

# Campus International High School ♦ New Student Orientation Activities

The first day of school for students is officially **Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**, and we wanted to give students and families an idea of the things we will be doing during our **New Student Orientation** on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and over the first few weeks of school in order to get our students off to a great start as a new school community.

## **New Student Orientation – Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> (12 PM – 5 PM)**

Students will engage in team-building and identity-building activities at the school, followed by neighborhood service projects in their advisory groups.

## **Welcome Back Picnic – Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> (5 PM – 7:30 PM)**

Our returning students and families will welcome our new students and families to the Campus International community with a picnic and meet-and-greet at the school at 5 PM. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/CIHS-RSVP>.

## **First Few Weeks of School (August 6<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>)**

Students will engage in several activities *during the school day* to help orient them to our school’s philosophy and approach in the context of their advisory groups:

- A “Scavenger Hunt” to explore Cleveland State University’s campus and the downtown area.
- A Field Trip to the Cleveland Public Library’s downtown “main” branch using the RTA bus.
- An “Ethnic Market Tour” of Cleveland on Lolly the Trolley.
- Volunteering (*before school from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM*) at our Lower School as “reading buddies” for our elementary (K-5) students.
- Student Welcome Party – our Ambassador Corps will throw a party/dance to welcome our new students in the evening on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> (6 PM – 9 PM)

## **Welcome Social for Students – Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> (6:30 PM – 9:00 PM)**

Our Ambassador Corps hosts a dance / party to welcome our new students. Cost is \$5 per student.

## **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip – Weds. August 29<sup>th</sup> – Thurs. August 30<sup>th</sup> (Group 1); Thurs. August 30<sup>th</sup> – Fri. August 31<sup>st</sup> (Group 2)**

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip is an overnight trip to Heifer International’s Global Village at the Howell Nature Center in Howell, Michigan. We split our ninth grade into two groups in order to meet the limits on accommodation at the Nature Center, so students will either attend from August 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> or from August 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, leaving before school begins (at 8 AM) and returning before school lets out the next day (around 3:30 PM).

The Global Village experience invites students to empathize with people from around the world as they engage in an exploration and simulation of global poverty. The experience is an important one for Campus International students for many reasons. First, it forces students to examine and embrace other perspectives with the support of trained facilitators from an internationally-recognized and well-respected Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). Second, it gives students the opportunity to connect with each other and build their identity as a class, learning how to collaborate with each other, support each other, and rely on one another through authentic team-building activities and a truly unique experience that they will value and cherish as a memory for years to come.

**Separate permission slips** will be available at the Welcome Back Picnic and also sent home with students on the first official day of school (August 6<sup>th</sup>). These permission slips, as well as completed medical information, are required for students to attend. Parents who are interested in attending the trip to the Global Village as a chaperone should contact Assistant Principal Amy Brodsky at [amy.brodsky@clevelandmetroschools.org](mailto:amy.brodsky@clevelandmetroschools.org) by July 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Please sign and return the permission slip below with your child during New Student Orientation on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

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### **New Student Orientation Activities Permission Slip**

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ (student name), to attend all Campus International High School orientation activities, including neighborhood service trips (August 3<sup>rd</sup>), a CSU campus scavenger hunt, and field trips to the downtown Cleveland Public Library and the Lolly the Trolley “Ethnic Market Tour”.

(Parent/Caregiver Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Emergency #) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_