FAMILY WEEKEND
Frequently Asked Questions

1. When is Family Weekend?
Family Weekend is October 14 - 16, 2022.

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 7-12 p.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 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. What is Grasshopper Night and how can I get tickets?
Grasshopper is a wonderful variety show that is produced and performed by students and is a must-see performance during Family Weekend. Grasshopper Night tickets will be made available by registering for tickets. The registration link will be provided to parents within a Family Bulletin issue as we get closer to Family Weekend. 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.
Doors will close 5 minutes before showtime and only those with a ticket will be admitted. Your tickets to the performance will be included in your registration materials. Please be sure to pick up your registration materials at the OWHL. Registration will be open Friday, October 14 - 12pm to 7pm; Saturday, October 15 - 7am to noon. If you are unable to make these times, please be sure to have your student pick up your registration materials.

If a particular show is sold out, all performances will be simulcast in Kemper Auditorium and available by livestream. The livestream link will be made available as we get closer to Family Weekend.

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?**
    All family members are welcome for Family Weekend. Children must be accompanied by an adult or Andover student.

12. **May we take our student off campus?**
    If COVID risk levels allow, 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 12.

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 will not close.

14. **What are the COVID guidelines/protocols while on Campus for Family Weekend?**
    In consideration of the health and safety of visitors and our campus community, we expect visitors to be up to date with COVID vaccination, if eligible. Any visitor who is ineligible or has a medical or religious exemption must mask indoors at all times when on campus. We expect visitors to stay off campus if they have any symptoms of illness and to mask if they develop any symptoms while on campus. We expect visitors to mask at all times or stay off campus if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID in the last 10 days. In the spirit of non sibi, the Academy trusts that those in attendance will follow these guidelines.