



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Fall 2026
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New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Families and Supporters,

It's officially August! MSU is hard at work putting the final touches on Welcome to State programming, and we can't wait to see you and your student on campus in a few weeks. In upcoming newsletters, you can expect more information on how to prepare for move-in, where to park, and what apps can help you and your student navigate life on

campus. If you ever need a refresher on what was shared in previous issues, you can visit our [communications archive](#).

In this week's newsletter, we have new Spartan Spotlight Post on **Welcome to State's NSO events**, new episodes of **Spartan Orientation Station**, updated information about **how students can get their Spartan Card**, a new **Local Lansing Highlight**, and more **quotes from students on their college experience** for you to check out. Thanks for reading!

Spartan Spotlight Posts

Here are some posts to help you and your Spartan begin your orientation journey at MSU! Be sure to read each post for important dates and deadlines, resources, and tips for success. If you have any questions about the orientation podcast, please feel free to reach out by email at nso@msu.edu or by phone at **(517) 355-8490**.

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 1 Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 3 Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 4 Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - NSO Events During Welcome to State \(Checkpoint 5\)](#)

[Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities \(RCPD\) for Fall 2026](#)

[Getting Connected to the MSU WiFi](#)

Family & Supporter Webinar

If you weren't able to attend our last Family & Supporter Webinar, don't worry! Below, you can access a recording of the webinar and catch up with the latest news from NSO. In this this week's webinar, we talk about Police and Public Safety, including all the ways that you

and your student can stay safe on campus and plan for emergencies.

Watch Webinar Recording

Spartan Card Updates

Incoming students are strongly encouraged to pick up their new Spartan Card at the ID Office between **June 1, 2026 and August 20, 2026**.

Where: MSU ID Office, 427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 170 inside the International Center

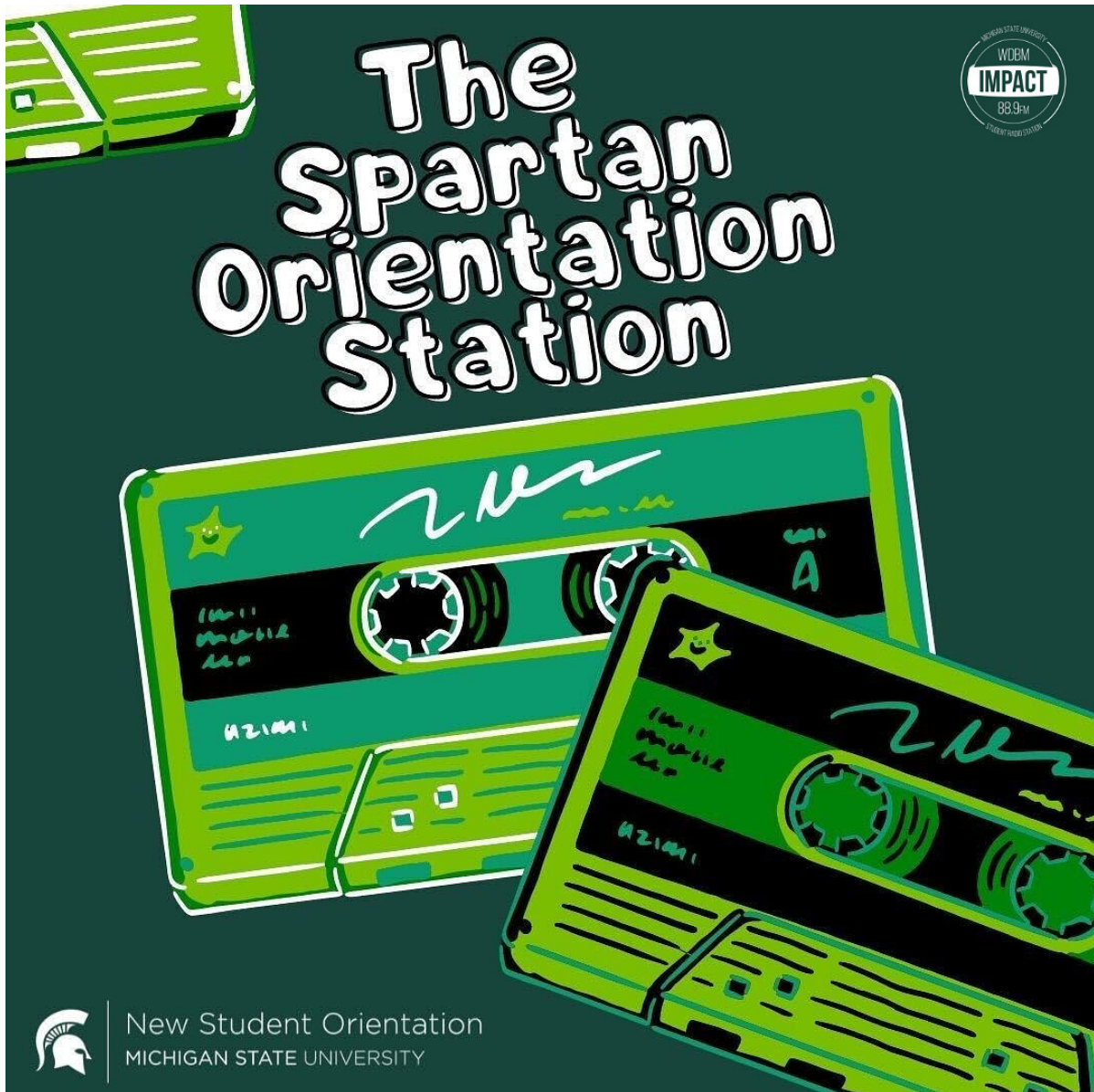
When: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

What students should bring: Physical passport, US driver's license or US state ID, and their Student ID number. **Digital IDs will not be accepted.**

Please note that Spartan Cards will not be given to friends or family on behalf of a student. See the [ID Office website](#) for full details. Parking will be available in [Lot 79](#) and [Lot 39](#). **Please do not** park, stop, or stand on [Red Cedar Road](#) when accompanying your student to pick up their Spartan Card.

During Welcome to State (August 24 - August 27), students that have their photos approved should pick up their Spartan Card at the STEM Building, Room 1201. Students that still need their photo taken should visit the ID Office in the International Center.

Spartan Orientation Station Podcast



As part of NSO Checkpoint 4, we are happy to share the newest episodes of the **Spartan Orientation Station (SOS) podcast**. This podcast brings together campus partners from across the MSU community to discuss key resources and important topics that help you and your Spartan navigate the orientation process. You can listen to past seasons of SOS with transcripts on the [Impact89FM website](https://www.impact89fm.com).

[SOS Season 4, EP. 19 - Pre-Veterinary Studies at MSU](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 20 - Family & Supporters: Finding Community at MSU ft. University Activities Board](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 21 - Pre-Law Studies at MSU](#)

Local Lansing Highlights



Looking for a lively local spot to explore with family or friends? Check out **Lansing Shuffle**, a vibrant food hall and community space along the Lansing riverfront. With multiple local food vendors, a bar, indoor and outdoor seating, and live events, it's a fun way to enjoy the city's culture. Lansing Shuffle also features shuffleboard courts, perfect for a casual game. Whether your Spartan is looking for a chill evening or a fun weekend hangout, this spot offers something for everyone. Learn more on [Lansing Shuffle's website!](#)

What I Wish They Knew

We asked some Spartan Students how they feel about their transition to MSU, and here are some things they want their families and supporters to know...

"I wish they knew that sometimes there are going to be days where you just don't feel your best and need to relax/not study and take a day off."

"I wish my family knew that I study in a way that might not look how they studied, but in a way that works for me."

"It's a lot harder to budget nowadays. Please have patience and understanding with your student! Money doesn't stretch as far as it used to."

"I wish they knew that these opportunities are exciting but also competitive, and their encouragement keeps me motivated to aim high."

Stay tuned to NSO Newsletter to hear more from Spartan Students!

Additional Communication

NSO is so excited to keep in contact with you and your student this summer! Throughout the duration of NSO, you can expect various email reminders, text messages, and voicemails sent to you and your student. These communications are meant to provide the most up-to-date information so you and your student can act accordingly. If you have any questions about the communication you receive, please reach out to the NSO Office at (517) 355-8490 or by email at nso@msu.edu. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Important MSU Dates

AUG

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Fall 2026 Classes Begin

SEP

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University Closed (Labor Day)

OCT

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Fall 2026 Middle of Semester

OCT
26

Fall Break

OCT
27

NOV
26

University Closed (Thanksgiving)

NOV
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DEC
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Fall 2026 Classes End

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Fall 2026 Final Exams

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Fall 2026 Commencements

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