

Parent Newsletter

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The mission of Wheaton Academy is to nurture growth in students through relationships, excellence and service to the glory of God

With so much going on at Wheaton Academy, we want to share highlights of the semester thus far and to note events you will want to add to your spring calendar.

New Wheaton Academy Branding

We are introducing the new Wheaton Academy logo! For 165 years, Wheaton Academy has established its legacy as a strong Christ-centered high school. Our reputation is characterized by high academic standards, a mature student culture, opportunities for leadership, and Christian growth in our students through relationships, excellence, and service. This is the heart of our school!

And now, we have a new look that will support the time-tested Wheaton Academy brand that our history has built—a new look for both the academic side and the athletic side of the school!

Click here for more information: <https://buff.ly/2E4G9um>

New Surface Pros for Next Year

For the 2019-2020 school year, we are excited to announce that students will be receiving a Surface Pro 6. This device is *significantly* more powerful than the Surface 3 and has the most computing horsepower that we have ever put into the hands of our students. Switching to the Surface Pro 6 will have the following advantages:

- We will use this device for four years. As a result, we were able to purchase a more powerful device without raising costs for parents.
- Battery and speed issues will be reduced dramatically.
- The power cord has a magnetic connection, alleviating power cord breakages.
- The screen size is larger, which is helpful for projects that require video editing, vector drawing, and more.
- Due to the power of the device, more intense programs such as Photoshop (graphic design) and Premiere Pro (video editing) will run more smoothly. Additionally, it empowers us to add future resource-intensive educational software that may be developed for our classrooms.
- Finally, this device benefits both teachers and students since they will have a workflow speed that allows them to focus on learning.

*Don't forget to return all
book rentals in the
Commons on Thursday &
Friday, May 30 & 31*

*Be sure to complete the
Textbook Acquisition
form by August 1, in
Magnus! Indicate
whether you will OPT-
IN or OPT-OUT of
WA placing your book
order for you.*

Wheaton Academy students may keep the Surface 3 laptop, pen, keyboard, and power supply. If you no longer need the Surface 3, the WA IT department would welcome any donations of Surface 3s and accessories. To donate, your student may drop off items in the IT office, and IT personnel will find new homes or uses for them. Please note that WA IT will end support of the Surface 3 devices and accessories on May 31, the last day of exam week.

Book Rental Returns and Rentals for 2019-2020

Book rental returns will take place in the Commons on Thursday and Friday, May 30 & 31, for anyone who rented books through eTech campus. If you OPTED-IN to All Access where Wheaton Academy placed your book order for you, please make sure your student returns all books on these days between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

For the 2019-2020 school year, each family will be required to indicate whether they wish to OPT-IN to ALL ACCESS and have Wheaton Academy place the book order for them or OPT-OUT and purchase all books on their own. This Textbook Acquisition Form is located with all the other Back-to-School forms in Magnus. The textbook form needs to be completed by August 1, 2019. If the form is not completed, your family will automatically be placed in the OPT-IN category, and your Smart Tuition account will be billed in September. You must complete the form for each student who is enrolled.

Final Exams

Final Exams are the week of May 27—May 31. Note these reminders: no lunch is served during finals, and the dress code remains in effect during finals. Students do not need to be present for Study Hall. The exam schedule is as follows:

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day, No School, Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 28

Period 1 final - 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Period 2 final - 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 29

Period 3 final - 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Period 4 final - 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 30

Period 5 final - 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Period 6 final - 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Friday, May 31

Period 7 final - 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Make-up finals - 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Summer Academy

Each summer, Wheaton Academy offers a wide range of summer school class opportunities for students to extend their learning into the summer. Rather than being offered as remediation for failed courses during the school year, Summer Academy gives students the opportunities to take required classes during three weeks in June to allow for greater choice and flexibility in course schedules for the fall and spring. Our students have a wide range of passions and interests, and the student who desires to specialize in elective offerings or Fine Arts courses or the MASTER program during the school year can do so thanks to the Summer Academy courses.

This summer, 13 different courses are being offered across 21 different sections, with over 300 students enrolled in classes taught primarily by Wheaton Academy teachers. Because of the condensed timeline, students spend four hours in a class each day, providing teachers with more class time for extending hands-on learning opportunities that might not be possible in a 45-minute class.

We are thrilled that students are taking advantage of extending their learning with this year's Summer Academy offerings.