

MIDDLE SCHOOL SECONDAIRE BACK TO SCHOOL 2024-2025

Dear Families,

As the end of summer approaches, we are very pleased to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year. It is our pleasure to communicate to you some essential information that will help you to get prepared and familiarise yourself with our organisation.

In particular, we kindly ask you to take note of the following important dates:

Tuesday 20th August - For NEW (Orientation day) and RETURNING (Welcome morning) students and parents
Welcome Morning for Grade 6, BIL 6 and 6e RETURNING students and parents. Students will first spend time with Homeroom advisors and the principals will speak with the parents; then we'll switch. Through this process, both parents and students will have a chance to learn, become more comfortable, and ask questions. Level 6 families just joining CDL will also attend the event, so thank you in advance for welcoming these new families.

Orientation Day for NEW to Collège du Léman students and parents. General orientation and activities will take place in the morning followed by lunch, which will be offered by the school.

In the afternoon, students will sit placement tests in Maths and English (and French for those needing them). Tours of the school will also be offered as well as an opportunity to speak with the different services of the school.

Thursday 22nd August – For ALL students

Start of the school year for new and returning students. The starting times have been staggered and details are given in the accompanying calendar for the first few days of school. Parents may accompany their children as far as the Eiger entrance, but we ask that goodbyes are said outside the building. They will then be accompanied by their Homeroom advisor to start the school day.

Tuesday 3rd September – For Level 6 parents

An information session about the use of school iPads will be held for parents of students in Level 6. The event will take place in the Eiger auditorium from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Camps Programme – For ALL students

Each grade level will participate in a two-night camp in September. More specific information will follow at the start of school.

9 th -11 th September	Grade 6 to Saas Grund	Grade 7 to Leysin
11 th -13 th September	F6 & BIL 6 to Saas Grund	F5 & BIL 7 to Leysin
*23 rd -25 th September	Grade 8 and 4e to Interlaken	*Dates & groups to be confirmed by Homeroom
*25 th -27 th September	Grade 8 and 4e to Interlaken	

Tuesday 17th September

Homeroom Parent Presentations and Back-to School BBQ- exact timing to be confirmed.

Thursday 3rd October – “A Good Start in MSS: A Conversation for Level 6 Families”

MB211 classroom, 5:30 pm – 6.30 pm.

School Calendar

Please note that the school calendar, including the holiday dates and school events of 2024-2025, is posted on our website under ‘Parent Essentials’, and always available on our ‘CDL News’ Parents app.

Please visit the Information tile of our ‘CDL News app’ or our dedicated web page and refer to the following documents: **Orientation Day, First week at a glance** and **Our music programme** – available on cdl.ch/backtoschool for Day students and cdl.ch/backtoboarding for Boarding students.

We hope that you have a pleasant summer, and we look forward to meeting with you and your child. On behalf of the Middle School Secondaire leadership team, we wish you a warm welcome to our community.

Kind regards,

Dr. Betsy Harvey

Principal, Middle School Secondaire

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Director General