrate the start of this exciting new adventure for your student!

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Johnson Ice Rink

Dean for Student Life Info Fair and Family Lunch

While students enjoy a brunch in their residence halls hosted by Heads of House, parents and families are invited to attend a welcome lunch hosted by Vice Chancellor and Dean for Student Life, Suzy Nelson. This lunch will provide an opportunity for informal interactions with staff from across the Division of Student Life. 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.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Kresge Auditorium

All About UROP

How about: "MIT's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) gives undergraduates the opportunity to collaborate on and contribute to real research across MIT. It's a dynamic, hands-on way to pursue one's passions, find new interests, or explore different majors. Learn more about UROP and how your student can get involved and benefit from undergraduate research.

Monday, August 28th (continued)

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Office of Minority Education (Building 4-107)

OME Open House

The Office of Minority Education invites you to its annual OME Open House during Orientation, which is primarily for incoming first-year students and their support networks. This will be the primary (and only) Orientation event offered by our office, and it will be fun and informative!

During the OME Open House, you will have the opportunity to connect with other incoming first-year students and their families and friends and OME staff members. In addition, you will learn about many programmatic offerings that the OME provides, including academic success, personal and professional development, and community building and well-being initiatives, that empower students. The OME helps students thrive in a supportive setting that fosters a pursuit of excellence and a strong sense of belonging, while they are away from the comforts of home. You can review our programs and services on our website using this link:
<https://ome.mit.edu/>.

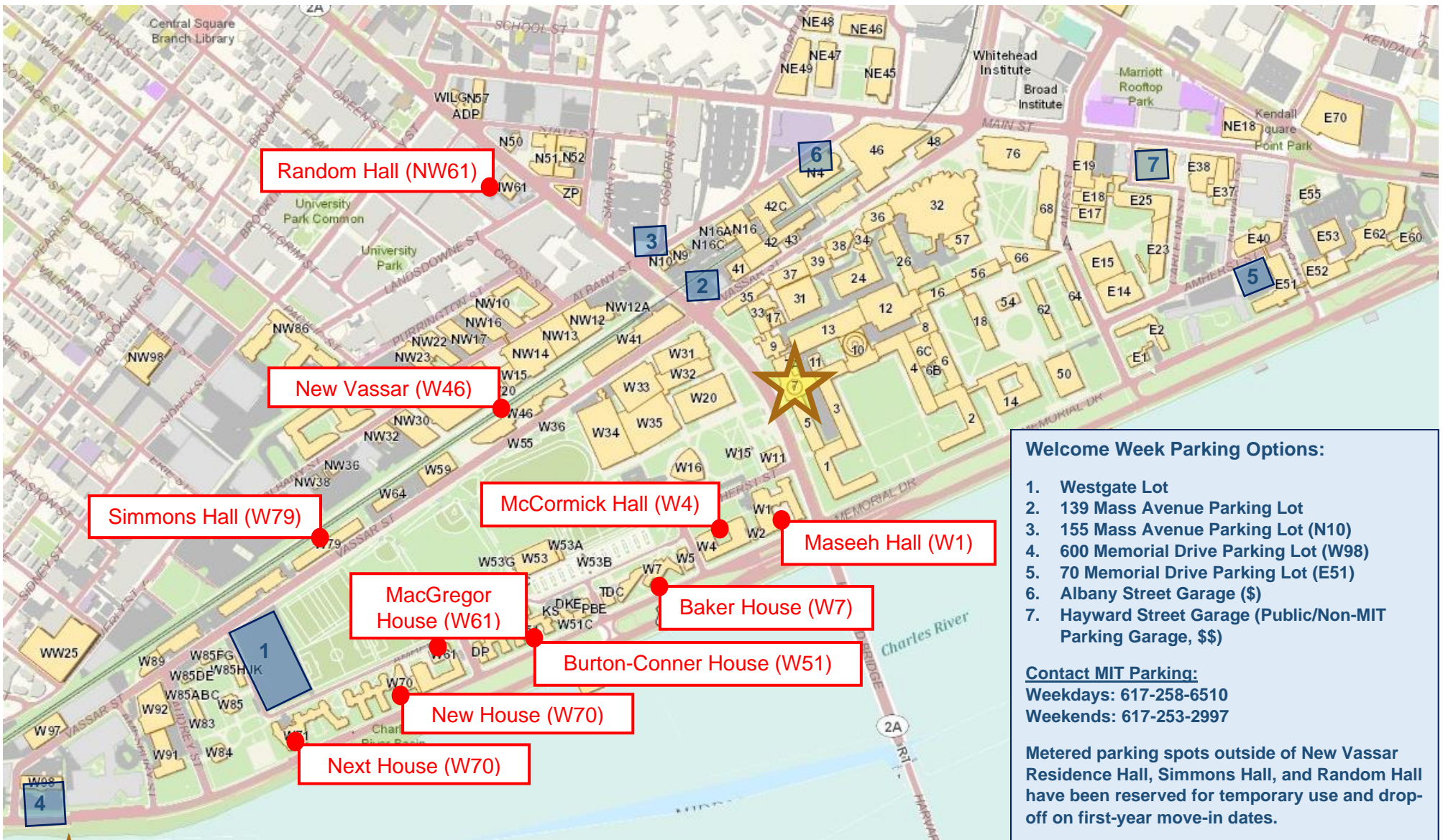
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Little Theatre, Kresge

Q&A: Career Advising & Professional Development

This session will provide an overview of Career Advising & Professional Development Office and their essential programs for student success, career services, pre-health advising and professional development. Learn about the tailored resources, career exploration opportunities, and individualized support students receive starting in their first year. Discover what employers look for in graduates and hear highlights of alum employment and graduate school outcomes. Finally, gain insight into ways in which parents and supporters can help students find their path and start their journey.

Fall 2023 Welcome Week Parking Map





Welcome Week Parking Options:

1. Westgate Lot
2. 139 Mass Avenue Parking Lot
3. 155 Mass Avenue Parking Lot (N10)
4. 600 Memorial Drive Parking Lot (W98)
5. 70 Memorial Drive Parking Lot (E51)
6. Albany Street Garage (\$)
7. Hayward Street Garage (Public/Non-MIT Parking Garage, \$\$)

Contact MIT Parking:
 Weekdays: 617-258-6510
 Weekends: 617-253-2997

Metered parking spots outside of New Vassar Residence Hall, Simmons Hall, and Random Hall have been reserved for temporary use and drop-off on first-year move-in dates.

 After bringing your belongings to your residence hall, check in with the Office of the First-Year. Orientation details can be found at firstyear.mit.edu.

 **Parking on and around the MIT campus can be difficult, especially with current construction impacts. Thank you for your understanding!**
Weekdays (including FPOP Move-in on Aug. 22): Free parking in open lots. If parking is attended, notify attendant of move-in. Parking costs may apply.
Weekends (including First-Year Move-in on Aug. 26–27): Free parking at Westgate Lot, 139 Mass Ave, 155 Mass Ave, 600 Memorial Drive, E51 Lot. Pay-to-park available in parking garages. More parking options can be found at <https://bit.ly/3OQGXT>