



## **TO NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: WELCOME TO MARVELWOOD!**

I am excited about getting to know all of you and hope you will enjoy your time at Marvelwood. I would like to welcome you to the orientation for international students (September 7-9), which is designed to help you ease the transition into being a student in the United States. Orientation is about making friends, finding the information and skills you need to be successful, and having fun. During the orientation, we will discuss what it means to be an international student. You will learn what to expect and what is expected of you as a student. We will also bring you to the store, so you can purchase school supplies and other items that you might need. After the proficiency test, you will be placed in appropriate classes and you can buy textbooks from [Follett](#).

### *Things to take care of before you leave home:*

*Money:* We do not want you to have a lot of money in your room, so if you bring money with you, we will help you set up an account with Webster Bank. In order to get an account without your parents here, you must be at least 16 years old. After you have your own bank account, you can withdraw cash from the bank machines in town when you go down to Kent on Sundays. Notice that you have to be 18 years old to get a debit card. If you are younger and would like to be able to use a credit card to order items from the internet, I suggest that you bring a credit card from your home country. The easiest way to get cash is to set up a weekly allowance at the Business Office. All you have to do is have your parents email [bettyann.haskell@marvelwood.org](mailto:bettyann.haskell@marvelwood.org) and the amount they want you to get, then you will be able to pick up the money every Friday at lunch.

*Computers:* At Marvelwood you will need to write documents and make Powerpoint Presentations in all of your classes, so it's important that your computer is equipped with Microsoft Office or a similar program.

*Bed linen:* It can be difficult to fit everything you need into a suitcase. To make it easier for you, we can purchase a pillow, blanket, sheets, and a towel, and have them delivered to your room. Just email me before September 6 if you would like this option. If you have any questions or concerns prior to departure, please don't hesitate to email me at [marie.gold@marvelwood.org](mailto:marie.gold@marvelwood.org)

Have a safe trip and I'm looking forward to meet you!

*Marie Gold*  
*ESL Department Chair*



## ORIENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2018

### THURSDAY, September 6

1:00 – 3:00	Registration in Gym
5:30 – 6:15	Dinner
6:30 – 9:30	Unpack and rest!
11:00	Lights out for all students

### FRIDAY, September 7

8:30	Breakfast
9:00 – 12:00	Orientation for new international students in room #4
11:30 -12:30	Lunch
1:00	Walmart trip for international students – meet outside dining hall
5:30	Dinner / Free time
9:45	All students check-in to dorms.
11:00	Lights out for all students

### SATURDAY, September 8

8:30	Breakfast dining hall
9:00-12:00	New International students meet in the computer lab, room #5 (Bring your own computer)
11:30-12:30	Lunch
1:00	English placement testing for all new international students Room #1
5:00	Dinner Free time / or Movie Trip
11:00	Lights Out for all students

### SUNDAY, September 9

9:00-11:00	New student registration in gym (if you missed it on Thursday)
11:30-12:30	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00	New Student Orientation with Seniors and Student Leadership Team
Afternoon	TBA
5:30	Dinner
7:00	Dorm Meetings

### MONDAY, September 10

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