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New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Families and Supporters,

Believe it or not, June is almost over! As always, we're glad to have you back for another NSO newsletter. 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 information on **NSO Checkpoint 5**, **THREE** new episodes of the Spartan Orientation Station podcast, a new Local Lansing Highlight, and more words from Spartan Students about their transition to college. 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 2 Overview](#)

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

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

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 5 Overview](#)

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

[Getting Connected to the MSU WiFi](#)

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.

Spartan Orientation Station Podcast



As part of NSO Checkpoint 4, we are happy to share the two 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](#).

[SOS Season 4, EP. 9 - Five in Five\(ish\): Residence Hall Packing Tips](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 10 - Five in Five\(ish\): Top 5 Eats](#)

[SOS Season 4, Ep. 11 - Five in Five\(ish\): Campus Safety Tips](#)

Local Lansing Highlights



Looking for a relaxing outdoor getaway just off campus? [Lake Lansing Park](#) is a great place to spend time with friends and enjoy nature. The park offers many amenities such as kayaking, volleyball courts, picnic spaces, scenic walking area, and a beach area, it is the perfect place to unwind during warm weather.

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...

"It's okay for your student to not necessarily be sad about being away from home. It doesn't mean they don't miss you. Your student will figure things out eventually and make things work for them."

"Part of becoming independent is being able to make mistakes that teach you about certain things. If family/supporters don't allow their student to make mistakes, they might never become the independent individual they see themselves becoming."

"I wish they knew that it is possible to have a social life and still be successful academically. I wish they knew that having a social life in college is one the most important support systems out there."

"I wish they knew that budgeting is a constant balancing act, and I'm learning to stretch every dollar while still making room for little joys."

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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