



LEYSIN AMERICAN SCHOOL IN SWITZERLAND



August
Orientation
2017



schedule

Day 1 - Tuesday, August 22

New Student Arrival and Academic Advising

Welcome desk at the airport is open from 08:00-18:30

Shuttle buses will be departing from the airport at 09:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00 and 18:30**

09:00 - 17:00	New Student Registration - Belle Époque Campus (BEC) Library and Grande Salle
10:00 - 17:00	Placement Testing - Laptops must be picked up from IT and brought with you for testing English - BEC: SS06 Modern Language - BEC: SS07 Math - BEC: SS09
10:30 - 17:00	New Student Academic Advising - Placement Testing must be completed prior to advising Belle Époque Campus - Academic Center Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 "Middle School and Preparatory Years" - BEC: R12 & R13 Grades 11 and 12 "Diploma Years" - BEC: R10, R11, R14, and R15
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch - BEC Dining Hall
17:30 - 18:30	Dinner - Savoy & BEC Dining Halls
19:00 - 19:30	Dormitory Open House - Parents only (Savoy Campus - Beau Site, Eden, Savoy and Vermont)
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in* - all dormitories
19:45 - 20:15	Dormitory Meeting* - all dormitories

*Mandatory for all students | **For Parents Only**

**Students should book flights that arrive no later than 17:00

Day 2 - Wednesday, August 23

Returning Student Arrival, New Student Academic Advising, and Power of Parenting

Welcome desk at the airport is open 08:00-18:30

Shuttle buses will be departing from the airport at 09:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00 and 18:30**

Returning students must arrive in the dormitories by 21:00 at the latest

08:00 - 08:50	Breakfast with Student Ambassadors - All new students meet in their dormitory at 08:00 - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
09:00 - 17:00	Returning Students - Pick up their fob directly from their respective dormitories
09:00 - 11:00	New Student Registration - Belle Époque Library & Grand Salle
09:00 - 11:00	Placement Testing - Laptops must be picked up from IT and brought with you for testing English - BEC: SS06 Modern Language - BEC: SS07 Math - BEC: SS09
09:00 - 14:00	New Student Academic Advising - Placement Testing must be completed prior to advising Belle Époque Campus - Academic Center Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 "Middle School and Preparatory Years" - BEC: R12 & R13 Grades 11 and 12 "Diploma Years" - BEC: R10, R11, R14, and R15
10:00 - 11:30	Campus and Village Tour - All new students meet at Savoy Parking lot (Only for students that have finished academic advising.)
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch - Savoy & BEC Dining Halls
13:00 - 16:00	Power of Parenting Conference - Savoy Library (parents please RSVP) More information on pg. 6
16:00 - 17:00	Ott Family Reception (Parents and Faculty Only) - Meet Faculty Parents in Savoy Dining Hall
14:00 - 17:00	Magic Mountain Athletic Center - Students that have finished their Academic Advising and returning students can participate in indoor sport activities.
17:30 - 19:00	Dinner - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
17:30 - 19:00	BBQ Dinner - New students Grades 7-9 and "Big Brother/ Big Sister" participants only - on the Vermont Terrace
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in* - all dormitories
19:45 - 20:15	Dormitory Meetings* - all dormitories

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Day 3 - Thursday, August 24

Parents' Day on the Swiss Riviera, Student Meetings, and Lausanne Trip

10:00 - 16:30	A Day on the Swiss Riviera - departure from Savoy parking lot with pick-up from Alpine Classic, Central Résidence and BEC (parents please RSVP)
08:00 - 08:45	All School Breakfast - Savoy & BEC Dining Hall
09:00 - 10:00	All School Assembly* - Magic Mountain Athletic Center (shuttle from BEC main entrance at 08:45)
10:00 - 10:45	Faculty Family Advising Period* - shuttle to BEC will leave Savoy parking lot at 10:50
11:00 - 11:45	Berneuse Challenge Class Meetings* - Locations: 7th & 8th - Fishbowl; 9th - Eden Lounge; 10th - Savoy Library; 11th - Magic Mountain Athletic Center; 12th - BEC Grand Salle
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch - Savoy and BEC Dining Halls
13:00 - 18:00	Visa Trip to Lausanne - Resident Permit Registration (only for students with invitations). Meet in Savoy Library at 13:00
14:30 - 18:00	Vevey Trip - All other students (those not required to go to Lausanne) may sign up for this trip. Departure from Savoy parking lot and BEC main entrance
14:30 - 15:30	Afternoon Tea with Dr. and Mrs. Steven Ott - this event is for parents that are unable to attend "A Day on the Swiss Riviera" (parents please RSVP) - La Pyrolle (villa next to Belle Époque Campus)
17:30 - 19:00	Dinner - Savoy & BEC Dining Halls
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in* - all dormitories
19:45 - 20:15	Dormitory Meetings* - all dormitories
22:00	Night Dormitory Check-in - All students sleep in dormitories. Farewell to Parents

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Day 4 - Friday, August 25

Berneuse Challenge

09:00 - 10:00	Breakfast - Savoy & BEC Dining Halls
10:30 - 15:00	Berneuse Challenge* - Departure by class. Following Berneuse Challenge, bus will pick up at the bottom of Berneuse (at the bus stop) at 14:00 - 15:00
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch - Kuklos Restaurant at the top of Berneuse
17:30 - 19:00	Dinner - Savoy & BEC Dining Halls
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in* - all dormitories
19:45 - 22:00	Magic Mountain Athletic Center and Student Lounges Open - Café 7 ° and the Cave: Everyone welcome
21:00	Dormitory Check in* - Grades 7 & 8
22:30	Dormitory Check-in* - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12/PG

Day 5 - Saturday, August 26

Montreux Trip

10:30 - 11:00	Brunch check-in* - Savoy & BEC Dining Halls. All students must check-in
12:00 - 18:00	Montreux Trip with Student Ambassadors - required for all new students (returning students must sign-up). Departure from Savoy parking lot & BEC main entrance
17:30 - 19:00	Dinner - Savoy & BEC Dining Halls
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in* - all dormitories

Day 6 - Sunday, August 27

Afternoon Classes & Faculty Family Dinner

10:30 - 11:00	Brunch check-in* - Savoy & BEC Dining Halls. All students must check-in
13:00 - 16:00	Classes* - shortened schedule
17:00 - 18:30	Faculty Family Dinner: Founders' Day* - Savoy & BEC Dining Halls (shuttle bus from Savoy 3rd floor at 16:45)
19:30 - 19:45	Dormitory Check-in* - all dormitories

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power of parenting

The Power of Parenting Conference is about you and us. You have given us the power with your most precious possession, your child. We want to show you how we are partners in the parenting of your child. This conference is an opportunity for you to meet the school directors, administrators, to learn about the many systems we use, and ask questions. We are committed to providing you with everything necessary to ensure a successful year for your child.

Wednesday, August 23

Schedule

12:00 - 13:00	Lunch - Savoy Dining Hall
13:00 - 14:00	Introduction and Welcome - Library, Savoy Campus
14:15 - 16:00	Breakout Sessions - Second Floor, Savoy Campus

Introduction:

Managing Director, Head of School - **Dr. Marc-Frédéric Ott**

Managing Director, Head of Operations - **Dr. Christoph Ott**

Power of Parenting Sessions:

Student and Residential Life:

Dean of Students - Mr. Paul Fomalont

Grade 11 and 12: Associate Dean of Students - Mrs. Amy Kolman

Grade 10: Assistant Dean of Students- Mrs. Suzanne Meyskens

Grade 7/8/9: Coordinators - Mr. Thom Padick and Mrs. Andie Flett

Academics Grades 7-10 "Middle School & Preparatory Years" and Learning Support:

Dean of Savoy Campus - Mr. Mark Kolman

Director of Middle School - Dr. Paul Magnuson

Academics Grades 11-12 "Diploma Years" and College Counseling:

Dean of Belle Époque Campus - Mrs. Sabina Lynch

Director of College Counseling - Mr. Brad Jackson & Mr. Winfield Lowman



a day on the swiss riviera

On Thursday, August 24, we are offering a day trip for all parents who would like to explore some of the magnificent sights near Leysin and get to know other parents. LAS students are required to attend an all-school assembly and meetings in the morning and in the afternoon some students are required to go to Lausanne for resident permit registration.

Parents will be hosted by Dr. Marc-Frédéric Ott, Managing Director, Head of School and grandson of our school's founders, Fred and Sigrid Ott.

Thursday, August 24 Schedule

Parents will be picked up by an LAS vehicle at the following times & locations:

10:00 - Belle Époque Campus

10:10 - Central Résidence

10:20 - Alpine Classic Hotel

10:30 - The bus will depart from the Savoy parking lot

16:30 - Approximate return to Leysin

RSVP is required.

Maximum capacity for this event is 70 parents.

Reservation is on a first come first served basis.

Please email RSVP@las.ch to reserve your place.

***Itinerary subject to change**



calendar

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First Semester

- August 22: New Student Arrival (Tuesday) - Arrival desk at airport will be open from 08:00-18:30. Students should book flights that arrive at Geneva airport no later than 17:00. Registration at school for new students is from 09:00-17:00.
- August 23: Returning Students Arrival (Wednesday) - Arrival desk at airport will be open from 08:00-18:30. Students should book for flights that arrive at Geneva airport no later than 17:00. Students traveling by themselves to school must arrive no later than 21:00.
- October 6 - 9: Long Weekend (Friday – Monday)
- November 10 -13: Long Weekend (Friday – Monday)
- December 14 -15: Departures for Winter Break (Thursday - Friday). On December 13 students can depart from LAS after class ends at 15:35. Therefore, flights for that day can only be booked if they depart from Geneva airport after 20:00. December 13, we will provide a shuttle bus departing at 16:00. December 14 and 15 we will provide shuttle departing at 03:00, 05:00, 09:00, and 12:00.



Second Semester

- January 6 - 7: Students Return (Saturday & Sunday)
- February 12 -15: **Family Winter Week:** Parents visit their children at LAS. There will be scheduled activities. For an overview of Family Winter Week please see page 10
- February 16 -18: Long Weekend (Friday – Sunday)
- March 24: Departure for Spring Break (Saturday) - On March 23 students can depart from LAS after school ends at 15:35. Therefore, flights for that day can only be booked if they depart from Geneva airport after 20:00. March 24 we will provide shuttle departing at 03:00, 05:00, 09:00, and 12:00.
- April 7 - 8: Students Return (Saturday & Sunday)
- May 30 - 31: Underclass Students Depart (Wednesday -Thursday) - On May 30 students can depart from LAS only after 12:00 (in case of a delay returning from cultural trips on May 29). School will provide shuttle departing at 12:00 and 16:00. No flights should be booked before 16:00 departure. May 31st we will provide shuttle departing at 03:00, 05:00, 9.00 and 12:00.

School Closed: The school closes completely during the Winter Break and Spring Break. Following the Winter term, dormitories will not open until Saturday, January 6. Following Spring Break, the dormitories will not open until Saturday, April 7.

Graduation events on May 31 and June 1 are only open to the senior class.

What is Family Winter Week at LAS?

Family Winter Week takes place February 12-15, 2018. This special week has become an annual event where LAS organizes a host of activities and events for parents, giving you an opportunity to share in the daily lives of your child or children while they are at LAS.

Monday, February 12 is arrival day. Parent-Teacher conferences take place on Tuesday morning from 08:00 -12:00. Meetings will be booked online by parents themselves, and detailed instructions on how to do this will be given closer to the date.

Tuesday afternoon is a ski afternoon for the school. Parents are encouraged to ski or snowboard with their children – or to simply take the lift to the top of Berneuse to enjoy the views of the Alps and to experience our beautiful ski resort. That evening, parents are invited to attend a student concert and art exhibition, which will showcase the musical and artistic talents of our students.

Wednesday is a busy day, beginning with the public forum which is open to parents, Faculty and LAS Administrators. At the public forum parents will meet the Head of School and the Deans of both campuses. The Head of School, Dr. Marc Frédéric Ott will present the new initiatives and agenda for the 2018-2019 school year and will be available to answer any questions you may have pertaining to LAS. In the evening there will be a reception at the Belle Époque campus. Afterwards Parents are also invited to join the Ott family and the Faculty for after-dinner drinks at one of our Student Lounges, called 'The Cave'.

On Thursday school finishes at 15:35 that day and, because there are no classes on Friday, parents can arrange to spend a long weekend with their children, traveling together in Switzerland or Europe or enjoying a winter weekend in Leysin.

For more information please contact Viwan Opanukij at vopanukij@las.ch



practical information

Dining Hall Hours

Belle Époque Campus

Tuesday & Wednesday	Refreshments - 08:00 - 19:00 Breakfast - 08:00 - 09:00 Lunch - 11:30 - 13:00 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00
Thursday	Breakfast - 08:00 - 08:45 Lunch - 11:30 - 13:00 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00
Friday	Breakfast - 09:00 - 10:00 Lunch - 11:30 - 13:00 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00

Savoy Campus

Tuesday & Wednesday	Breakfast - 07:00 - 09:00 Lunch - 11:30 - 13:00 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00
Thursday	Breakfast - 08:00 - 08:45 Lunch - 11:30 - 13:00 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00
Friday	Breakfast - 09:00 - 10:00 Lunch - 11:30 - 13:00 Dinner - 17:30 - 19:00

Shuttle Service

Bus will operate in a loop - from BEC to Savoy Campus

Tuesday & Wednesday	09:00 - 18:00	Friday	14:00 - 15:00 Bottom of telecabine (after Berneuse Challenge) to Savoy and BEC Campus
Thursday	08:45 BEC to Savoy for assembly. 10:50 Savoy 3rd floor to BEC after Faculty Family Advising	Sunday	16:45 Savoy 3rd floor to BEC for Faculty Family Dinner

For any questions email vopanukij@las.ch and to RSVP please email RSVP@las.ch We reserve the right to make changes as necessary.

Campus Store

Belle Époque Campus Store

Tuesday	09:00 - 17:30
Wednesday	09:00 - 11:00

Savoy Campus Store

Thursday	12:00 - 17:00
Friday	13:00 - 17:30
Sunday	10:00 - 13:00

IT Office

New Students

Belle Époque Campus - BEC R02

Tuesday	09:00 - 17:30
Wednesday	09:00 - 11:00

Returning Students

Belle Époque Dorms - BEC R02
Savoy, Vermont, Eden & Beau Site Dorms - IT Office in Vermont

Wednesday	13:00 - 17:30
Thursday	15:30 - 17:30

Leysin Taxi Service:

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