



## **FALL FAMILY GET-TOGETHER** *(Post-arrival Orientation of Families & Students)*

### AGENDA

- informal introductions
- GET TO KNOW SOMEONE: Introductions
- Reflections ...
- Split into groups: parents, students, host siblings

#### Parent Topics

Cultural differences and potential conflicts. What's the funniest thing that's happened? The most frustrating?

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Concerns: ways to head off problems; deal with problems when they are new and small

Medical Insurance

Handouts?

#### Exchange Student Topics

What are you excited about? What's the funniest thing that's happened?

Wow! What a GREAT year! What will make this a great year for you?

Concerns: (dating) (sharing) (shadowing)

Cultural Shock. Have you felt appreciated? How?

Medical Insurance

"Magic Words" Have you shown appreciation? How?

Reports

Community Coordinator

Who ya gonna call?

English is hard!

Expectations. Have you felt frustrated? By what? How did you deal with it? What's been the biggest surprise so far?

Do you feel any different now than when you first arrived?

Asking questions ...

Don't call home too often. Initiate activities to make friends. Have your own "unique" experience!

#### Host Family Siblings Topics

Questions

Courage

Sharing

Objectives

This is fun?!