

PRACTICAL TIPS AND QUESTIONS FOR A STRONG START

Questions	Answer
What is the 2021-2022 year verse?	2 Peter 1:3: "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."
How does student drop off and pick up work?	<p>We are requesting that all families who are picking up and or dropping off students before and after school to please use the Hawthorne Avenue entrance ONLY.</p> <p>Drop Off/Pick Up in Zone 1 (central lot by Field House) or Zone 2 (North circle drive by Academic Building). Exit through Prince Crossing.</p> <p>We are looking to keep open the north drive lane entirely for fire, and police should that be needed.</p>
Where can my student study before or after school?	<p>Hours for students can be in the building: 6:45 AM-5:00 PM. Student IDs are only activated during this time.</p> <p>They are welcome to study in common spaces like the Atrium, the Library, Senior Lounge, or classrooms when teachers are present.</p>
What supplies should students bring on the first day of school?	<p>We do not have a supply list for students—teachers will let students know of things students may need during the first week of school. In the meantime, we suggest this list:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surface Pro and charger (Make sure it is labelled and charged every night) 2. Basic School supplies (pencil, pen, folder, notebook) 3. Books (if you opted in, books can be picked up on the 16th or 17th; if you opted out, make sure you bring them from home) 4. Backpacks 5. School ID 6. Class Schedule 7. Gym clothes if your student is enrolled in a P.E. class
How do I find my student's schedule?	<p>To find your student's class schedule online:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Login to <u>OnCampus</u> with your parent account. 2. In the top left corner, use the dropdown menu to select your student. 3. On the main page, the progress tab should be automatically selected. Scroll down and the classes for your student will be listed below in alphabetical order, not period order. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the top of your schedule, you can toggle between semesters. • If your schedule says, "Contact Student Services," do so immediately.
When is first day of school?	<p>August 18</p> <p><i>See first week of school bell schedule for Aug. 18-20 and Bell Schedule in your folder.</i></p>
Where do I find the lunch menu?	<p>You can find the weekly lunch menu on the Wheaton Academy community website: https://families.wheatonacademy.org/food-services/pushcoin, as well on the board in the Commons next to the lunch window.</p> <p>Lunch is combined everyday of the week—there is no more “split lunches for 4A/4B”. A school lunch can be purchased daily through your student’s PushCoin account, which is connected to your student’s school ID. No pre-order necessary.</p>

Anything I should know about bringing my own lunch?	You are welcome to pack a lunch every day. Just be mindful of others' allergies: We are a nut-free campus. Nuts cannot be eaten anywhere except the designated tables in the cafeteria at lunch time.
What is the allergy policy ?	
What is Off-Campus Lunch ?	Off-campus lunch is a junior and senior privilege only. Students can go to restaurants or homes during this time once parents have signed the Off-Campus Agreement which parents will receive through email. When students are off campus, be mindful of time and the bell schedule.
What is the dress code ?	Goal: Professional! (No hats, hoods, sweatpants, athletic shorts, joggers, leggings, etc.) Shorts: Inseam of 7 inches No holes in clothing or undergarments showing No unnatural hair color or visible tattoos No designs or slogans that are unprofessional or provocative. Girls: No shoulders showing AND dresses to the knee Boys: Keep a shirt on at all times More information can be found in the Parent Student Handbook starting on page 24. Students will be asked to change if they are out of dress code
What should I do if my student is going to be absent from school?	Parents, call the attendance line (630-562-7500 x1) to excuse absence and tardies. If students know they are going to miss a day of school, encourage them to talk to their teachers and get any work they might miss. They could also check OnCampus for missing work if teachers post assignments there. <i>If Wheaton Academy has not heard from a parent or guardian within 24 hours of the student's absence, he/she will be marked as unexcused and will receive a consequence.</i>
What if students are going to be late to class ?	If students are tardy from class to class because they are just running late, head straight to class. If they are running late to school, students must first sign in at the Front Office when you arrive to campus. Then, head to class. If students are late to school because of an appointment, make sure you as parents call (630-562-7500 x1) to tell us about this appointment. Then, students need to sign in at the Front Office when they arrive to campus to get a pass. If students are late due to an interaction with a staff member, they can ask for pass and the tardy will be excused. Students get 5 "tardies" to the 1 st period class; they get 3 "tardies" to the 2 nd -7 th period classes. Anything over these "tardies" will result in consequence.
Is campus secure ?	All doors are locked at all times. Visitors are asked to always sign in at the front office.

Does my student have a locker?	<p>We have necessary surveillance on campus and a great relationship with the local law enforcement and health care.</p> <p>All students have access to lockers and athletic lockers, and we encourage students to lock up belongings in these places.</p> <p>Student's assigned school locker, the number, and combination can be found on their printed class schedule or on the OnCampus contact card, under General information.</p> <p>Athletic lockers will be assigned in P.E. classes or through their athletic coach. Please encourage students to bring home clothes to wash every once in awhile ☺</p>
What is a school ID?	The student ID is good for the entire time at Wheaton Academy. It gives students access to buildings and to purchase lunches.
Where do I get my school ID?	School IDs will be distributed to students before Summer Academy, Freshman LAUNCH, transfer orientation, or at the front office on the first day of school.
What if I lose my student ID?	The cost of a replacement ID is \$25. Request a replacement ID by filling out the form located on the Families Page on the website. Mrs. Andrews will message students when it is ready.
How does Wheaton Academy communicate with me?	<p>Common ways parent receive communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email (all faculty/staff emails are first initial last name@wheatonacademy.org (i.e. Erin Carwell's email is ecarwell@wheatonacademy.org) • WAweekly • OnCampus • Families Website: https://families.wheatonacademy.org <p>Common ways students communicate with teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with teacher • Email (WA scholar is your student's Google based email; WA learner is your student's Microsoft email) • OnCampus message <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you hear, "Message your teacher," we are referring to OnCampus messages.
What if my student doesn't know where to go the 1 st day of school?	<p>Students can find their schedules on their OnCampus accounts. Once they log-in, the Progress page should automatically load, and their courses and locations are listed below.</p> <p>Additionally, students' first period classes will be posted in the hallway on the first day of school. Then, their first period teacher can help them.</p>
How do I set up my Surface?	<p>There are instructions to set up your student's Surface after they pick it up found here on the website: https://families.wheatonacademy.org/technology/surface/</p> <p>Before the first day of school, be sure to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up your student's WA Learner Email 2. Log into OnCampus (using your student's WA learner email) 3. Set up your student's WA Scholar Email (firstname.lastname@wascholar.org)

What if my student has technology questions?	The IT office is happy to support your student. Their office is located on the second level of the Academic Building. Bob Vishanoff (bvishanoff@wheatonacademy.org) and Chris Felinski (cfelinski@wheatonacademy.org) are ready to help.
When can my student use the Weight room?	The weight room is available for students under the supervision of a faculty member or coach at their designated times. They will be in communication with your student.
What if I want to park on campus—how do I get a Parking Permit?	Applications for student parking permits are now available on the Families Page on the website. Once you have filled out the link for a student parking permit, students can stop by Mr. Ellison's office in Student Services with your payment made out to Wheaton Academy. Please be aware that the parking fee of \$75 must be submitted and the student's driver's license must be shown to Mr. Ellison to be issued a parking permit.
When will students get notified for opportunities to be involved in co-curriculars?	<p>There are many ways to stay informed on Co-Curricular activities happening at Wheaton Academy!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Time! Community Time is every Monday. During this time, your student will hear about upcoming events and other various announcements that will keep your student informed about Wheaton Academy. 2. Your messages in OnCampus! Teachers and Sponsors will be putting all announcements into OnCampus so be sure your students check the messages every day! 3. The Families Page: https://families.wheatonacademy.org 4. Athletics website: https://athletics.wheatonacademy.org 5. Calendar Page: https://families.wheatonacademy.org/calendar <p>Also, please review the Co-Curricular list provided to see opportunities and people who lead them.</p>
What is Winterim? How do I sign up?	<p>Winterim is a two-week program in between 1st and 2nd semester. There are three options you can pursue:</p> <p>Classes (Registration for classes in November) Internships (Apply for internships in September-October) Trips (Apply for available trips soon for Winterim 2022)</p> <p>Your student will find out more information in Advisory this fall.</p>
Are there any additional orientation options?	<p>Yes! Please see the dates below and visit this website for details: https://families.wheatonacademy.org/retreats/</p> <p>Freshman Launch: August 17 Sophomore Retreat: August 15-16 Junior Retreat: August 15-16 Senior Meetings: August 17</p>
Before the first day of school	<p>Read the 2021-2022 Health & Wellness Plan: https://families.wheatonacademy.org/health</p> <p>Sign the Acknowledgment of Risks form: https://families.wheatonacademy.org/health/#sign</p>