

QUICK FACTS FOR A STRONG START – FALL 2026

2026-2027 Year Verse

John 13:34-35

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should each love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

- Signs on campus will direct you to drop-off zones
- Student drivers can park in the West/North lots with a parking permit
- More info on parking can be found on the included map in your folder or our Families Page: families.wheatonacademy.org/parking

Before/After School

- Campus open: 6:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Student ID needed for entry into school buildings
 - Study spaces: Atrium, Student Union
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First Day of School

- Monday, August 24 – 8:00 a.m.
- Refer to the bell schedules provided in your folder

What to Bring 1st Day of School

- Charged Dell Latitude + charger + pen
- Basic supplies (pencil, pen, folder, notebook)
- Backpack & school ID
- Purchased school books (although most classes will not use them on the first day)

Don't Know Where to Go on the First Day?

- Find class assignments and classroom locations on OnCampus Progress Page
 - 1st Period classes and classroom locations will also be posted in hallways
 - More info on the Families Page: families.wheatonacademy.org/student-schedule/
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How to Find Your Student's Schedule

1. Login to OnCampus with parent account
2. Select your student (top left)
3. Scroll down to see alphabetical class list
4. Use tabs to toggle between semesters
5. More info on the Families Page: families.wheatonacademy.org/student-schedule/

Parking Permits

- Student parking permit applications available on our Families Page: families.wheatonacademy.org/parking
 - Submit proof of driver's license to Mr. Ellison and receive a parking permit
 - Permit pickup begins August 17 from Mr. Ellison's office. This process is ongoing throughout the school year.
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Lunch Info

- Menu: Updated weekly on Families Page
- Students pay with PushCoin account via school ID
- Parents can load funds onto student's PushCoin accounts. More info and menu can be found on our Families Page: families.wheatonacademy.org/food-services/pushcoin

Allergy Policy

- Nut-aware campus
- Nuts may only be eaten at designated lunch tables

Off-Campus Lunch

- Available for Juniors & Seniors only- see pg. 49 + 54 of Parent-Student Handbook
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Appearance Code

- **Goal: Professional and Modest**
 - No hats, ripped jeans, leggings, short shorts, pajama pants, slippers
 - Dresses to the knee
 - No tank tops or undergarments showing
 - Hair must be a natural color
 - See Parent-Student Handbook pg. 24 for full details or families.wheatonacademy.org/appearance-code/
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Attendance Procedures

- This year, we are using a new attendance platform, Orah. Once your Orah account is active, you can report an absence, late arrival, early dismissal, or leave & return in two primary ways:
 - **On your phone:** open the Orah app and log in with your Parent OnCampus credentials.
 - **On your laptop:** log into OnCampus with your Parent credentials and click the Orah tile.
 - If necessary, call the attendance line: 630-562-7500 ext. 1
- When a student arrives after a "Late Arrival" due to an appointment, the student should sign in at the Front Office and receive a pass before reporting to class.

Tardies

- Tardy due to traffic, oversleeping, can't find your computer, bad weather, etc.
 - Student goes straight to class and will be marked Tardy
 - 5 tardies – 1st period
 - 3 tardies per 2nd-7th periods
 - Detentions will be assigned for each additional tardy
 - A parent may not excuse this type of tardy
 - More information about attendance can be found on the reverse side of “How to Stay Informed” handout included in your folder or on our Families Page: families.wheatonacademy.org/attendance/
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Campus Safety

- Exterior doors are always locked
 - Visitors enter Door 1, sign in, and get a visitor badge
 - Campus has 24/7 video surveillance
 - Campus Security Officer: Michael D - 7:30a.m. - 3:30p.m.
 - Emergency text alerts: verify your contact information in OnCampus and text “YES” to 79041 to opt in
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Lockers

- All students can receive a school locker if desired; all freshmen are automatically assigned a locker.
 - Locker number and combination can then be found on each student's printed schedule or OnCampus contact card
 - Athletic lockers assigned via P.E. or coaches
 - More info on the Families Page: families.wheatonacademy.org/student-schedule/
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School ID

- Access to exterior doors and locker rooms
 - Necessary to purchase lunch
 - Good for entire high school career
 - Lost ID? \$25 replacement fee
 - Notify Front Office if lost/stolen
 - IDs will be distributed before school starts or at Freshman Orientation
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Communication, Co-Curriculars & Activities

Students:

- Advisory Group: Monday
- Community Time: Wednesday
- OnCampus and Microsoft Teams: Student messaging system

Parents:

- families.wheatonacademy.org
- families.wheatonacademy.org/calendar
- families.wheatonacademy.org/waweekly

Tech Support

- IT Office: 2nd floor, Academic Building
 - Contact Bob Vishanoff (bobvishanoff@wheatonacademy.org) or Jacques Bowker (jbowker@wheatonacademy.org)
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Orientation Dates

- Transfer Orientation: August 20, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Worship Night & Head of School Installation: August 20, 7:00 p.m.
- Freshman Orientation: August 21, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Connect Retreats: August 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more detailed information on how to be ready for the first week of school, please visit our New Families Back-to-School webpage families.wheatonacademy.org/new-students/checklist