

Student and Residence Life

Frequently Asked Questions

When and what is New Student Orientation?

New Student Orientation occurs the first two weeks prior to the first day of classes, specifically August 19, 2009 through September 2, 2009. The purpose of orientation is to register for classes, introduce you to campus life at Manhattan School of Music and familiarize you with New York City. The orientation will prepare new students for the start of classes on September 2, 2009. **All orientation sessions are mandatory for new students.** In short, orientation consists of many exciting opportunities and activities to help you meet your classmates and begin your new life here at Manhattan School of Music.

What should I expect on August 19?

Be sure you get a good night of rest the day before because we have a busy day planned for you and your family! Moving to New York City is no easy task, but at Manhattan School of Music, we've got it covered. Next, several Orientation Leaders will greet you, help you check in and assist you with your moving. First, staff from admissions, financial aid, and the bursar's office will be on hand to help with any outstanding money concerns and missing documents. Simultaneously, the Student & Residence Life staff will be issuing ID cards and helping you find your rooms. Finally, after you finish your initial check in, we have lots of great activities prepared to help you and your families make the transition from home to college.

What if I can't get there between 8am and 1pm?

If you must move in outside of these hours, the Manhattan School of Music staff may not be available to greet you and help you get settled. In addition, you will miss the planned orientation activities. Contact the Office of Student and Residence Life in writing by August 1, 2009 to request an alternate arrival time if the circumstances for your delay are unavoidable. You can do so by emailing the Dean of Students at EJdavidson@msmny.edu. Staff will be busy with orientation, so those who arrive late are asked to be patient. Early arrivals are **not** granted.

What if I need to move in before August 19?

We will **not** allow students to move in before August 20th. The Resident Assistant staff will be undergoing training and the building will be undergoing a final cleaning in preparation for your arrival.

What if I need to move in after August 19?

Since all new students are required to be at MSM on August 19th, permission to arrive late must be granted by administration from the Dean of Students (917-493-4036). If you will be arriving after the official first day of classes, September 2nd, you must notify the Office of the Registrar (917-493-4478) and the Dean of Students by August 1, 2009. Please note that permission to arrive late is rarely granted and only considered in extreme and extenuating circumstances.

Should I call my new roommate before arriving at school?

Yes! It is very important to contact your new roommate before you get to school. Once you get your housing assignment, contact your roommate either by phone or by email. Some things you might want to talk about include: Who's going to bring the DVD player, TV or stereo? Do you both need to order small refrigerators? Who will order the "Hot/Cold" from Cecil? Who's going to bring a small carpet? Find out about each other. If you find that you live relatively close to one another, you might want to make plans to get

together before Orientation. Please note that we will not respect room change requests prior to move-in or based on someone's MySpace or Facebook profile (for example).

What if I have items I want to mail ahead?

Unfortunately, students **will not** be allowed to mail packages ahead. You should plan on having your packages delivered **the day after** you move into the residence hall. Manhattan School of Music will not accept responsibility for the safety of your belongings. Items can be mailed to:

Your name
Room #, Andersen Hall
134 Claremont Avenue
New York, NY, 10027

I'm an instrumentalist, how do I find out about orchestral auditions?

For all questions pertaining to the orchestral auditions and the orchestral program at Manhattan School of Music, please call Kathryn Shirilla (917-493-4509), Orchestral Personnel Manager.

What is the Office of Student and Residence Life and what does it do?

Located in room 112, the Office of Student and Residence Life exists to make your time at Manhattan School of Music rewarding, stimulating, exhilarating, and safe. We work to create an environment that allows you to grow and thrive both musically and socially. Throughout the year, the Office of Student and Residence Life sponsors many events that are fun, educational, and beneficial to the Manhattan School of Music community. Some of these events include Orientation, Family and Friends Weekend, Café Jazz, the Rite of Spring Day, Dances, Graduation, and various service projects. The Residence Life office, located in the 6th floor lounge of Anderson Hall, is an important part of the Office of Student and Residence Life, and work closely with us throughout the year.

Who are the staff members that work in the office?

In the Office of Student and Residence Life, we have a staff that is committed to giving you the best experience possible at Manhattan School of Music. Elsa Jean Davidson (Dean of Students), Cathy Raynis Meeker (Director of Student and Residence Life), Melanie Dorsey (Associate Director of Student & Residence Life), and Wadner Auguste (Student & Residence Life Director) are available to assist students, faculty, and staff.

To whom should I speak if I am worried about my or another student's personal well being?

In the case of an emergency please contact security (x4700 in Andersen Hall or x4444 in the school) or call 911. If you are worried about someone's health or mental health, please see your Resident Assistant, any of the staff of the Student and Residence Life Office, or the Dean of Students. Cathy Raynis Meeker and Melanie Dorsey, the Director and Assistant Director of Student and Residence Life, have a great deal of information and experience in dealing with student's interpersonal problems. In the Residence Hall, the Resident Assistant on duty should be contacted. The Assistant Director of Student & Residence Life can also be contacted in their office during posted hours or during emergency situations. We can assist you by listening, advising, and pointing you in the direction of resources and counselors on and off campus. We can also help guide you on how to fill out insurance paperwork.

LOCAL RESTAURANT GUIDE

Price Rating: \$ = 1-6 dollars, \$\$ = 6-12 dollars, \$\$\$ = 12 or more dollars

PIZZA

- * **Pinnacle:** (212) 662-1000, 2937 Broadway (Corner 115th St.).....\$\$
- * **Koronet's:** (212) 222-1566, 2848 Broadway (On the East side of Broadway, 111th - 110th).....\$
- * **Tom's Delicious Pizza:** (212) 932-2100, 3161 Broadway, between La Salle and Tiemann.....\$

ASIAN

All lunch prices = \$. Ratings below apply to dinner prices

- * **Ollie's:** (212) 932-3300, Broadway and 116th\$\$
- * **Panda:** (212) 866-4211, Broadway btw. La Salle and Tiemann.....\$
- * **China Place:** (212) 749-8888, 3141 Broadway, at La Salle.....\$\$
- * **Saigon Grill:** (212)-875-9072, 620 Amsterdam (Corner of 90th).....\$\$
- * **Saga:** (212) 666-2996, 1268 Amsterdam.....\$\$

ITALIAN

- * **Pisticci's:** (212) 932-3500, 125 La Salle btw. Claremont and Broadway.....\$\$\$
- * **MAX SoHa:** (212) 531-2221, 1274 Amsterdam, at La Salle, cash only.....\$\$
- * **Carmines:** (212) 362-2200, 2450 Broadway, family-style portions.....\$\$\$
- * **Campo:** (212) 864-1143, 2888 Broadway at 112/113th\$
- * **Sez Medi:** (212) 932-2901, 1260 Amsterdam.....\$

INDIAN

- * **Indus Valley:** 212-222-9222, 2636 Broadway at 100th\$\$\$
- * **Ajanta Indian Restaurant:** (212) 316-6776, 120th and Amsterdam.....\$\$
- * **Indian Café:** (212) 749-9200, 108th and Broadway.....\$

LATIN

- * **Floridita:** (212) 662-0090, 129th and Broadway.....\$
- * **El Porton:** 212-665-7338, 3151 Broadway (between Tiemann and 125th).....\$\$
- * **Mama Mexico:** (212) 864-2323, 101st and Broadway.....\$\$\$
- * **Taqueria:** (212)-665-7338, Broadway btw. La Salle and Tiemann.....\$\$
- * **Havana Central:** 212-662-8830, 114th and Broadway.....\$

GREEK AND MIDDLE EASTERN

- * **Symposium:** (212) 865-1011, 113th between Amsterdam and Broadway.....\$
- * **Broadway Au Lait:** Broadway and 122nd (across the street from the school).....\$
- * **Amir's Falafel:** (212) 749-7500, 114th and Broadway.....\$

AMERICAN

- * **Toast:** (212) 662-1144, 3157 Broadway between La Salle and Tiemann.....\$\$
- * **Tom's Restaurant:** (212) 864-6137, 112th and Broadway.....\$\$
- * **Amsterdam Café:** (212) 662-6330, Amsterdam between 119th and 120th.....\$\$
- * **The Heights:** (212) 866-7035, Broadway between 111th and 112th.....\$\$
- * **Deluxe:** (212)-662-7900, Broadway and 113th.....\$\$
- * **Nussbaum and Wu Bakery and Café:** (212) 280-5344, Broadway at 113th.....\$\$
- * **Community Food & Juice:** (212) 665-2800, 112th and Broadway.....\$\$\$

- * **Milano Market:** (212) 665-9500, 112th/113th and Broadway.....\$\$
- * **Dinosaur BBQ:** (212) 694-1777, Corner of 12th Ave. at W. 131st St.....\$\$\$

DESSERTS AND COFFEE

- * **Haagen Dazs:** (212) 662-5265, Broadway between 113th and 114th.....\$\$
- * **The Hungarian Pastry Shop:** (212) 866-4230, Amsterdam between 110th and 111th.....\$
- * **Starbucks:** (212) 280-7268, Broadway and 111th, Broadway and 114th.....\$
- * **Chokolat:** Broadway between 122nd and La Salle.....\$

FAST FOOD

- * **McDonald's:** Broadway at 125th.....\$
- * **Lincoln Fried Chicken:** 125th near Broadway.....\$
- * **Popeyes Fried Chicken** 321 W. 125th St.....\$
- * **Subway:** Broadway and 125th St.....\$

LOCAL CAFETERIAS

- * **Interchurch Cafeteria:** Claremont Ave. at 120th.....\$
- * **Barnard Cafeteria:** Claremont Ave. at 120th.....\$
- * **Columbia Cafeteria:** Broadway and 116th.....\$

MOVIE THEATERS

- * Go to **movies.com** and enter your zip code for local listings and locations
- * **AMC Loews 84th St. 6:** (212) 721-6023, Broadway at 84th
- * **AMC Magic Johnson Harlem 9:** (212) 665-6923, 2309 Frederick Douglass Blvd, btw 124th & 125th
- * **AMC Loews Lincoln Square with IMAX:** (212) 336-5020, 1998 Broadway at 68th St
- * **Lincoln Plaza Cinemas:** (212) 757-2280, 1886 Broadway btw 62nd & 63rd

BOOK STORES

- * **Manhattan School of Music Campus Store:** (212) 749-2802 x4030
- * **Columbia University Bookstore:** (212) 854-4134, 2922 Broadway at 114th St
- * **The Teacher's College Bookstore:** (212) 678-3920, Amsterdam at 120th St
- * **Barnes and Noble:** (212) 362-8835, 2289 Broadway at 82nd St
- * **Labyrinth Book Store:** (212) 865-1588, 112th between Broadway and Amsterdam

MUSIC STORES

- * **Colony Record and Radio Center:** (212) 265-2050, 1619 Broadway at 49th St
- * **Juilliard Book Store at Lincoln Center Plaza:** (212) 799-5000, ext. 237, Broadway and 65th St

BANKS

- * **HSBC:** (800) 975-4722, 96th and Amsterdam.
- * **Chase Manhattan/Chase:** (212) 270-6000, Broadway at 109th
- * **Bank of America:** (800) 841-4000, 215 W. 125th St. @ 7th Ave.

DRY CLEANERS

- * **Finest Broadway Cleaners:** 3151 Broadway between La Salle and Tiemann
- * **Ye Olde Cleaning Shop:** (212) 866-2056, 1211 Amsterdam btw 119th & 120th.

COPY AND PRINTER SERVICE

- * **Village Copier:** (212) 666-0600, 118th Street and Amsterdam, 112th and Broadway
- * **Broadway Copy:** (212) 864-6501, 121st and Broadway

FILM DEVELOPMENT

- * **Rite Aid:** (212) 663-3135, 2833 Broadway near 110th St
- * **Card-o-Mat:** (212) 663-2085, 2884 Broadway between 112th and 113th St.

PHARMACIES

- * **Duane Reade:**
125th & Broadway, Store (212) 663-4391
123rd and Amsterdam, Store (212) 665-8498, Pharmacy (212) 665-8966
111th and Broadway, Store (212) 316-5113
- * **Hartley Chemists:** (212) 749-8480, 1219 Amsterdam at 120th
- * **Town Drugs:** (212) 678-0636, 1090 Amsterdam at 113th
- * **Rite Aid:** (212) 663-3135, 2833 Broadway near 110th

POST OFFICES

- * **Cathedral Station:** 215 W. 104th between Broadway and Amsterdam
- * **Columbia Station:** 112th between Broadway and Amsterdam
- * **Manhattanville Station:** (212) 662-1901 365 W. 125th, btw St. Nicholas & Morningside
- * **Morningside Post Office:** 232 W. 116th Street with 7th Ave.

VIDEO RENTAL STORES

- * **Hollywood Video:** 535 Columbus Ave. and 86th St.

FOOD STORES AND MARKETS

Delis

- * **Bahamas:** Corner of Broadway and LaSalle
- * **Uni One Gourmet Deli:** (212) 280-0214 3153 Broadway #1, New York, NY
- * **Olive Tree Deli:** Broadway and 121st
- * **Columbia Food Center:** Amsterdam between 121st and 122nd
- * **Milano Market:** (212) 665-9600; 2892 Broadway between 112th and 113th
- * **The Apple Tree Deli:** Amsterdam between 120th and 121st

Health Food

- * **Hamilton Food Store:** 1129 Amsterdam between 115th and 116th
- * **Tamarind Seed:** Broadway between LaSalle and Tiemann

Markets

- * **Morton Williams University Market:** 2941 Broadway near 115th
- * **Bravo Market:** 2395 8th Ave. At 128th
- * **Fairway:** 12th Avenue and 132nd (1 block west of Broadway).
- * **Met Gourmet Food:** 530 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY