

# New Student Orientation, Middle School: How to Meet Other Enlightium Students

There are thousands of students enrolled in Enlightenment Academy all over the world! You can get to know these students through Enlightenment's many social and spiritual offerings throughout the school year!

## Social Opportunities

### School Events

For students in middle school, you can choose social opportunities that last the entire school year. Examples include:

- **The Chess Club**, where you learn chess strategies and compete against other Enlightenment students online.
- **The Spelling Bee**, where you compete against other middle school students three times a year.
- **The Pen Pal Program**, where you are matched with another middle school student in a different part of the U.S. or world.

Enlightenment also hosts one-off competitions and events throughout the year, such as:

- **A Food Drive**, where each grade level competes to see who can donate the most canned goods.
- **A Talent Show**, where you can record your sport, musical, or other talents and submit them for a fun competition.
- **Our annual in-person graduation ceremony**, where we celebrate our graduating seniors!

You will be informed of all of these events and opportunities through a direct message in Ignitia. You can also learn more about all of these activities in [Enlightium's Knowledge Base](#).



**Elwood the Lion, an Enlightium Student**

## Student Council and National Junior Honor Society

- In the **Student Council**, you can run for various positions. Elected students help shape students' experiences at Enlightium Academy.
- In the **National Junior Honor Society (grades 7-9)**, students are acknowledged for their excellence in service, leadership, and character.

Being in any of these groups looks amazing on a college application. You can learn more about them in [Enlightium's Knowledge Base](#).

## Local Meet-Ups

At least one adult in each household is required to have an account on the Enlightium Parents app. If you want to meet with other Enlightium students in your state, you can ask your parent or guardian to post in your state group in the Enlightium Parents app.

Your parent/guardian can simply say, *“Hello! Anyone in the <city> area with a middle school student? We’d love to connect!”*

## Spiritual Development

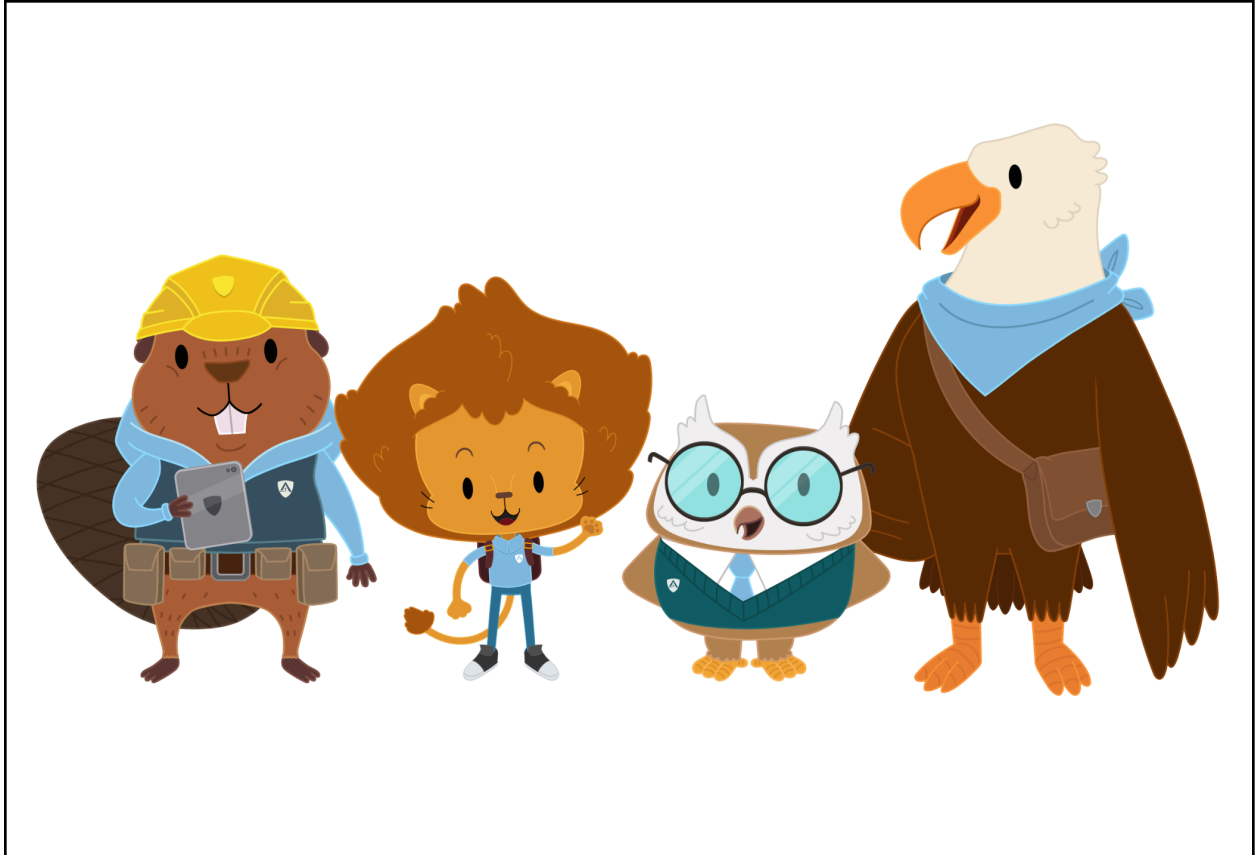
Enlightium has a Spiritual Support Team dedicated to offering spiritual resources for staff, faculty, students, and their parents. Enlightium also provides several opportunities for you and your family to connect with our team’s spiritual offerings:

- **Bible Studies** - Bible Studies are held once or twice a month for most of the school year. You can find the dates in Enlightium’s Knowledge Base (type “Bible Studies”) and on the Middle School Google Calendar (type “google calendar”). Links to join are sent via Ignitia leading up to each Bible Study.
- **Theology in Action Videos** - The aim of these videos is to cultivate hearts and minds for Christianly action – loving God and neighbor. New videos are shared as a direct message in Ignitia and in the Enlightium Parents app.
- **Prayer Meetings** - Enlightium’s team meets twice a week to pray for the school and our students. You can submit prayer requests by searching “prayer form” in the Knowledge Base.
- **Virtual Retreats** - Enlightium will be hosting half day virtual retreats for Enlightium students. Students are notified in Ignitia of the theme and how to join.

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## Thank You for Completing the Student Orientation

Congratulations! You’re done with the orientation!



## What's next?

You and your family may have already completed some or all of these steps. These are required steps to complete before all courses can be assigned:

1. Provide your previous school's report card/transcript, as well as any other required documentation.
2. Complete the math and English entrance assessment.
3. Review your course schedule with your counselor.