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New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Families and Supporters,

May is just about over, but we are 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 a new Transitional Tip for families

and supporters, two more episodes of the Spartan Orientation Station podcast, and a new Local Lansing Highlight. As a reminder, completion of the **Summer 2026 NSO Experience** course (NSO Checkpoint 2) is due by **NEXT Friday, June 5, 2026**, so please make sure your student knows. 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**.

[New Student Orientation \(NSO\) - Fall 2026 Orientation Overview](#)

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

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 2 Overview](#)

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

[Housing Preferences Open Through June 12](#)

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

[Transitional Tip #5 for Spartan Families & Supporters](#) 

Spartan Welcome Days



We are excited to announce our new pilot program, **Spartan Welcome Days!** This optional, in-person, 1-day event is a great opportunity for eligible students that want to experience the MSU campus early and meet with their advisor. **Students can choose to attend one of four days: Monday, June 15, Tuesday, June 16, Monday, June 22, or Tuesday, June 23.** Each Spartan Welcome Day will include programming for both students and their families and supporters (up to 2), as well as the opportunity for students to spend the night in one of our residence halls. Meals will be provided, and attendance is free unless students sign up for an overnight stay.

Students are eligible to attend Spartan Welcome Days if they meet both of the following criteria:

- They are an incoming fall 2026 student that has completed the Summer 2026 New Student Orientation Experience course in the

Desire2Learn (D2L) Portal

- They are a part of one of the following colleges: **Arts & Letters, Education, James Madison, Natural Science, Social Science, Undergraduate Education, or Communication Arts & Sciences (first-year students only)**

Registration for Spartan Welcome days is limited, and invites are sent out daily based on completion of the D2L course, so students in eligible colleges should complete as soon as possible! If you have any questions, please contact the NSO Office.

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. 5 - Five in Five\(ish\) - Out of State Students](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 6 - Go for the Green - Financial Tips](#)

Local Lansing Highlights



Looking for a fun getaway just off campus? **Breakout Escape Rooms** may just be the place! With 9 different escape rooms, you and your friends or family can challenge each other and work with one another to escape before time runs out. It provides a never-ending source of fun with unique themes, exciting puzzles, and interactive challenges that make every visit feel different. Whether you are looking for a group activity, a team- building experience, or just a fun break from classes, Breakout Escape Rooms can be the place!

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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