

New Student Welcome 2025

Note: Events highlighted in teal are mandatory for **ALL STUDENTS**.

 **Friday, August 15** 

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Resident Student Check In, Various:

Dozens of student volunteers, the Residence Life staff, and the campus community make the move-in process incredibly smooth for resident students.

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Dinner, with family or in Grotto Commons Dining Hall:

Have dinner with your family before they depart or meet your RA for dinner in Grotto Commons. Please bring your Student ID if dining in Grotto Commons.

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Commuter Dinner, Grotto Commons Dining Hall:

Commuters! Join the Campus Involvement Center Staff for dinner in Grotto Commons Dining Hall. Please bring your Student ID, your meals are covered for New Student Welcome.

6:30-7:30 p.m.

New Student Welcome Kick Off, Saxon Stadium:

Mandatory. Kick off your life at the Hurst in style at this high-energy event! Join your fellow Lakers, Laker Leaders, New Student Welcome Staff, Athletics, and Mercyhurst Student Government for free giveaways, laughter, and fun!

7:45-8:45 p.m.

Commuter Meet-n-Greet, Student Union:

Mandatory for Commuter Students. Come get all the information you need to get started at Mercyhurst as a commuter student — and meet some fellow Lakers, too!

Residence Hall Meetings, Various check your New Student Welcome Tag:

Mandatory for Baldwin, McAuley, Mercy and Warde students.

8:45-10:30 p.m.

MSGPB Presents: Icebreaker Party, Outside Saxon Stadium:

Join us for some ice-themed activities to “break the ice” on your first night at Mercyhurst!

 **Saturday, August 16** 

Grotto Commons opens at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast, Grotto Commons

Feel free to stop over at Grotto Commons for breakfast before heading to the morning presentations!

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Joining the Laker Family, Performing Arts Center (PAC):

Mandatory. Hear from MU staff who will highlight various ways to embed yourself into the Laker family from engaging in all our traditions to attending athletics, up until you graduate into the alumni family.

Information Technology at Mercyhurst, PAC:

Mandatory. Hear from the Information Technology office about resources and tips to stay connected.

Mercyhurst Dining, PAC:

Mandatory. Learn more about our dining facilities including guidance on meal plans and dietary needs.

11:30 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.

Lunch, Grotto Commons:

Please bring your Student ID. Don't all rush in at 11:30, but be sure to have some lunch and arrive at the PAC in time to be seated with your iMU group.

Saturday, August 16, continued

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Living Life at Performance Level with Curtis Zimmerman, PAC:

Curtis Zimmerman, nationally recognized keynote, transforms and inspires students to live their lives at a higher level of performance. Curtis provides an innovative learning experience by engaging students with interactive games utilizing his performance expertise to demonstrate his key concepts and make his message memorable.

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Laker Leader Small Group, New Student Welcome Classrooms, check your tag:

Mandatory.

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Dinner, Grotto Commons:

Please bring your Student ID. Be sure to look for Laker Leaders in the dining hall and RAs in the residence halls to head over to the annual Casino Night at Trinity Green! You won't want to miss it!

8:00-10:00 p.m.

MSGPB Presents: Casino Night, Outside Student Union:

Join MSGPB for a night of fun! Meet new people and make friends at the annual Casino Night! Enter to win amazing prizes (such as TVs, speakers, and gaming consoles), enjoy free food, and play games like blackjack, craps, roulette, and Texas Hold'em. We will teach you how to play!



Sunday, August 17



Grotto Commons opens at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast, Grotto Commons

Feel free to stop over at Grotto Commons for breakfast before heading to religious services or Easy Sunday Morning activities.

Time TBD

Mass, Christ the King Chapel (Optional)

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Easy Sunday Morning, Various:

Check the New Student Welcome Hub for a full list of activities & locations. Choose from a variety of activities to relax, reflect, and refresh as we start a new week. Activity options will be shared on Saturday Afternoon.

11:30 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.

Lunch, Grotto Commons:

Please bring your Student ID. Don't all rush in at 12pm, but be sure to have some lunch in Grotto Commons and arrive at the PAC in time to be seated with your iMU group for the next presentation.

1:00-1:30 p.m.

Mercyhurst Mission & The Service Experience, PAC:

Mandatory. The Community Engagement staff will take you on a journey of exploration as you dive into the Core Values of Mercyhurst and gain an understanding of the first-year service experience and how it all connects with being a Laker.

1:45-4:30 p.m.

Round Robin Sessions, According to your group, check your tag:

Mandatory. Let's break things up a bit! Your iMU section will join others to rotate through three short presentations followed by an activity with your small group. Be sure to listen carefully to your Laker Leader and check your tag to know where to go next!

4:30-6:15 p.m.

Dinner, Grotto Commons:

Please bring your Student ID. Be sure to look for Laker Leaders in the dining hall and RAs in the residence halls to head over to the next presentation in the PAC.

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wild not Wrecked with Vive 18, PAC:

Mandatory. Vive18 is a movement that was started by college students hosting events for their friends . . . with a surprise twist. This interactive session helps define how you want to protect your friends, future and fun during the next few years!

8:00-10:00 p.m.

MSGPB Presents: Field Day, Outdoors:

Great opportunity to win some points for your team!

Monday, August 18

Grotto Commons opens at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast, Grotto Commons

Feel free to stop over at Grotto Commons for breakfast before the Day of Service!

9:00-9:25 a.m.

Day of Service Site Introductions, New Student Welcome Classrooms, check your tag

Mandatory. Don't forget to wear your service project T-shirt today. No flip-flops or open-toed shoes are allowed! Go to your assigned classroom based on your iMU section number to meet your service project facilitator and Laker Leader.

9:30-10:00 a.m.

Board busses for Day of Service, Mary Garden:

Mandatory. Look for your Laker Leader and your iMU section number. Board your assigned bus when directed.

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Day of Service:

Mandatory. Please see the New Student Welcome Hub for more details.

12:00-1:15 p.m.

Lunch, Grotto Commons:

Please bring your Student ID. Don't all rush in at 12pm, but be sure to have some lunch in Grotto Commons and arrive on time to your location listed on your tag for the Step UP Workshop.

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Step UP Bystander Intervention Workshop, Various, check your tag:

Mandatory. Split into smaller groups to learn skills and strategies on how to be an aware and confident member of the MU community through this active bystander training.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Laker Leader Small Groups, New Student Welcome Classrooms, check your tag:

Mandatory.

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner, Grotto Commons:

Please bring your Student ID. Be sure to look your tag for the location of the next session.

6:30-7:45 p.m.

The Real College Experience, Various, check your tag:

Hear from student staff about what it's like to be a Laker, from going to classes, making friends, becoming an independent adult, and more. At the end, while resident students complete their roommate agreements, commuters will join New Student Welcome staff to talk about the commuter experience.

8:00-10:00 p.m.

Hypnotic Intoxication, PAC:

Come out and watch as Mercyhurst's favorite hypnotist, Keith Karkut, hypnotizes students to make them dance, scream, laugh, and even become intoxicated without the use of alcohol! A longtime favorite event at Mercyhurst, Hypnotic Intoxication will have your friends doing things you never knew they could.

Tuesday, August 19

Grotto Commons opens at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast, Grotto Commons

Feel free to stop over at Grotto Commons for breakfast before you start the day!

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Winter Sport Physicals, MAC:

All varsity student-athletes must report at the time assigned by their coaches for their physical. Please bring a charged cell phone and insurance card.

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Spring Sport Physicals, MAC:

All varsity student-athletes must report at the time assigned by their coaches for their physical. Please bring a charged cell phone and insurance card.

Tuesday, August 19, continued

Rotating starting at 10:00 a.m., check New Student Welcome Hub for schedule and sign ups

Walmart Busses, Meet in Mary Garden

Forgot something? Sign up to take one of the busses to Walmart!

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Laker Leader Office Hours, NSW Classrooms

Questions? Concerns? Just want to hang out? Stop by and talk to your Laker Leader!

MSG Meet & Greet, Luke's Landing in Bottom of Student Union

Come meet your Mercyhurst Student Government representatives and have some refreshments!

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Lunch, Grotto Commons:

Please bring your Student ID. Grotto Commons Dining Hall is open from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. today, so feel free to go any time! Just be sure to give yourself time to get ready for Convocation.

1:30-2:00 p.m.

Get Ready for Convocation:

Dress is business casual.

2:00-2:15 p.m.

Seating for Convocation, PAC:

Mandatory. Laker Leaders and the New Student Welcome Staff will assist you in being seated for convocation.

2:30-3:15 p.m.

Convocation, PAC:

Mandatory. One of the many great Mercyhurst traditions, First-Year Student Convocation brings together university administrators and academic officers for the official ceremony to formally admit you and your fellow first-year students to Mercyhurst.

3:15-4:00 p.m.

Academic Meetings, Various, check your tag:

Meet with faculty in your respective major. Please see your tag or the New Student Welcome Hub or check your email for more information regarding locations.

After 4:30 p.m.

Dinner, Grotto Commons:

Meal plans start today. From here on out, your meals are on you. Make sure to bring your Student ID every time you visit the dining hall.



Wednesday, August 20



First Day of Classes!

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

MU Navigators available around campus to help you find your way. Don't be shy! We're here to help. Look for students wearing an "ASK ME" sticker.

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Campus Involvement Fair, Trinity Green:

Check out all the Recognized Student Clubs & Organizations (RSCOs) and other ways to get involved on campus. Don't wait to get involved!



Thursday, August 21



7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

MU Navigators available around campus to help you find your way. Don't be shy! We're here to help. Look for students wearing an "ASK ME" sticker.