

## **FAMILY WEEKEND**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **1. When is Family Weekend?**

Family Weekend is October 22 - 24, 2021.

#### **2. How do I register for Family Weekend?**

Registration for Family Weekend is available online, please click [here](#) to register. It is not necessary to register current Phillips Academy students, however all family members and guests should be added to your registration.

#### **3. Where and when can I check in?**

Registration is open 12–7 p.m. on Friday and 7-10 a.m. on Saturday in the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library.

#### **4. Where do I find the full schedule of events for Family Weekend?**

The schedule for Family Weekend will be available on the **Andover Event Guides App**. You can download the app (if you haven't already done so for the Opening of School) either through the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). The PA Families and Community Guide, complete with schedules and other important information, will be published and ready to download onto your mobile devices as we get closer to Family Weekend. Stay tuned for more details.

#### **5. Where do I find my schedule of classroom visits for Saturday morning?**

Schedules for Saturday morning classroom visits will be available through [The Hive](#) in the area under your student(s) photo. You can download the Hive app from [Google Play](#) or the [Apple App Store](#). We will notify you when the classroom schedule is available online. In an effort to expedite your registration on campus, please consider taking a snapshot of the schedule and store it on your phone or print the schedule prior to Family Weekend.

It would be best to ensure you are able to log into the Hive prior to your visit on campus. Your username is a combination of your **first initial last name plus 4 digits (Example: jdoe1978)**. The Technology Help Desk is available weekdays from 8am to 4:30pm by email [helpdesk@andover.edu](mailto:helpdesk@andover.edu) or by phone 978-749-4357 and can assist with login issues or forgotten credentials.

#### **6. Why is it important to register in advance for the weekend?**

Registering in advance helps us plan accordingly and keep costs and waste to a minimum.

#### **7. Does my student attend the classroom visits with us?**

Generally, the classroom visits are planned for parents/guardians; students and siblings usually don't attend, as seating is limited.

#### **8. How can I get tickets to Grasshopper Night?**

Grasshopper Night reservations will be available electronically on a first-come, first-served basis with a presale code emailed to students the week before Family Weekend. This reservation system is on the honor system - if we see that a student has reserved more seats than allowed, we will void ALL reservations. Please note that this reservation does not guarantee seats to the show – you must arrive 20-30 minutes prior to showtime in order to secure your seat for the show. If your student is

unable to make a reservation, there is a waiting list for each performance, beginning at the box office in G.W. Hall 45 minutes before each performance. If there are unoccupied seats available 5-10 minutes before the performance, they will be given to those on the waiting list. The performance will also be simulcast in Kemper Auditorium.

**9. May I make an appointment to see my student's teachers, house counselor, or day student advisor?**

Given the number of events scheduled throughout the weekend, teachers, house counselors, and advisors are unable to hold individual conferences with parents, but they are always happy to have a phone conversation or correspond with parents via e-mail.

**10. My student is a senior. May I make an appointment to see her/his college counselor?**

The CCO will offer individual meeting times available with college counselors on Friday and Saturday. You will receive information from the College Counseling Office regarding how to make an appointment.

**11. May I bring my student's sibling/grandparent/aunt/uncle?**

Yes. In consideration of the health and safety of visitors and our campus community, we ask that attendees who are eligible be fully vaccinated and wear masks for indoor events. We ask that you monitor your health prior to visiting campus. If you are feeling unwell, please plan to stay home. In the spirit of non sibi, the Academy trusts that those in attendance will follow these guidelines. Children must be accompanied by an adult or Andover students.

**12. May we take our student off campus?**

*As of October 18*, fully vaccinated boarding students can use the REACH system to request and receive overnight permissions. For Family Weekend overnights, students need to submit REACH requests by Wednesday evening, October 20.

**13. Are students permitted to stay in the dorms over Family Weekend?**

Students are permitted to stay in the dorms throughout Family Weekend. The dorms do not close on Monday, October 25.