

MIDDLE SCHOOL SECONDAIRE BACK TO SCHOOL 2025-2026

Dear Families,

As the end of summer approaches, we are very pleased to welcome you to the 2025-2026 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:

Wednesday 20th August Orientation Day (for families NEW TO CDL) and Level 6 Welcome morning (for new and returning Level 6 families)

Orientation Day for all families NEW to CDL

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 by students as well as an opportunity to speak with the different services of the school.

Level 6 Welcome Morning for Grade 6, BIL 6 and 6e NEW and 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.

Monday 25th 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 9th 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 or October. More specific information will follow at the start of school.

1 st -3 rd September	Grade 6	Saas Grund
3 rd - 5 th September	F6 & BIL 6	Saas Grund
15 th -17 th September	Grade 7	Leysin

17 th -19 th September	F5 & BIL 7	Leysin
6 th - 8 th October	Grade 8	Zermatt
8 th – 10 th October	F4	Zermatt

Tuesday 23rd September

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

Thursday 2nd 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 2025-2026, 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.

We will be available in early August to answer any questions. Please do not hesitate to contact the Middle School Secondaire office at monica.dragostin@cdl.ch

Kind regards,

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