

Family Weekend 2025 Schedule of Events

Events and schedule subject to change

All Weekend—View Student Artwork, Exhibitions, and Special Projects

Artwork by students currently in our visual arts foundation and elective programs will be on display throughout the Elson Art Center's second-floor hallways. The Gelb Gallery (located in George Washington Hall) will feature exhibitions of work by visiting artists and current faculty as well as special projects.

Gelb Gallery

Friday, October 17, 2025

10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Open Hours: Addison Gallery of American Art

Explore the exhibitions visited by classes and currently on view at the Addison Gallery. Siblings of all ages can grab an activity booklet with drawing paper and pencils from the museum front desk, sketch in the galleries, or enjoy the Families & Educators Library in the Addison's Museum Learning Center.

Addison Gallery of American Art

11:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

PSPA Campus Closet

Show your Big Blue pride! Stop by Campus Closet, your store for PA clothing and gear.

George Washington Hall (lower level)

Noon–7 p.m.

Family Weekend Registration

Come pick up your nametags and welcome gift! Please note: The schedule for Saturday morning's Classroom Visits can be accessed via [The Hive](#) by clicking BlueLink next to your student's photo.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Library

1:00 p.m.

Jummah Sermon

Led by Nouredine El Alam P'19, '21. All are welcome.

Cochran Chapel, Meditation Room (lower level, enter on left side of the building)

1–2 p.m.

Our Academy, Our Impact: Exploring Academy Finances, the Power of Philanthropy & Volunteering

This annual presentation is an opportunity to learn about the Academy's finances, this year's fundraising goals, and ways you can get involved. For more information, please contact Katherine Solimini, associate director of Family Giving, at ksolimini@andover.edu or 978-749-4583.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Kemper Auditorium

2–5 p.m.

Atlatl—Spear Throwing

Join the Peabody Institute of Archaeology team for hands-on spear throwing with an atlatl, the ancient Mexican throwing board. This weapon was first used for hunting and warfare 20,000+ years ago in Europe, Australia, and the Americas.

Chandler-Wormley Vista (west of Main Street)

2:30–3:30 p.m.

Parent-to-Parent Forum: “Thriving at Andover”*

Please join members of the community for a conversation about supporting PA students. Topics will include adjusting to Andover life as well as challenges faced by adolescents, along with support systems to help them thrive at Andover—with opportunities to ask questions. This is an invaluable discussion, especially for first-year parents! Co-hosted by the Office of Family Engagement and the Parents of Students of Phillips Academy (PSPA).

Kemper Auditorium (event will be recorded)

3:45 p.m.

Home Athletic Events begin

See the [Athletics Schedule](#).

4–4:45 p.m.

9th and 10th Grade Families: An Introduction to the College Counseling Office, Our Philosophy and a Timeline*

Members of the College Counseling team will spend time discussing our approach to college counseling, our collaboration with the Andover community, the college timeline,

and what is important in a student's early years at Andover.

Cochran Chapel (event will be recorded)

4:30–5:30 p.m.

PA Spectrum

An informal session for anyone interested in Andover's ongoing efforts to create an inclusive and supportive community. This event is centered around the spectrum of LGBTQIA+ identities at Phillips Academy. Drop in to meet student and adult campus leaders.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Library, Dole Room (first floor)

5–5:45 p.m.

11th Grade Families: The Upper Kick-Off for the College Counseling Process*

The entire CCO team will present an overview of the college counseling process for the families of Uppers. We will introduce the team, review our philosophy, and discuss the process going forward. This program will be the first of several recorded programs throughout the winter and spring.

Cochran Chapel (event will be recorded)

5–5:45 p.m. Andover Senior Year: An Insider's Guide*

Key faculty and administrators will talk about the range of opportunities and challenges—academic, intellectual, social, and emotional—typically faced (and embraced!) by 12th grade students. A Q&A will follow. Panel will be moderated by Merrilee Mardon P'27, deputy head of school for academics and student affairs.

Kemper Auditorium (event will be recorded)

5–7 p.m.

Dinner

All family members are welcome.

Paresky Commons

5:15 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Oneg Shabbat

Come greet shabbat with other families. Led by members of the Jewish Student Union and Rabbi Joshua Greenberg.

Kemper Chapel in Cochran Chapel (lower level, enter on left side of building)

6-7:30 p.m.

From Foundation to Future: A Welcome from CAMD and College Counseling *(by invitation only)*

For students and families for whom boarding school may feel unfamiliar—especially those who are first-generation college-bound, connected to OBC, or part of the ACE alumni community.

Underwood Room

6:30 p.m.

Grasshopper Night*

Grasshopper Night is a variety show that is presented by students. Tickets are required for the live show in Tang Theatre. Please see [FAQ's](#) on how to obtain tickets. Alternative viewing via simulcast is available in Kemper Auditorium and needs no ticket or reservation. *George Washington Hall, Tang Theatre (event will be simulcast)*

7:45 p.m.

Academy Orchestras and Wind Ensemble Concert*

Academy Orchestras: Dr. Elizabeth Aureden and Dr. Derek Jacoby, conductors

Academy Wind Ensemble: Douglas McRay Daniels, conductor

Cochran Chapel (event will be recorded)

9 p.m.

Grasshopper Night*

Repeat performance. Tickets are required for the live show in Tang Theatre. Please see [FAQ's](#) on how to obtain tickets. Alternative viewing via simulcast is available in Kemper Auditorium and needs no ticket or reservation.

George Washington Hall, Tang Theatre (event will be simulcast in Kemper Auditorium)

11 p.m.

Dormitory Sign-In: All boarding students

Saturday, October 18

7 a.m.–noon

Family Weekend Registration

Come pick up your nametags and welcome gift! Please note: The schedule for Classroom Visits can be accessed via The Hive by clicking BlueLink next to your student's photo.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Library

7:30–10 a.m.

Breakfast

All family members are welcome.

Paresky Commons

7:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Coffee Station

Kemper Lobby

8–11:20 a.m.

Classroom Visits

Visit classes led by your child's instructors. These 20-minute sessions will give you a glimpse into your child's curriculum. A few days prior to Family Weekend, the schedule for your student's Saturday morning classroom visits (October 18) will become available on [The Hive](#) by clicking BlueLink next to 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 house counselor(s) (for boarding students) or day student advisor (for day students) following ASM for Families.

Period 1: 8–8:20 a.m.

Period 5: 10–10:20 a.m.

Period 2: 8:30–8:50 a.m.

Period 6: 10:30–10:50 a.m.

Period 3: 9–9:20 a.m.

Periods 7: 11–11:20 a.m.

Period 4: 9:30–9:50 a.m.

Due to limited seating in classrooms, we ask that no more than two family members attend each class.

8–12 p.m.

Office of Family Engagement: Sibling Hangout (Age 5+)

Does your student have a younger sibling who's attending Family Weekend? The Office of Family Engagement is hosting a Sibling Hangout that is sure to be a blast! With a range of

fun activities, craft stations, and board games, it's a great opportunity for Andover students and their siblings to enjoy quality time together. [Registration](#) is required for this event. Please provide the age of the child(ren) and note that the minimum child age is 5 years old. Limited Space available.

Important Note: Students must stay with their siblings throughout the event, as it's not a drop-off daycare.

Susie's, Paresky Commons

8–11:30 a.m.

Open House: Academic Skills Center/Student Accessibility Services

Visit the Academic Skills Center, speak with our specialists, and learn about services available to students.

Pearson Hall, Room C (first floor)

9–11:30 a.m.

Open House: Learning in the World: Experiential Education for Global Citizenship

Learn all about PA's exciting Learning in the World (LITW) offerings. Program leaders, past student participants, and representatives from affiliate organizations will discuss how these intercultural, place-based, and world-facing experiential learning opportunities prepare young people for engaged global citizenship. Visit our website at <https://www.andover.edu/learning/litw> for more information. Bring your questions, and your curiosity!

Tang Institute (Oliver Wendell Holmes Library, second floor)

10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Open Hours: Addison Gallery

Please see Friday 10 a.m. listing.

Addison Gallery of American Art

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Saturday Luncheon

All family members are welcome.

Paresky Commons

11:30 a.m.–noon

All-School Meeting for Families*

Welcoming remarks from 16th Head of School Raynard S. Kington, MD, PhD, P'24, '27
Cochran Chapel (event will be livestreamed and recorded)

12:20–12:50 p.m.

Group Meeting with Your Child's House Counselor(s) or Day Student Advisor

Parents of boarding students will meet with their child's house counselor(s). Parents of day students will meet with their child's day student advisor. For the location of your student's group meeting, check The Hive (click BlueLink near your student's photo). The Family Weekend Schedule link has specific information about your student's group meeting.

12:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

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George Washington Hall (lower level)

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Af-Lat-Am Society, Alianza Latina, and Black Student Union (BSU) Dessert Reception

Join families and students of Af-Lat-Am, Alianza Latina, and Black Student Union for a gathering co-hosted by Linda Carter Griffith, associate head of school for equity, inclusion, and wellness, Jennifer Vasquez, director of the office of family engagement, and Aquita Winslow, dean of the Office of Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD), in partnership with Black Families of PA (BFPA). Learn more about equity and inclusion at Andover and meet other Andover families!

Falls Music Center Lobby

Af-Lat-Am is a cultural organization aimed at fostering a sense of community between the Black and Latinx members of Andover.

Alianza Latina is Andover's Latinx affinity group, creating a strong community for Latinx students to support each other.

The mission of the **BSU** is to create a safe space where Black students of Phillips Academy, throughout the diaspora, can organize, share in camaraderie, coordinate efforts, and experience familiarity and joy. This affinity space is a tool to learn more about each other's Blackness through holidays, music, food, and traditions.

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Asian Society Dessert Reception

Chat with Asian Society advisors while building community with other Asian-identifying families.

Asian Society's purpose is to invite nuanced discussions on how Asian experiences unite the Andover community. Asian Society aims to support the exploration of identity for all members of the Asian community.

Pan Athletic Center, Modeste Lobby

2:45 p.m.

Home Athletic Events begin

See the [Athletics Schedule](#).

3-4 p.m.

Addison Gallery Exhibition Tour: *Hayes Prize 2025: Tommy Kha, Other Things Uttered*

Join Assistant Curator Rachel Vogel for a tour of *Hayes Prize 2025: Tommy Kha, Other Things Uttered*. Kha is the second recipient of the Addison's Bartlett H. Hayes Jr. Prize, awarded biannually by the Addison Artist Council. Kha's photographs examine how we construct belonging and otherness, inventing new models for self-portraiture with a critical eye toward the medium's long history of absences and erasure.

Addison Gallery of American Art

5–7 p.m.

All Parents Reception

Join fellow parents/guardians for fellowship and conversation at this reception cohosted by Family Giving team and Parents of Students of Phillips Academy (PSPA). **This is an adults-only event; alcohol will be served.**

Addison Gallery of American Art

5–7 p.m.

Dinner

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Paresky Commons

6:30 p.m.

Grasshopper Night*

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George Washington Hall, Tang Theatre (event will be simulcast)

7:45 p.m.

Concert of Choral Music*

Featuring the Fidelio Society and Academy Chorus; Dr. Abbey Hallberg Siegfried, conductor, with pianist Rebecca Plummer.

Cochran Chapel (event will be recorded)

9 p.m.

Grasshopper Night*

Repeat performance. Tickets are not required for this show and 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. Alternative viewing via simulcast is available in Kemper Auditorium and needs no ticket or reservation.

George Washington Hall, Tang Theatre (event will be simulcast)

11:30 p.m.

Dormitory Sign-In: All boarding students

Sunday, October 19

10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Jazz Brunch for Students and Families

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be a performance by the Academy Jazz Band and ensembles, conducted by music instructor Peter Cirelli P'12.

Paresky Commons

10:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

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1–5 p.m.

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6:15 p.m.

Roman Catholic Mass

Overseen by Dr. Mary Kantor, Catholic chaplain, with a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston presiding and student leaders in other liturgical roles. Mass followed by hospitality and fellowship. All are welcome.

Kemper Chapel in Cochran Chapel (lower level, enter on left side of building)

9:30 p.m.

Dormitory Sign-In: All boarding students

Monday, October 20

No classes

9:30 p.m.

Dormitory Sign-In: All boarding students

Tuesday, October 21

No classes

Please note the following:

- 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.

- Music and community engagement commitments may be scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon (details TBD).

9:30 p.m.

Dormitory Sign-In: All boarding students

Wednesday, October 22

No classes

Please note the following:

- Student athletes must be on campus for Wednesday competitions.
- Music and community engagement commitments may be scheduled for Wednesday afternoon (details TBD).

8:00 p.m.

Dormitory Sign-In: All boarding students