

## **FAMILY WEEKEND**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

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

Family Weekend is October 20 - 22, 2023.

#### **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 on the [The Hive](#). You will be able to access The Hive via the Andover Events Guide App.

#### **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 during Family Weekend. Stay tuned for details regarding ticketing. Alternative viewing via simulcast is available in Kemper Auditorium for all shows and needs no ticket or reservation.

#### **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/guardians.

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

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 18.

**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 our Andover community, we ask that event attendees review the following COVID Guidelines for events. In the spirit of *non sibi*, the Academy trusts that those in attendance will follow these guidelines. These guidelines apply to **student-facing indoor** Andover-sponsored events on and off campus, domestic and international.

- Consistent with Massachusetts Department of Public Health state guidelines (<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19>), all students and campus adults who interact with students are required to have received at least one dose of the bivalent COVID booster (unless they have a medical or religious exemption). We expect the same of our visitors if they are attending an indoor event that students are attending.
- We expect that visitors/attendees mask or decline attendance if they have any symptoms of illness.
- We expect that visitors/attendees mask or decline attendance if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID in the last 10 days or develop any symptoms of illness while on campus or attending an event.
- For Andover events in other regions, all visitors/attendees are asked to follow local health guidelines. These and any other guidelines will be shared closer to the event, if applicable.
- As an inclusive community, we support any visitor/attendee wearing a mask at any time.