



Dear New Snails (& New Madeira Parents):

Happy June! We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the start of summer.

This email has important and updated information about the first few days of school for New Students, beginning on August 23. "Orientation" is an important rite; it takes place formally at the beginning of the year, and informally throughout the year as we are always orienting ourselves to what comes next! We are building a great Orientation schedule, the full details of which will be shared in August. As a reminder, please keep an eye on the [New Snails webpage](#) to ensure you're working through the "to-do" items. If you get stuck at any point, please reach out and we'll guide and direct you.

For your planning purposes, please be aware that Orientation (and Fall D-Block Tryouts for Athletics & Theatre) for New Students will take place between Friday, August 23 – Tuesday, August 27 including over the weekend. Boarding students move in on Friday, August 23 and are therefore expected to attend activities on all days. Day students are expected to attend activities every day except Sunday, August 25 as noted below. (Note: We have updated our [website](#), as we acknowledge the information below is different than what was originally shared online.)

Friday, August 23: New Student Move-in & Orientation and Tryouts begin!

- Boarding Families register/move-in between 9:00am-12:00pm
- Day Families register between 11:00am-12:00pm
- Lunch with your SWING sister
- Orientation Programming for Students/Parents and Tryouts run from 1:00-5:45pm (including a New Parent Social!)
- Day Families & Boarding Parents depart at 5:45pm
- Dinner and Programming for Boarding Students

Saturday, August 24: New Student Orientation continues

- Day Students arrive by 9:00am
- New Students participate in on-campus activities in the morning and an off-campus excursion in the afternoon until 5:00pm
- Day Students depart after 5:00pm (and are welcome to stay through dinner until 7:00pm)

Sunday, August 25: Residential Life Programming for Boarding Students

- Day Students are not expected on campus

Monday, August 26: New Student Orientation & Tryouts continue

- Day Students should plan to be on campus from 8:30am - 5:15pm (and are welcome to come early for breakfast and stay through dinner until 7:00pm)

Tuesday, August 27: New Student Orientation & Tryouts continue

- Day Students should plan to be on campus from 8:30am – 5:15pm (and are welcome to come early for breakfast and stay through dinner until 7:00pm)

Wednesday, August 28: Opening Convocation and First Day of Classes

- Day Students should plan to arrive in time to be seated in the Auditorium for an 8:30am all school event and are welcome to stay for dinner after D-Block

If you or your parents have questions, concerns, or conflicts related to the beginning of the year, please email our Dean of Student Life & Culture Office at dos@madeira.org or the Admissions Office at admissions@madeira.org so we can offer support and guidance. (And don't worry - all will be fine!)

With excitement and anticipation,

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P.S. There will be several "Summer Digest" emails over the summer with important information about the start of the year, and we recommend you read these carefully!