

Session 1: Getting Started at Andover

Question Report		
#	Question	Timestamp/Answer
1	As a parent, if we have questions or concerns about our student during the school year, who is generally the primary point of contact? Would that typically be the house counselor, faculty advisor, or Office of Family Engagement? And how do those different roles usually coordinate or triage issues?	36:50
2	My student's checklist shows the Spanish assessment and photo as incomplete — is that due to the review process or were they incorrectly submitted?	17:05
4	When can I-20 form be available for international students? Some friends whose kids received I-20 forms 2-3 weeks ago only managed to get visa interview time by late July already. We're worried we can't get visa on time if we receive I-20 form late. Thank you.	38:54
5	What does the closed campus look like for a Day student?	40:00
7	When will a student know if they are invited for a varsity pre-season fall sport?	41:49
8	Is there a link to Andover event guide?	42:54
9	At what time must parents/guardians leave the campus on Sept 1st?	44:02
10	Do boarding students arrive on campus on August 29 and stay on Campus continually through September 6? Thanks.	45:44
11	What is a cluster meeting? what is cluster munch?	46:32
12	If a student needs to leave the weekend September 4-5-6 for a sports activity it will not be allowed correct? In and out of course to complete activity and return to school.	48:08
14	Can you please say more about the Math Placement Validation Test? Does every new student have to take this test? Can you share any further information about content or length?	48:27; Saturday, September 5 in the morning for about an hour starting at 9 a.m.. 280/380/595 Qualifying Exam (required for all new students placing into 280/380/595) and Placement Validation Test (for new students placed between Math 225 and Math 400 requesting a level change).
15	Is there a calendar that shows when all the major exams will be throughout the school year so I can choose to visit at the least disruptive times?	49:37
16	As an incoming 9th grader if I want to try outvarsity team, when that happens?	51:14
17	I have downloaded the Andover Guides app but it says I need a passphrase.	51:56
18	if the student arrives on 8/29, are they allow to leave the campus and return on 9/1 when other new students arrive? Or once checked in 9/1, they are not allow to leave the campus	53:01
19	If your local boarder has a private lesson 1x per week that can be scheduled during the 5-8 time, how would we submit questions for that?	52:13
20	When will we hear about invitations for early arrival for fall sports?	41:49

21	Do all clubs for new 9th-grade students have to wait until the Thanksgiving fair before they can apply? Before then, what can new 9th graders do to prepare?	53:23
22	For boarders, is there a limit to overnight stays on the weekends to home (ie, Friday night and return Sunday morning)? Home is 30 minutes drive from PA.	54:03
23	When do we receive tuition payment details for a one-time payment of tuition?	55:33
24	If you have it handy, can you post the link to the key dates pdf one sheet?	55:54
25	If I get an emergency call from my student, how should I handle, who should I call?	56:23
26	Does the campus close down during holidays, or do boarding students have the option to remain on campus?	56:56
27	How or where can we access the recording of this webinar? Thank you it was very helpful.	57:23
28	In case if a boarding student is sick, can they go home till they get better?	58:02
29	How long do parents stay during orientation/registration? I thought I saw a "good bye" time in your presentation but don't see it in the family guide. Do parents have orientation meetings on 9/1 or 9/2? When do parents for boarders typically arrive/leave?	59:07
31	Do students need the events app also?	59:20
32	My daughter is a boarding student, and we live nearby in Andover. She plans to join a swim club in the fall season, with early morning practice (Mon/Fri/Sat/Sun, 5:45-7:30), and also has a private violin lesson off campus on Tuesday evening. Would any approval or permission be needed for these activities?	59:45
33	If I wanted to visit my child on any weekend, is there a form to fill out before I leave?	1:00:44
34	should we contact with coach directly to ask whether there is any spots of varsity cross country and swimming, also for art course selection, any suggestion for students with lot of experience	1:01:05
35	We are traveling to London in July and would like to connect with other PA students while there. How may we establish such a connection?	1:01:39
36	What is the first day that students have access to their dorm? When do boarding students meet their roommates? Do they find out during the summer?	01:01:40
37	Will families have an opportunity to connect with other new families before school? ie through various local gatherings (e.g. San Francisco, Boston, etc.)?	01:02:33
38	When are room assignments announced?	01:01:40
39	When will we receive math and language placements and dorm/cluster assignments?	01:03:10
40	If my daughter participates in an international competition, can she seek leave for more than 5 days to attend the competition abroad?	01:03:35
41	Is Day Excuse just for Boston?	01:04:02
42	What the family weekend in October looks like ?	01:04:34

43	Are the breaks / vacation times the same as public schools? Thanksgiving holiday, Christmas break, spring break?	01:05:25
44	How about auditions for orchestra and Chamber of music. They sign up for that first week?	01:06:03
45	Is there a defined process for kids that play on a "split season" team that has regular games on Sundays outside of the Andover area	01:06:29
46	We've been filling in the visa application, but we got stuck on the photo. Whenever we click on "upload photo" it tells us "Service error" and then we have to re-login because it logs us out of the form. I tried researching a little bit on it and people with the same problem talked about VPNs. Do you have any experiences with these problems? Do I have to buy a VPN subscription to be able to upload the photo?	01:06:49
47	Are there chaperoned school trips during the year like to NYC?	01:07:13
48	What's the passphrase on the Andover Events Guide app to get access to Andover events	Not available yet!
49	Can parents come visit their student during the week for dinner or weekend?	01:07:52
50	As a day student parent: are there any locations on campus available for parents to use during the day? For example, following drop off in the morning?	01:08:33
51	What access do parents have to the student's academic calendar and course selections	01:09:32 Advisors work with students on course selection. Families are welcome to discuss course options with their students.
52	so international student parents have programming on Monday and Tuesday?	01:10:10
53	When do students get information about roommates and cluster assignments?	01:01:40
54	When do you find out who your point person/ advisor and dean is?	01:01:40
55	This may be helpful for connections? https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1GLhJCo7H8/?mibextid=wwXlfr	
56	Is there any formal check out for day students when they leave campus at the end of the day?	01:11:16
57	When are students introduced and assigned to host families?	01:11:27
58	When visiting boarders, are families restricted in terms of where they are allowed to be on campus during school days? i.e. athletics facilities, dorms, etc.?	01:12:25; Use of athletic facilities is only for students and campus adults.
59	For holidays, should the parents organize the transportation to airport individually? Or does school provide any shuttle to airports?	01:13:25
60	Are there facilities available nearby to store student belongings during the summer?	01:14:04
61	Does the school help organize car pools or van pools to the airport for kids leaving around the same time during the holidays?	01:15:31
62	Can you talk about the delivery of goods to the dorm starting Aug 24th ? Do we have to provide student's specific form and unit number?	01:16:48

64	And how do we retrieve the mails/delivery sent to school ?	01:18:29
65	How long does it take from the time you receive a package till the kids receive it in their dorm?	01:21:34
66	What sleeping tools do u provide like mattress, pillows, quits, sheets, towels etc ?	01:22:03