

New Students & Family Orientations

August Orientations

There will be **two** separate orientations for our new students and families occurring in August that will each serve a different purpose.

The first one will be over Zoom on **August 5th** and will give you a chance to meet some key administrators, take a virtual tour of the different buildings that comprises our campus, get an overview of the bell schedule for the first week of school, and have a chance to take the MDTP assessment to help us determine which math class is best suited for your child's current math level.

The following week there will be an in-person orientation scheduled for different groupings of students that will take place on either the **10th or 12th of August**. At this orientation students and families will have an opportunity to meet teachers and student support staff, participate in a scavenger hunt to get to know the space and one another better, select a locker, and hear from a panel of students who will share their experiences with all of you.

What is the MDTP?

The purpose of the MDTP Math Assessment is to help us understand which math class is best suited for your student's current math level. The default expectation is that students would take CC1 in 6th grade, CC2 in 7th grade and CC3 in 8th grade. This sequence would then continue with Algebra 1 in 9th grade, Geometry in 10th, Algebra 2 in 11th, and Pre-Calculus in 12th. Although this works for many students entering our school, the fact that our students are coming from a variety of different schools with different mathematical backgrounds, means that some students may come to us with a full understanding of concepts that will be taught in the grade they are entering. The MDTP assesses readiness for the next level of math so we can ensure students are not repeating material they have already mastered. In other words, incoming 6th graders will be taking the 7th Grade Readiness Test, incoming 7th graders will be taking the 8th Grade Readiness Test, and so on. **PLEASE NOTE:** Because the test being given is actually to assess readiness for the following grade level, the "normal" outcome would be for a student to be unfamiliar with many of the topics. This should not be troubling; it simply indicates that the student's math understanding is not ahead of grade level, and the student would most benefit from taking the standard, grade level class.

August 5th: Virtual Orientation



Date/Time: Thursday, August 5th at 10AM

Location: Zoom (meeting link will be sent out on Wednesday 8/4)

Purpose: Meet key administrators, take a virtual tour of our buildings, and receive an overview of the bell schedule. Students will also be asked to take the MDTP which is a math placement assessment. Please read below for more information about the MDTP.

August 10th: In Person Orientation for 6th and 9th grade students and families.



Date/Time: Tuesday, August 10th from 2:30-4:00PM

Location: OSA main building (across from the Oakland Ice Center)

Purpose: meet teachers and student support staff, participate in a scavenger hunt to get to know the space and one another better, select a locker, and hear from a panel of students who will share their experiences with our new students and families.

August 12th: In Person Orientation for 7th,8th,10th, 11th & 12th grade students and families.



Date/Time: Thursday, August 12th from 2:30-4:00PM

Location: OSA main building (across from the Oakland Ice Center)

Purpose: meet teachers and student support staff, participate in a scavenger hunt to get to know the space and one another better, select a locker, and hear from a panel of students who will share their experiences with our new students and families.