

## Summer Academy 2020

We are excited that you will be joining us for Summer Academy this year and have included some vital information in this letter that previews events for new students, outlines new expectations for Synchronous Learning and communicates information on forms needed.

The first day of Summer Academy is Monday, June 8th and the last day is Friday, June 26th. Because including a “live” element of classroom instruction is new to our E-Learning platform, we want you to carefully review the Synchronous Learning expectations outlined below and let us know if you have any further questions. Thanks!

### For New Students:

- Incoming freshman and transfers will be able to pick up their Microsoft Surfaces on Thursday, June 4th.
- **All new students and families need to attend the Webinar on June 4th at 7:00 PM.** The webinar will include vital information on Summer Academy, Wheaton Academy classroom culture, and introduction to Freshman teachers, and training on use of technology.

### Synchronous Learning Expectations

#### All Students:

- Daily Attendance Required
  - 1 absence allowed for extenuating circumstances
  - An absence is defined as failure to attend the live portion of class
  - More than 1 absence from class will be reviewed and could warrant removal from the class
- Class time will be a combination of live instruction, independent work, and small group activities
  - AM Classes will start promptly at 8 AM - students are expected to be prepared to “go live” at the start of class.
  - PM Classes will start promptly at 1 PM - students should be prepared to “go live” at the start of class.
  - Day-Long Science classes will start promptly at 8 AM - students should be prepared to “go live” at the start of class.
  - Students should plan on 4 hours of engagement for AM or PM classes and 7-8 hours of engagement for the Science classes
  - “Engagement” includes live instruction, independent work, and 1-on-1 check ins or group work
- Students should plan on submitting work every day for class
  - A pattern of late work could warrant removal from the class
  - The timeliness policy is in effect for Summer Academy
- Science classes may require students to pick up some equipment from Wheaton Academy
- Science classes may require preparation for class by using at-home materials (we will provide a list of what is needed prior to the start of Summer Academy)
- Students need to ensure the technology necessary for successful at-home learning
  - Wheaton Academy provides all students with a Microsoft Surface Pro 6 - distributed June 4th for new students
  - Strong WiFi signal for live learning

- Basic knowledge of OnCampus (the school's Learning Management System) - training for use of OnCampus will be available starting June 4th
- Students will abide by the standards of the Human Dignity Policy as outlined in the Student Handbook

**Parents:**

- If your student will be unable to attend a day of E-Learning, you must notify Erin Carwell ([ecarwell@wheatonacademy.org](mailto:ecarwell@wheatonacademy.org)) prior to the student's absence or within 24-hours of the days missed
- Questions about class should first go to the teacher of the class. If further support is needed, please contact Brad Thornton ([bthornton@wheatonacademy.org](mailto:bthornton@wheatonacademy.org))
- Brad Thornton and Erin Carwell will be available via Zoom the first three days of Summer Academy for any questions/concerns. More details to come.