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Dear Middle School Parents,

I would like to sincerely welcome you to the American International School Vienna! We hope to provide your child with an opportunity to explore their passions and feel a sense of belonging and wonder in this supportive and caring community.

Middle school is a time of exploration, growth, identity development and social connections. Students in the middle are at their best when they can engage deeply in their learning, feel empowered to explore who they are as young people, and witness the profound impact they can have on the world around them. As educators and parents, we attempt to frame each of their experiences through the development of a growth mindset; even during times of struggle or failure students can expand their own capacity as individual learners. Middle School is about taking risks with learning, trying new things, and applying creativity and problem solving to their learning. It's about learning to understand themselves and others better. Middle School is also about developing a sense of community based on authentic relationships with peers and teachers, in which everyone can feel a sense of belonging.

If you are new to AIS Vienna, I would like to extend a special thank you for choosing to become a part of our community. Although it's natural for the first days and weeks of school to be filled with anticipation and apprehension, students and families will quickly find that they are not alone, and that there are new friends to be made and many ways to contribute to our well-rounded program.

I encourage you to take some time to review the information on the page that follows this letter as it contains important details regarding our orientation and the first days of school. As always, we are here to support your transition into our community, so please don't hesitate to let us know how we can help. I look forward to meeting your child and your family as we gear up for an awesome 2024-2025 school year in the middle!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lauren Mehrbach'.

Lauren Mehrbach
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Turn Over for Middle School First Week Schedule

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- *AIS Vienna New Student Orientation (PK-12)*

Time	Activity	Who	Where
8:30	Middle School New Student Orientation	Middle School students and their parents	Main Gate Entrance
11:00-1:00	BBQ Lunch	Students, parents, and teachers	Sports Hall (next to Playground)

Our counselors, student ambassadors, and administration have planned an orientation schedule that helps ease students' transition to AIS Vienna. We will answer parent questions and provide students with a chance to meet their teachers, see their classrooms, get their laptops and lockers, make some initial friends and generally feel comfortable at AIS Vienna. Please make every effort to attend this orientation day. Arriving to school without having attended orientation or planned a schedule can make transitions significantly more difficult for your child.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- *First full day of school for all Grade 1-12 students*

Time	Activity	Who	Where
8:20	Advisory followed by MS Welcome Assembly ALL Gr 7 and Gr 8 students should bring a fully charged laptop.	All Middle School students	Grade Levels and Theater
3:15	Dismissal for all students (Grades 1-12)	All Grade 1-12 students	
Bus Service Available for Grade 1-12 Students			