



# The Taft School

June 2016

Welcome to Taft!

You are invited to attend the International Student Orientation on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6 and 7, 2016. The goal of these two days is to give you and your parents an opportunity to get to know Taft better before classes begin. Several of our returning students and some key faculty will be available during the day to welcome you and to answer your questions.

Orientation will begin Tuesday with registration in the Harley Roberts Reception Room between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Parents and students will attend a panel discussion and have an informal barbecue with Class Deans and the Headmaster. Please note that participation in the International Student Orientation is completely optional, but most parents and students find it extremely helpful. The reception for *all* new students is on Wednesday, September 7, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All new students and parents who are able should plan on attending the Wednesday Headmaster's reception. (Please see the attached document for a full schedule and RSVP form.)

Students traveling without their parents may arrive on Monday, September 5, and spend the night in the dorms. Those international students who have been contacted by Taft athletic coaches have a different arrival date. Students traveling with their parents often choose to spend the evenings at a local hotel. Local accommodations are listed at [http://www.taftschool.org/admissions/food\\_lodging.aspx](http://www.taftschool.org/admissions/food_lodging.aspx). All are welcome to check in with the Dean's Office upon arrival, pick up your room assignment and room keys, and arrange your belongings. Please let us know if you plan on attending, and who will be accompanying you, as well as the expected time and date of your arrival. It would be extremely helpful if you could fill in the attendance sheet attached to this email, and email it back to us at [admissions@taftschool.org](mailto:admissions@taftschool.org). If you have any questions about your immigration documents, please contact Ms. Osborn at [osbornw@taftschool.org](mailto:osbornw@taftschool.org).

Should you have any questions or require assistance with your travel plans, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Office. Most students fly into Bradley International Airport, or one of the New York Airports (LaGuardia or JFK). If you are traveling without your parents, we will make every attempt to supply transportation from Bradley International (BDL) or the New York Airports. Please notify Mr. Mike Blomberg either by email ([mblomberg@taftschool.org](mailto:mblomberg@taftschool.org)) or by phone (860-945-7721) well in advance if you need to be picked up. If you are traveling with your parents, transportation from the airports is usually arranged through Gateway Limousine (203-753-5466, website <http://www.gatewaylimos.com>) at an approximate cost of \$250. The Admissions Office phone number is 860-945-7700, the fax 860-945-7808, and the e-mail [admissions@taftschool.org](mailto:admissions@taftschool.org).



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We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you to the campus in the fall!

Sincerely yours,

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