



MONTVERDE ACADEMY WELCOME WEEK 2024

Welcome to the MVA Family!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We look forward to welcoming all our new and returning students to the MVA Upper School, and we can't wait to see each of you soon.

Boarding Student Arrival Information:

New boarding student families will be welcomed at MVA on August 8th from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and August 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., **during pre-scheduled reception appointments**. Information regarding how to schedule these appointments will be sent to all new boarding families over the summer.

All returning boarders must arrive between 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10th and 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12th.

Contact Persons for Orientation Day:

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

Student Orientation: 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)



MVA Upper School Welcome Week Schedule

Monday, August 5th

8:00 a.m. Used Uniform Sale (McQuaig Gym)

5:00 p.m. Dorm Prefects arrive

Tuesday, August 6th

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

Wednesday, August 7th

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

Thursday, August 8th

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. SLATE Testing (English proficiency testing)

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

HLI Community Service on campus

6:00 p.m. Boarder activities on campus

Friday, August 9th

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. SLATE Testing (English proficiency testing)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Dorms Open for New Boarder Reception (scheduled appointments only)**

HLI Community Service on campus

3:00 p.m. New Boarder Orientation (Roberts Gym)

New Parent Orientation (Auditorium)

4:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception for New Boarding Parents (Innovation Center)**

6:00 p.m. Boarder activities

Saturday, August 10th

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

12:00 p.m. Returning boarder arrival begins

Various times Boarder activities



Sunday, August 11th

Various times Boarder activities

Monday, August 12th

9:00 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)
(Upon arrival students will go to the NEST and Parents to the Auditorium)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. SLATE Testing (English proficiency testing)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Upper School New Student Registration

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

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

Tuesday, August 13th

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Returning Student Schedule Pick Up and Walkthrough

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Returning Student Schedule Pick Up and Walkthrough
(Students should pick up their schedule from their Advisor)

Wednesday, August 14th

7:45 a.m. Classes begin

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): Mrs. Kimberly Brauman at kimberly.brauman@montverde.org

Freshmen (9th Grade): Mrs. Kim Brauman & Mr. Mark Field

kimberly.brauman@montverde.org & mark.field@montverde.org



Course Placement Assessments: New day and boarding students must take the SLATE test *only* if listed in your welcome letter. New international students must take the math placement test if they have not yet taken it.

Registrar: Mrs. Karen Hall (407-469-2561 EXT: 3105). New Students please forward all final academic records from the 2023-2024 school year to karen.hall@montverde.org.

Parent Tech Training Questions: Dr. Caryn Long (407-469-2561 EXT 3601). Please email all Veracross (Student record database) or Canvas (Learning Management System) questions to caryn.long@montverde.org.

Summer Assignments Reminder

You will find the 2024 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

Students are expected to arrive on campus groomed and dressed to the standards clarified on page 41, Section II: Student Life of the [US Handbook](#). Please read it carefully and be prepared to come to school in the correct dress and general appearance.

MVA uniforms are available for purchase 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 visiting Risse Brothers upon arrival. Boarding students can 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! Also, please consult the Dress Code Policy in the Student Handbook.



Uniform Store Information: 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

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 hoodies and jackets. The Campus Store will be open from Monday, August 1st

Hours: 7:30 A.M.– 4:00 P.M.

Transportation Requests

All back-to-school flight/travel information was due by Monday, July 15th. 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 to complete this form). If the student is traveling as an unaccompanied minor, please inform Mrs. Eksteen. This service must 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.