



MONTVERDE ACADEMY WELCOME WEEK 2023

Welcome to the MVA Family!

New boarding student families will be welcomed at MVA on August 10th from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and August 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., during pre-scheduled reception appointments. All returning boarders must arrive between 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12th and 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14th.

New day and boarding students need to take the SLATE test if English is not their first language. New international students must take the math placement test if they have not yet taken it.

Contact Persons for Orientation Day:

Parent Orientation and Q&A Questions – Mr. David Bernatavitz (407-469-2561 EXT: 3110)

Student Orientation Questions – Mr. Walter Eksteen & Mrs. Margaret Price
(407-469-2561 EXT: 3108 & 3107)

Residential Life: Mrs. Kirstin Coffman (407-469-2561 EXT 5100)

Transportation: Mrs. Natasja Eksteen (407-469-2561 EXT 3103)

Enrollment Management (407-469-2561)

Lower School & IJGA: Ms. Callie Byron (407-469-2561 EXT 4105)

Middle School & I-20: Mrs. Yaritza Rivera (407-469-2561 EXT 4104)

Upper School (10th & 11th): Mrs. Jill Clapper (407-469-2561 EXT 4103)

Upper School (9th, 12th, & PG): Dr. David Rath (407-469-2561 EXT 4101)

Registrar – Mrs. Karen Hall (407-469-2561 EXT: 3105)



Parent Tech Training Questions – Dr. Caryn Long (407-469-2561 EXT 3601)

Students are expected to arrive on campus groomed and dressed to the standards clarified in Section II: Student Life of the US Handbook.

MVA Upper School Welcome Week Schedule

Monday, August 7th

5:00 p.m. Dorm Prefects arrive

Tuesday, August 8th

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Dorm Prefect Training

Wednesday, August 9th

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Head of School Leadership Institute (HLI) retreat

Thursday, August 10th

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Dorms Open for New Boarder Reception (scheduled appointments)

HLI Community Service on campus

6:00 p.m. Boarder activities on campus

Friday, August 11th

8:00 a.m. – 10 a.m. SLATE Testing (English proficiency testing)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Dorms Open for New Boarder Reception

HLI Community Service on campus

3:00 p.m. New Boarder Orientation (NEST)

New Parent Orientation (Auditorium)

6:00 p.m. Welcome Back Reception for Parents (Trilogy)

Boarder activities

Saturday, August 12th

8:00 a.m. – 10 a.m. SLATE Testing (English proficiency testing)

8:00 a.m. Risse Brothers uniform store trip



12:00 p.m. Returning boarder arrival begins

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. HLI retreat

Boarder activities

Sunday, August 13th

Various times Boarder activities

Monday, August 14th

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Grade 9 and New Upper School Day Student Orientation (NEST)

Grade 9 and New Upper School Day Student Parents Orientation (Auditorium)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. New Upper School Student Registration

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. New Upper School Student Registration (continued)

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Grade 7 and 8 Orientation (Lindor Hall)

9:00 p.m. All boarding students must be on campus

Tuesday, August 15th

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Returning Upper School Student Registration

Wednesday, August 16th

7:45 a.m. Classes resume

Each student has been assigned a scheduling coordinator, depending on your grade level. If you have any questions about your courses, please contact that person:

Seniors (12th Grade): Mr. David Bernatavitz at david.bernatavitz@montverde.org

Juniors (11th Grade): Mrs. Kim Brauman at kimberly.brauman@montverde.org

Sophomores (10th Grade): Mr. Trey Taunton at trey.taunton@montverde.org

Freshmen (9th Grade): Mrs. Kim Brauman at kimberly.brauman@montverde.org



Summer Assignments Reminder

You will find the 2023 summer assignments for several of our Upper School Honors and Advanced Placement courses in the link below. Please refer to the instructions provided by each teacher regarding his/her assignments and due dates.

<https://montverde.org/upper-school/summer-assignments/>

Uniform Information

MVA uniforms are available in person at the Risse Brothers School Uniform store in Winter Garden or online at <https://www.rissebrothers.com/>. Enter the school name and grade for a list of required uniforms. International families may have difficulty ordering online and should plan on rather visiting Risse Brothers upon arrival. Boarding students will have the opportunity to visit the store to order or return uniform items. US families may order online and have it shipped directly to MVA with your student's name so it can be here for their arrival. (17235 7th ST, Montverde, FL 34756) Exchanges can be made in store if needed after they arrive to campus. Order early to make sure your student is ready for the first day of school! Additionally, please consult the Dress Code Policy located in the Student Handbook.

Uniform Store-Risse Brothers

Risse Brothers is open with extended hours for the summer.

Location:

Address: 1401 Beulah Rd Sites 116-118, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Phone: (407) 554-2253

Hours of Operation

Monday: 9:30 A - 5:30 P

Tuesday: 9:30 A - 5:30 P

Wednesday: 9:30 A - 5:30 P

Thursday: 9:30 A - 7:00 P

Friday: 9:30 A - 5:30 P

Saturday: 10:00 A - 4:00 P

Sunday: Closed



MVA Campus Store

Hours: 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

The [MVA Campus Store](#) located in the Student Center offers spirit gear that is allowed to be worn on Spirit Friday. The only uniform items we sell are the hoodies, and jackets. The Campus Store will be open from Monday August 7th.

Transportation Requests

All back to school flight/travel information is due by Wednesday, July 19th · All students must please inform Mrs. Natasja Eksteen of their travel plans back to campus. If transportation from the airport, train or bus station is needed, please complete the Transportation Request form using this link <https://form.jotform.com/MVA1912/transportation-request> (Please login with your MVA credentials in order to complete this form). If the student is traveling as an unaccompanied minor, Mrs. Eksteen must please be informed. (This service has to be booked, paid for and confirmed directly with the airline.)

Should you have any questions regarding travel arrangements, please email Mrs. Natasja Eksteen at transportation@montverde.org or call 407-469-2561 EXT 3103