New Student Orientation
AUGUST 24-27, 2016
Hellenic College Schedule

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”
John 10:10
Welcome, new students! On behalf of the community, I congratulate you on your decision to attend HCHC. I am excited that you have made the choice to call Hellenic College Holy Cross your home away from home for the 2016–2017 academic year and beyond. HCHC is committed not only to high academic standards but to your intellectual, moral, and spiritual formation. As such, you should expect the start of this academic year to be full of opportunities and challenges which will contribute to your growth as a member of our Orthodox Christian community.

New Student Orientation is scheduled for August 24–27, 2016, and is mandatory for all new students so that you can have the best possible transition into the joyful, vibrant life at HCHC. When you arrive on campus, you will begin your academic and co-curricular journey as members of a community seeking your formation and development into a service-oriented leader.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 617-850-1297 or to email me at nbelcher@hchc.edu.

Again, welcome to HCHC. I look forward to greeting you on August 24th!

Love in Christ,

Rev. Nicholas Belcher
Dean of Students
Wednesday, August 24, 2016

**MOVE IN/REGISTRATION** | Polemanakos Dormitory
10:00am
Welcome to Hellenic College Holy Cross! Orientation staff will be on hand to assist students with moving in to their dorm rooms.

**LUNCH** | Condakes Refectory
12:00-2:00pm
Lunch will be provided for all incoming students, parents, families, and orientation staff.

**PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME** | Library Reading Room
2:00-2:30pm
Incoming students, parents, and families will meet with HCHC president, Fr. Christopher Metropulos, and the deans of Hellenic College Holy Cross.

**SMALL GROUPS** | Polemanakos Dormitory
2:30-4:30pm
New students will be split into small groups for staff-led ice breakers and a campus tour.

**HELLENIC COLLEGE PARENT ORIENTATION** | Library Reading Room
2:30-4:30pm
Parents of new students will meet with key members of the student affairs staff to learn about HCHC’s faculty, programs, and expectations. A Q&A session will follow.

**VESPERS** | Holy Cross Chapel
5:00pm
Students and parents are invited to join the entire HCHC community for Vespers in the Holy Cross Chapel. Parents will say their goodbyes following Vespers.

**DINNER** | Condakes Refectory
5:45pm
Dinner will be provided for all incoming students and orientation staff.

**ORIENTATION SESSION** | Library Reading Room
7:00pm
Led by Fr. Nicholas Belcher, Dean of Students, this session will introduce new students to student leaders of campus organizations, including the Campus Activities Board, Residence Life Assistants, Student Government Association, and Married Student Association.

**MIX + MINGLE** | Outside Administration Building
9:00pm
A social event for all new students sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.
Thursday, August 25, 2016

**ORTHROS** | Holy Cross Chapel
8:00am
Join the HCHC community for Orthros in the Holy Cross Chapel.

**PRESIDENT’S WELCOME BREAKFAST** | Condakes Refectory
8:45am
Breakfast with the HCHC president, staff, and faculty.

**MEET THE DEANS AND FACULTY** | Library Reading Room
10:00am
Students will meet Dr. Demetrios Katos, Dean of Hellenic College, Dr. James Skedros, Dean of Holy Cross, and members of the faculty.

**STUDENT ADVISEMENT** | Maliotis Cultural Center
11:00am
Student meetings with academic advisers.

**PLACEMENT TESTING** | Faculty Office/Computer Lab
12:00pm
An optional Modern Greek exam will be offered for seminarian students who wish to place in a level beyond Beginning Modern Greek. A math exam will be offered for students who have received notification that an exam is required.

**LUNCH** | Condakes Refectory
12:00-2:00pm
Lunch will be provided for all students and orientation staff.

**REGISTRATION/ADVISEMENT** | Registrar’s Office
1:00-5:00pm
Students will meet with the Registrar to register for classes for the Fall semester.

**GREAT VESPERS** | Holy Cross Chapel
5:00pm
Join the HCHC community for Great Vespers in the Holy Cross Chapel.

**DINNER** | Condakes Refectory
5:45pm
Dinner will be provided for all students and orientation staff.

**SHOPPING TRIP** | Target
7:00pm
The HCHC vans will transport students and orientation staff to Target in Watertown for a supply run.
Friday, August 26, 2016

ORTHROS | Holy Cross Chapel
8:00am
Join the HCHC community for Orthros in the Holy Cross Chapel.

BREAKFAST | Condakes Refectory
8:30am
Breakfast will be provided for all students and orientation staff.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION ORIENTATION | Maliotis Cultural Center
9:30am
Learn about spiritual life at HCHC and meet with spiritual fathers. For seminarians only.

OVM ORIENTATION RETREAT | Off-campus
11:00am
Depart for Metropolis of Boston Camp & Retreat Center in Contoocook, NH.

LUNCH
12:30pm

OPENING SESSION AND WELCOME
1:30pm
Introduction, staff skit, and ice breakers.

RETURN TO ROOMS
2:45pm
Get ready to go to the pool!

FREE TIME AT THE LAKE
3:00pm
Emmaus walk to free time at the lake.

CHANGE FOR VESPERS
4:15pm
Shower and change for Vespers and evening session.

VESPERS
5:00pm
Vespers and Be Still time.

DINNER
6:00pm

SESSION I
6:45pm
“Living in the Land of Everyday Miracles: How to Search for Meaning and Vocation in College.”

COFFEEHOUSE
8:15pm
Saturday, August 27, 2016

**MORNING PRAYERS**
8:30am
Morning prayers and Be Still time.

**BREAKFAST**
9:15am

**SESSION II**
10:00am
“Discover Your Strengths!” - Introduction to StrengthsFinder

**GROUP WALK/HIKE**
11:30am

**LUNCH**
12:30pm

**HC STUDENT LIFE SKITS**
1:15pm
Introduction, staff skit, and ice breakers.

**WRAP UP AND DEPART**
2:30pm
Wrap up and depart for HCHC

**VESPERS | Holy Cross Chapel**
5:00pm
Join the HCHC community for Vespers in the Holy Cross Chapel.

**DINNER | Condakes Refectory**
5:30pm
Dinner will be provided for all students and orientation staff.

**BOSTON ‘T’ PARTY**
6:00pm
Orientation staff will accompany students into Boston, teaching them how to navigate the Boston public transportation system along the way. Eat, shop, and explore!

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Sunday, August 28, 2016

**ORTHROS | Holy Cross Chapel**
8:00am

**DIVINE LITURGY | Holy Cross Chapel**
9:15am

**FR. CHRISTOPHER’S WATERPARK EXTRAVAGANZA | HCHC Lawn**
12:00pm
Join us for a waterslide, obstacle course, and BBQ!