

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Each month our administrative team wants to give you information relevant to your child's experience at Wheaton Academy as well as to talk about key issues that we face as we seek to partner in helping students know Jesus better, develop a biblical worldview, discover their gifts, and prepare for God's call on their life.

This month we want to talk about these topics:

- Spiritual Life Week
- Winterim Recap
- Returning Student Registration Night
- Christian College Fair

We are thankful for our community at Wheaton Academy--a truly wonderful group of students and families. We regard the opportunity to work with you and your child as a unique privilege.

SPIRITUAL LIFE WEEK

Spiritual Life Week is February 10-14. Our theme is "Reals vs. Feels." Every day, our students are bombarded with a myriad of influences that battle for their attention and, ultimately, their hearts. In the chaos, they are increasingly left to make important decisions and choices based on temporary feelings and emotions. As parents, we know what "feels" right does not always lead us to the most God-honoring choices. Our guest speakers Steve Carter and Megan Fate-Marshman, will encourage our students to discover and pursue God's truth--truth that is real and trustworthy. Steve will speak Monday and Tuesday, Megan will speak Wednesday and Thursday, and Friday will be an interactive worship chapel. Scott Reed and Veronica Burlock from Willow Dupage will join Brian Hogan to lead an all-school worship night on Thursday night.

WINTERIM RECAP

Winterim is not only one of our school distinctives but also provides our students with innovative learning opportunities all over the world. This year

- 174 students traveled: Eleven different trip experiences fit our categories of leadership development (Washington, D.C.), faith in action (Scotland, Athletic Department DR trip, Fiji), educational (Greece, Ireland), service and mission (Guatemala, Peru, DR), and adventure (Costa Rica, Colorado).
- 150 students did internships: Some of the opportunities included working with Dupage County Public Defenders, Northwestern Medicine, Barrington Police Department, Morgan Stanley, University of Iowa Cardiology Department, FONA, Wheaton College, World Relief, FORMA (Guatemala), various elementary schools, animal hospitals, churches and local ministries, and other medical specialties.
- 356 students participated in 45 classes, including Mock Trial, Aviation, Auto Mechanics, "Make it," Carpentry, Cooking, Self-defense, Medical School, and Applied Science.

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ACADEMY IS TO NURTURE
GROWTH IN STUDENTS
THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS,
EXCELLENCE, AND SERVICE
TO THE GLORY OF GOD



Click here to view the Winterim recap video made by one of our Winterim classes:
<https://bit.ly/2RPRLHX>

Winterim continues to be an amazing example of extending learning outside the classroom for our students, which gives us opportunities to develop college readiness traits, provide experiences for them to grow in their faith, and help students comprehend the vision of Kingdom Community.

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION NIGHT

On Monday, March 2, we will host the first-ever Returning Student Registration Night. This event is replacing the old Curriculum Symposium, and instead of spotlighting curriculum updates, we will allow students and parents to meet with a Wheaton Academy faculty or staff member for 20 minutes to register for classes for the 2020-21 school year. In addition to registering for classes, students and parents will be able to have questions answered regarding the school's suggestions for class registration. The purpose of this night is to ensure that students and parents feel confident with the class choices for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year and to ensure that students are maximizing the many opportunities for learning at Wheaton Academy.

On Wednesday, February 19, returning students will gather during advisory for a curriculum assembly to learn about curricular changes and new courses as well as to receive their course recommendations. Then, students will bring their recommended schedules home for review with parents. This registration sheet should be brought to Registration Night as a guide for the conversation with a Wheaton Academy faculty or staff member.

If you are interested in viewing the curriculum assembly for students on Wednesday, February 19, we will be live streaming it and then posting it for later viewing: [Livestream Link](#)

Time slots for registration on Monday, March 2, will be from 3:40 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please sign up for registration using the link [Returning Student Registration Night](#).

FAQs

Q: What if we are unable to come to Returning Student Registration Night?

A: That's OK! We will collect the recommendation worksheet in Advisory on Wednesday, March 4, if you are unable to come to Registration Night. Shortly after collecting the recommendation worksheet, a member of the Student Services staff will find times to meet with all students unable to attend Registration Night to sign up students for classes. These meetings will happen before Spring Break.

Q: If my student is going to be a freshman, can we come to this night?

A: We can register incoming freshmen on this night; however, incoming students need to have already taken the placement test so that we can have accurate placement recommendations. The first date for the placement test is Saturday, February 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If you have an incoming freshman student, you can register for the placement test here: [Freshman Placement Test](#).

Q: Do Parents AND Students need to be present to complete registration?

IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRUARY 19 - RETURNING STUDENTS CURRICULUM ASSEMBLY

MARCH 2 - RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

MARCH 2 - CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR - WHEATON ACADEMY COMMONS

A: No. Ideally, we would like both parents and students to be a part of the conversation on Registration Night, but we know that scheduling conflicts exist. Either parents OR students can come for registration on March 2.

Q: What if we cannot attend that night but would still like to meet with Student Services to discuss our student's recommendations?

A: You can schedule a time to meet with Angie Roberts, the school Registrar, by emailing her at aroberts@wheatonacademy.org.

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR

On Monday, March 2, Wheaton Academy will be hosting the Christian College Fair from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Commons. Christian Colleges from across the country will have representatives available at the fair to talk about their schools and answer questions. The Christian College Fair is a great opportunity to learn more about Christian schools and is an exciting opportunity to make connections right on Wheaton Academy's campus.

This event is running concurrently with the Returning Student Registration Night. After you register your student, you are welcome to come to the college fair!