FAMILY WEEKEND Frequently Asked Questions

1. When is Family Weekend?

Family Weekend is October 17 - 19, 2025.

2. How do I register for Family Weekend?

Registration for Family Weekend is available online, please click <u>here</u> 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 can be found on the <u>Family Weekend Schedule of Events</u>. We will continue to update the schedule of events as additional programming is confirmed, so please check back regularly for the latest information.

5. Where do I find my student's schedule for Saturday morning classroom visits?

A few days prior to Family Weekend, the schedule for your student's Saturday morning classroom visits (October 18) will become available on the <u>The Hive</u> by clicking BlueLink under your student's photo. There will be a link labeled Family Weekend Schedule that will be specific for your student's classroom visits as well as for the group meeting with your student's Point Person or Day Student Advisor following ASM for Families.

Be sure you can log onto <u>The Hive</u> to see your student's schedule *before* you arrive on campus. If you are logging on for the first time, please review this <u>tutorial</u>. **Forgot your password to The Hive?** Use the <u>Self-Service Password Reset Portal</u>. **Need more help?** Contact the Technology Help Desk—available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by <u>email</u> or phone (978-749-4357)—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 Night is a popular talent show that is presented by students. There will be four performances: Friday, October 17 (6:30 p.m. & 9 p.m.), and Saturday, October 18 (6:30 p.m. & 9 p.m.). **Tickets must be presented for admittance to Tang Theatre.**

Due to Tang Theatre's seating capacity, a limited number of tickets are available for each show. We cannot guarantee that all families will be able to attend a show in the theatre. However, all performances will be simulcast in nearby Kemper Auditorium, where no tickets are needed!

How to Get Tickets:

- Each Andover family is allotted up to **THREE** tickets for any ONE of the following shows: Friday at 6:30 p.m., Friday at 9:00 p.m., and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.
- All tickets must be picked up in person on the same day as the show and will be available on a first-come-first-served basis during Family Weekend Registration Check-In hours.

• To secure tickets for the Friday 6:30 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. show:

O Visit the Grasshopper desk in the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library during **Friday's** registration hours from noon to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are not guaranteed and will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. *Saturday's show tickets cannot be picked up on Friday*. Unfortunately, there are no family tickets or waitlist at the theatre.

• To secure tickets for the Saturday 6:30 p.m. show:

O Visit the Grasshopper desk in the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library during Saturday's registration hours from 7 a.m. to noon. Tickets are not guaranteed and will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Saturday's show tickets cannot be picked up on Friday. Unfortunately, there are no family tickets or waitlist at the theatre.

• The Saturday 9:00 p.m. show is different!

Tickets will be given on a first-come-first-served basis to those who line up in Steinbach Lobby (outside of Tang Theatre) approximately 30 minutes prior to the show. Again, we cannot guarantee that tickets will be available for all who line up.

• If your student is a Grasshopper performer:

 You will receive a separate communication allowing you to request a specific show in advance. This ticketing link is specific to your family—please advise family members not to forward the link. If you did not receive that communication, please send us an email.

• For students looking to attend:

O There will be a section reserved for students for each show. Interested students should line up outside of Steinbach Lobby approximately 30 minutes prior to the performance. There are only a limited number of student tickets held for each show. Student tickets are not guaranteed and will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

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 College Counseling Office (CCO) will offer individual meeting times available with college counselors on Friday and Saturday. You will receive information from CCO 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. 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.

13. Where can we park?

Please reference this campus map for parking options.

14. 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**, **October 15**, **by 8 p.m. Please note the following:**

- Classes are held on Friday, October 17, until 3 p.m.
- Students do not have classes on Monday, October 20, Tuesday, October 21, or Wednesday, October 22
- Dorms will remain open every day.
- Student athletes must return for Tuesday afternoon practices and plan for Wednesday competitions.
- Boarding students taking the PSAT on Wednesday must return to campus by Tuesday, October 21 at 9:30 p.m.
- Music and community engagement commitments may be scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon (details TBD).
- All boarding students must check in by 8 p.m. on Wednesday.