

PRACTICAL TIPS AND QUESTIONS FOR A STRONG START

QUESTION	ANSWER
What is the 2022-2023 year verse?	The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. Psalm 37:23-24
How does student drop off and pick up work?	<p>We are requesting that all families who are picking up and/or dropping off students before and after school to please use the Hawthorne Avenue entrance ONLY.</p> <p>We are looking to keep open the north drive lane entirely for fire and police, should that be needed.</p> <p>Drop off and pick up can occur in the central lot circle by the Field House (please pull all the way through the lot), the north drive main entrance circle by the Academic Building (please pull all the way through), or in front of the Field House.</p> <p>Please exit campus out Prince Crossing Road and turn right onto Prince Crossing.</p> <p>Should you anticipate waiting longer than 5 minutes to drop off or pick up your student, please pull into an open parking spot.</p>
Where can my student study before or after school ?	<p>Hours students can be in the building: 6:45 AM-5:00 PM. Student IDs are activated only during this time.</p> <p>Students are welcome to study in common spaces like the Atrium, Library, Senior Lounge, or classrooms when teachers are present.</p>
What supplies should students bring on the first day of school?	<p>We do not have a supply list for students—teachers will let students know of things they may need during the first week of school. In the meantime, we suggest this list:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surface Pro and charger (Make sure it is labelled and charged every night) 2. Basic School supplies (pencil, pen, folder, notebook) 3. Books (if you opted in, books can be picked up in the Wheaton Academy Commons August 22 from 2pm-6pm and August 23 from noon-4pm; if you opted out, make sure you bring them from home) 4. Backpacks 5. School ID 6. Class Schedule
How do I find my student’s schedule ?	<p>To find your student’s class schedule online:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Login to OnCampus with your parent account. 2. In the top left corner, use the dropdown menu to select your student. 3. On the main page, the progress tab should be automatically selected. Scroll down and the classes for your student will be listed below in alphabetical order, not period order. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the top of your schedule, you can toggle between semesters. <p>If your schedule says, “Contact Student Services,” do so immediately.</p>

When is first day of school?	Wednesday August 24, at 8 am. The first week of school bell schedule for Aug. 24-26 and regular Bell Schedule are in your folder. They can also be found on the Families homepage.
Where do I find the lunch menu ?	You can find the weekly lunch menu on the Wheaton Academy community website: families.wheatonacademy.org/lunch-menu . A school lunch can be purchased daily through your student's PushCoin account, which is connected to your student's school ID. No pre-order necessary.
Anything I should know about my student bringing a lunch to school ?	You are welcome to pack a lunch every day.
What is the allergy policy ?	Just be mindful of others' allergies: We are a nut-aware campus. Nuts cannot be eaten anywhere except the designated tables in the cafeteria at lunch time.
What is Off-Campus Lunch ?	Off-campus lunch is a junior and senior privilege only. Students can go to restaurants or homes during this time once parents have signed the Off-Campus Agreement which parents will receive through email. When students are off-campus, students should be mindful of time and the bell schedule.
What is the dress code ?	Goal: Professional! No hats, hoods, sweatpants, athletic shorts, joggers, leggings, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shorts: Inseam of 7 inches• No holes in clothing or undergarments showing• No unnatural hair color or visible tattoos• No designs or slogans that are unprofessional or provocative.• Girls: No shoulders showing, no mid-riff tops, dress length to the knee• Boys: Keep a shirt on at all times More info can be found in the Parent Student Handbook pages 24-25 . Students will be asked to change if they are out of dress code and receive a consequence.
What should I do if my student is going to be absent from school?	Parents, call the attendance line (630-562-7500 x1) to excuse absence. If students know they are going to miss a day of school, encourage them to talk to their teachers and get any work they might miss. They could also check OnCampus for missing work if teachers post assignments there. If Wheaton Academy has not heard from a parent or guardian within 24 hours of the student's absence, your student will be marked as unexcused and will receive a consequence.

<p>What if students are going to be late to class?</p>	<p>If students are running late to school, they must first sign in at the Front Office once they arrive to campus. Then, they head to class.</p> <p>If students are tardy from class to class because they are just running late, students should head straight to class.</p> <p>If students are late to school because of an appointment, make sure you as parents call (630-562-7500 x1) to tell us about this appointment. Then, students need to sign in at the Front Office when they arrive to campus to get a pass.</p> <p>If students are late due to an interaction with a staff member, they can ask for a pass and the tardy will be excused.</p> <p>Students are allowed 5 “tardies” to 1st period; 3 “tardies” to 2nd-7th periods. An additional “tardies” will result in consequence.</p>
<p>Is campus secure?</p>	<p>Doors are locked at all times. Visitors are asked to always sign in at the Front Office.</p> <p>We have necessary surveillance on campus and a great relationship with the local law enforcement and health care providers.</p>
<p>Does my student have a locker?</p>	<p>All students have access to lockers and athletic lockers, and we encourage students to lock up belongings in these places.</p> <p>9th-11th grade students are assigned a school locker. The number and combination can be found on their printed class schedule or on their OnCampus contact card, under <i>Profile</i>, then <i>General Information</i>.</p> <p>Athletic lockers will be assigned in P.E. classes or through their athletic coach. Please encourage students to bring home clothes to wash every once in awhile ☺</p>
<p>What is a school ID?</p>	<p>The student ID gives students access to buildings and allows them to purchase lunches. They should always carry it with them and is good for the entirety of their time at Wheaton Academy.</p>
<p>Where and when will my student receive their school ID?</p>	<p>School IDs will be distributed to students before Summer Academy, at Freshman LAUNCH or Transfer Orientation, or at the Front Office on the first day of school.</p>
<p>What if my student loses their student ID?</p>	<p>The cost of a replacement ID is \$25. Request a replacement ID by filling out the “Student ID Replacement” form located on the Families Page on the website. Please ensure your student communicates if their ID is lost or stolen IMMEDIATELY. Contact Bob Vishanoff with any questions: bobvishanoff@wheatonacademy.org.</p>
<p>How does Wheaton Academy communicate with parents?</p>	<p>Common ways PARENTS receive communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families website: families.wheatonacademy.org • WA Weekly • OnCampus • Email (all faculty/staff emails are first initial last name@wheatonacademy.org (i.e., Erin Carwell’s email is ecarwell@wheatonacademy.org)

	<p>Common ways STUDENTS communicate WITH TEACHERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with teacher • Email (WAlearner is your student's Microsoft email) • OnCampus message <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you hear, "Message your teacher," we are referring to OnCampus messages.
What if my student doesn't know where to go the first day of school?	<p>Students can find their schedules on their OnCampus accounts. Once they log-in, the Progress page should automatically load, and their courses and locations are listed below.</p> <p>Additionally, students' first period classes will be posted in the hallway on the first day of school. Then, their first period teacher can help them.</p>
How does my student set up their Surface ?	<p>Find set up instructions here: families.wheatonacademy.org/surface</p> <p>Before the first day of school, be sure to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up your student's WA Learner Email 2. Log into OnCampus (using your student's WA learner email)
What if my student has technology questions?	<p>The IT office is happy to support your student. Their office is located on the second level of the Academic Building.</p> <p>Bob Vishanoff (bobvishanoff@wheatonacademy.org) and Jacques Bowker (jbowker@wheatonacademy.org) are ready to help.</p>
When can my student use the Weight room ?	<p>The weight room is available for students under the supervision of a faculty member or coach at their designated times. They will be in communication with your student.</p>
What if my student wants to park on campus- how do they get a Parking Permit ?	<p>Applications for student parking permits are now available on the Families Page on the website. Once you have filled out the link for a student parking permit, students can stop by Mr. Ellison's office in Student Services with your payment made out to Wheaton Academy. Please be aware that the parking fee of \$75 must be submitted, and the student's driver's license must be shown to Mr. Ellison to be issued a parking permit. Mr. Ellison will explain the proper location to park.</p>
When will students be notified of co-curriculars opportunities ?	<p>There are many ways to stay informed on Co-Curricular Activities!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Time: Community Time is every Wednesday. During this time, your student will hear about upcoming events and other various announcements that will keep your student informed about Wheaton Academy. 2. Your messages in OnCampus: Teachers and Sponsors will be putting all announcements into OnCampus so be sure your students check the messages every day! 3. The Families Website: families.wheatonacademy.org 4. Athletics Website: athletics.wheatonacademy.org 5. Calendar Page: families.wheatonacademy.org/calendar <p>Also, please review the Co-Curricular list provided to see opportunities and people who lead them.</p>

What is **Winterim**?
How does my
student sign up?

Winterim is a two-week program in between 1st and 2nd semester. There are three options you can pursue:

- Classes (Registration for classes in November)
- Internships (Apply for internships in September-October)
- Trips (Apply for available trips soon for Winterim 2023)

It is a requirement to participate in a Winterim class if your student is not doing an internship or taking a Winterim trip.

Your student will find out more information in Advisory this fall.

Are there any
**additional
orientation** options?

Yes! Please see the dates below and visit this website for details:

families.wheatonacademy.org/retreats

- Freshman Launch: August 23
- Sophomore Retreat: August 21-22
- Senior Meetings: August 24 during school