Friday: October 14, 2011

8:00 am - 6:00 pm: Check In

9:00 am - 5:00 pm: Open Classes
Take this opportunity to see MIT’s world-class faculty in action. A list of classes open to parents will be posted on the Family Weekend website by the September 23 and provided in the Family Weekend program book.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Tours*
Numerous tours are offered throughout Family Weekend. New this year, to reserve your spot on one of our tours, you must do so in person on campus. A full list of tours will be available at registration. An updated list of tours will be posted on the website on September 23, and we will continue confirm them as they become available.

11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Global Education (GECD): Go Global!
This panel will help you better understand the range of global opportunities available to students, including internships, study abroad, research, distinguished fellowships, and public service projects. MIT students who have returned from various overseas opportunities will share their experiences and also help answer questions about how to pursue these opportunities.

11:00 am - 12:00 pm: OpenCourseWare: Unlocking Knowledge

12:15 pm - 1:45 pm: Nobel Laureate Luncheon ($30)
Featuring Institute Professor Wolfgang Ketterle, 2001 winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics. A complimentary live broadcast will be available for those who do not attend the luncheon.

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Learning Beyond the Classroom
Topics will include global opportunities at MIT, entrepreneurship, careers, and research.

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Trolley Tours ($25)
Let Old Town Trolley conductors guide you through Boston while narrating the history of this beautiful city.

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3:30 pm - 5:00 pm: Departmental Receptions
Get to know department faculty, staff, and students and learn about your student’s major or prospective field of study.

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm: Senior Class Toast
Seniors and their families are invited to join the MIT Alumni Association for a reception and sparkling toast.

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Annual Family Weekend Concert: Featuring a special tribute to our troops
MIT Wind Ensemble & MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble
Frederick Harris, Jr., Music Director; Kenneth Amis, Assistant Conductor.
MITWE performs music by Berlioz, Vaughn Williams, Holst, and Randall Thompson. FJE performs music by Wayne Shorter, Thad Jones, Bob Brookmeyer, and others. Special guest jazz vocalist, Beth Logan, will also be featured.

Saturday: October 15, 2011

7:30am - 12:00pm: Check in

8:00am - 9:30am: Chocolaty Breakfast ($12)
Gather your family for a buffet breakfast featuring MIT’s Lab for Chocolate Science.
Members of the lab will discuss the science of making perfect chocolate and offer a tasting of their lab-made toppings and confections.

9:00am - 12:00pm: **Domino Physics with Dr. Domino**
Domino Physics provides students of all ages with truly mesmerizing opportunities to explore hands-on problem solving, cause-and-effect, and the scientific method. In addition to the academic benefits, creating domino mega-chains are exceptional forums for building team skills, a spirit of cooperation, and a sense of community among participants. Peter Bloom, Domino Physicist, has been teaching courses for grades K-8 for more than eight years at the Boston Museum of Science and is the author of “The Modular Dominoes Activity Guide.”

9:15am - 10:00am: **President’s Greeting**
Susan Hockfield, MIT’s 16th president and the first life scientist to lead MIT, will address the most recent developments and challenges at the Institute and answer audience questions.

10:00am - 10:30am: **Meet and Greet Department Administrators**

10:30am - 12:00pm: **MIT as a Global Resource**
From the very first days of the Institute’s history, MIT has been inventing the future as it solves problems facing the world. For this session, Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD ’80 will lead a panel of distinguished MIT faculty who will shed light on some of the areas in which MIT is meeting the challenges of today’s society.

1:00pm - 2:00pm: **Cultural Variety Show ($15)**
Enjoy performances by a selection of student groups. A bag lunch and insulated MIT tote are included.

2:00pm - 3:00pm: **Boston Duck Tour ($30)**
See Boston by land and water in a WWII amphibious landing vehicle!

2:00pm - 3:45pm: **Catalyst Collaborative Presents: Remembering HM**
*Remembering HM*, a staged reading of excerpts from a new play exploring memory through the strange story of Henry Molaison, who lost his short term memory due to experimental surgery and became the most studied case in medical history. A collaboration with the MIT Museum. Followed by conversation with artists and MIT scientists. Be part of the creation of this new work by Catalyst Collaborative @ MIT, the nation’s only ongoing partnership between a research university and a professional theater company.

3:00pm - 4:00pm: **Parent Connector Reception/Training**
If you are currently a Parent Connector or would like to become a parent volunteer, please join us for this informal reception and training.

4:00pm - 5:45pm: **Catalyst Collaborative Presents: Remembering HM**
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5:00pm - 7:30pm: **Living Group and Affinity Group Events**
Campus houses, fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups will host receptions. Take this opportunity to experience your student’s living environment. Check with your student for the time of his or her living group’s event. (Groups unable to offer events on Saturday will host on Sunday morning or early afternoon.

7:00pm - 8:00pm: **Class Connections Reception**
The MIT Class Connections program brings together the Class of 2015 in their freshman year with the Classes of 1965 and 1990 and is continuing the connections between the Classes of 2014, 1964 and 1989. The program continues over four years with opportunities to connect, grow, and learn together. At the students’ commencement, the alumni will celebrate the students while also marking their 25th and 50th reunions. Families of the Classes of 2014 and 2015 are invited to join their students and the alumni classes for a dessert reception prior to the Greater Boston Invitational Songfest.
8:00pm - 10:00pm: **Greater Boston Invitational Songfest**
Enjoy performances by several of MIT's student a capella groups.

**Sunday:** October 16, 2011

9:00am - 12:00pm: **Additional Living Group Events**
Campus houses, fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups will host receptions. Check with your student for the time of his or her living groups events.

**ADDITIONAL:**

*T-shirts* are available in all sizes for $10.

Register before October 7, 3:00 p.m. EDT: $25 per person
On-site registration, October 14 & 15: $35 per person
MIT students and children under 12: FREE*

*MIT students and children under 12 must be signed up for each event they plan to attend. Additional fees apply for certain events.

Questions: 617-452-4163 or famweekend@mit.edu

*Please keep checking our website for updates in regards to Tours, Open Classes, and Departmental Receptions.