

Dear Wheaton Academy Parents,

The school year is certainly in full swing, and our homecoming week is next week! We wanted to give you some important information about this year's activities. This week is full of day and evening events and many fun activities for your students. We are very excited to celebrate our school. As with all student life events, we seek to build and strengthen the student community through shared experiences that are fun and give opportunities for all students to be included. This is truly a week of community building that students, teachers, and staff enjoy!

Our festivities will begin on Monday, September 19, with our field day kick-off. All students will participate in various competitions (both physical and non-physical) during the morning hours with their Advisory Groups. After field day concludes, Steamboat B-B-Q will supply lunch for purchase. Then we will conclude with an all-school Lip Sync contest to end our first day. Please note that this is considered a full day of school even though we are not in our classrooms.

Students are already excited about their Spirit Days. Here is the information needed to help your child prepare for dress-up days.

Monday: Color Day

Freshmen – Blue
Sophomores- Green
Juniors – Yellow
Seniors – Red

Tuesday: Under the Sea or Out of this World

Students can dress as anything water or sky related. We ask students to avoid bathing suits or anything resembling a suit in form or function, including wearing one over shirts/pants.

Wednesday: Holidays

Students' Advisory Groups chose a holiday or national day to dress up together.

Thursday: Good Morning WA

Students can dress as anything to do with the morning: PJs, cereal, sunshine, etc.

Friday: Warrior Day

Students dress to celebrate our school colors.

The purpose of these dates is to build community, so anything that is divisive, immodest, or suggestive defeats our goal. Students are encouraged to find costumes from things at home and don't need to spend a lot of money to participate. Also, weapons and full-face masks are not permitted. Students may wear hats, sunglasses, athletic shorts, and sweatpants this week and adhere to our modesty policy.

On Wednesday, September 21, Project Lead Local will hold a fundraiser for The Youth Service Bureau at Sonny Acres, in West Chicago, from 7 – 8:30 pm. The admission is free, but we encourage donations of pajamas, children's books, and

baby items. The evening will include s'mores, hayrides, and a time of worship. All Wheaton Academy students are invited to attend this fun-filled evening.

On Thursday, September 22, all Wheaton Academy families and friends are invited to our Taco Dinner Tailgate Fundraiser from 5-8 pm next to Performance Trust Field. All proceeds for the night will benefit our sponsored children in Haiti and the DR through Kids Alive. A \$5.00 minimum donation per person or \$25.00 per family includes taco dinner, games, face painting, cotton candy, and other activities. Our Homecoming Football game is also that night, so come for the food and stay for the game. **We still need donations for food.** [Please click here to donate.](#) The Wheaton Academy Homecoming Court 2022 will be recognized at halftime, and our Furnace Company team and cheerleaders will perform.

On Friday, September 23, we have our Homecoming Soccer Game at 8:00 pm. Our food truck, The Shack, will sell pulled pork, Shack-n-cheese, brats, hot dogs, cinnamon rolls, and snacks. The Shack opens at 6 pm. Take another night off cooking and enjoy our soccer team! Our Wheaton Academy cheerleaders will perform during halftime. We will also recognize the 2021 State Championship Soccer team.

On Saturday, September 24, all Wheaton Academy students are invited to our annual Fall Informal from 7-9:30 pm. Wheaton Academy students may invite guests from other schools if they complete the guest form that will be sent out through On-Campus. At Wheaton Academy, we offer a variety of activities at our Informal, so all students are comfortable attending. We encourage our students to come with friends since a date is not required.

The Informal is an evening of food trucks, carnival games, prizes, dancing, and a giant slide. Weather permitting, the event will be outside in the parking lot next to Performance Trust Field. In the case of inclement weather, we will have the event inside the Academic Building. Tickets are \$30.00 at lunch from September 19-23 and \$35.00 at the door on September 24. PushCoin can be used to pay. Please note that this evening is informal and outside with games, so comfortable and casual clothes are what students should wear. We ask you to partner with us in ensuring students dress appropriately for this event. We understand that fashion trends sometimes make it challenging as we seek to help students choose their attire. We ask that you, as parents would, help all students make choices that are modest and will allow everyone to enjoy themselves without the distractions that can come from fashion choices that draw undue attention.

We are looking forward to a great Homecoming Week! Please don't hesitate to contact anyone on the Student Life Team with questions.

Sincerely,

The Wheaton Academy Student Life Team

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