Family Orientation

September 1, 2017
Family Orientation 2017
Friday, September 1

11:30 a.m. - Lunch for new students and families
       Chase/Duckett, Cushing/Emerson, Cutter/Ziskind, King/Scales, Lamont,
       Northup/Gillett, Morrow/Wilson, and Tyler house dining rooms
We welcome new students and families to join us! Lunch will be served buffet style, so
feel free to come at any point during this time.

1:30 p.m. - Meet the Student Life Staff
       Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall
Discuss the joys and anxieties of sending your student to college. Join members of the
Student Affairs staff and others for a lively discussion of what to expect, based on your
questions.

1:30 p.m. – Walking tour of the campus
       Admission Office
Departing from the admission office, these tours will end at the Campus Center.

2:30 p.m. – Family orientation sessions
       as listed below – please choose one

   Student Financial Services 101 – Student Financial Services
   Seelye 101
Meet with staff from Student Financial Services to discuss your student’s money
management, campus employment, the billing process, and financial aid.

   Working Together for a Safe Community
   Seelye 110
Staff members from the Office of Campus Police will present on the role Campus Police
plays on campus. The discussion will focus on campus safety, emergency messaging,
campus crime prevention and changes that have been made in campus safety in
response to recent national events. The Campus Police staff welcomes your questions
and will provide ample opportunity for discussion.

   FERPA, Communication, and Confidentiality – What can we talk about?
   Seelye 106
The Dean of Students, Registrar’s Office and Medical/Counseling Services will be happy
to answer questions about how to navigate Smith's policies regarding information
sharing. We'll also talk about the importance of our partnership and the parameters of
communication between administrators and your student.
Better than Google: The Smith College Libraries  
Hillyer Art Library, Brown Fine Arts Center  
When your student asks for your help researching a paper, just send them to us! Learn how Smith’s librarians and archivists guide students to print and online scholarly resources and provide individual help on request. Ask questions and then accompany a library staff member on a tour of one of the libraries or special collections.

How to (Begin to) Retire High School Perfectionism & Cultivate (Healthy) Risk Taking & Resilience in Your Student  
Weinstein Auditorium  
Rachel Simmons, Leadership Development Specialist, will talk with you about how to help your student transition from the life of trying to get into college to one of learner and grower in college.

3:00-3:45 p.m.  
ASSETS information session  
Stoddard Auditorium  
Jane Stangl, Dean of the first-year class, and Laura Rauscher, Director of Disability Services, will help students understand the services available to them for physical and learning disabilities as well as ADHD, mental health issues, and other conditions. Parents will discover how to enhance their children’s success in the Smith learning environment. This session will cover academic requirements, social expectations, Smith’s academic support services and residential program, disability services and accommodations at Smith, requirements for disability documentation, and students’ rights and responsibilities.

4 p.m.  
Welcome to Smith’s Global Community: President’s Panel 2017  
John M. Greene Hall  
All entering students and families are invited to the president’s first community address of the academic year. The speakers are:

- Kathleen McCartney, President of the college  
- Donna Lisker, Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of the college  
- Jonathan Hirsh, Senior Lecturer, Music Department  
- Jerry Noble, Lecturer, Music Department  
- Katie Chong, SGA President

4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Meet Your Faculty  
Chapin (Rain location: Campus Center)  
New students and their families are invited to an informal mixer to meet members of the faculty, administration, returning students, and each other.

5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Family Barbeque  
Chapin Lawn (Rain Location-Campus Center Carroll Room)

7 p.m.  
PARENTS AND FAMILIES DEPART
Fall 2017

Friday, September 1, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Central check-in for new students

Friday, September 1–Wednesday, September 6: Orientation
The week before the start of classes, new students gather to learn about the college and get to know each other.

Wednesday, September 6
Opening convocation, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 7
Classes begin at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, September 20
End of Interchange registration

To be announced by the president: Mountain Day
Mountain Day is a surprise break from classes. The president chooses a beautiful fall day and announces the holiday by ringing the college bells. Classes scheduled before 7 p.m. are canceled.

Saturday, October 7–Tuesday, October 10
Autumn recess

Friday, October 13–Sunday, October 15: Family Weekend
Students and their families are invited to attend concerts, lectures and panel discussions as well as athletic and social events.

Thursday, November 2: Otelia Cromwell Day
Otelia Cromwell Day is an annual slate of workshops, lectures, films and entertainment held to honor Smith’s first African American graduate. Afternoon and evening classes are canceled.

Monday, November 6–Friday, November 17
Advising and course registration for the second semester

Tuesday, November 14: Sherrerd Teaching Prize Ceremony
The Sherrerd Prize for Distinguished Teaching is given annually to Smith faculty members selected for their distinguished teaching records and demonstrated enthusiasm and excellence.

Wednesday, November 22–Sunday, November 26
Thanksgiving recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on November 22 and open at 1 p.m. on November 26)

Thursday, December 14
Last day of classes

Friday, December 15–Monday, December 18
Pre-examination study period

Tuesday, December 19–Friday, December 22
Midyear examinations (no evening period on December 22)

Saturday, December 23, 2017–Monday, January 1, 2018
Winter recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on December 23 and open at 1 p.m. on January 2)
Interterm 2018
Spring 2018

Wednesday, January 3–Tuesday, January 23
During January interterm, the college is open, but residence is not required. Interterm provides time for students to investigate a special area of interest; to participate in courses, activities and conferences at Smith and other area colleges; to do work in libraries, museums, laboratories, etc.; to participate in internships; to work on research projects; or to enjoy the facilities of the campus at a more leisurely pace. No classes are held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15.

Thursday, January 25
Classes begin at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, February 21: Rally Day
Rally Day is highlighted by an all-college convocation at which distinguished alumnae are awarded the Smith College Medal, with a reception to follow. Afternoon classes are canceled.

Saturday, March 10–Sunday, March 18
Spring recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on March 10 and open at 1 p.m. on March 18)

Monday, April 2–Friday, April 13
Advising and course registration for the fall semester

TBA: Celebrating Collaborations
Celebrating Collaborations is Smith’s annual showcase of student research and performance, highlighting the collaborative efforts of students and faculty.

Thursday, May 3
Last day of classes

Friday, May 4–Monday, May 7
Pre-examination study period

Tuesday, May 8–Friday, May 11
Final examinations (no evening period on May 11)

Saturday, May 12
Houses close at 10 a.m. for all students except graduates, Commencement workers and those with Five College finals after May 12.

Sunday, May 20: Commencement
Commencement Weekend is Smith’s final chance to honor its graduating seniors and to observe such traditions as Ivy Day and Illumination Night. The weekend culminates on Sunday when families, friends and seniors gather for the awarding of diplomas.

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