



Opening of School 2023

Preseason, Arrival, and Orientation Schedules



Dear students and families,

We are excited that you have chosen to become a part of the Cheshire Academy community. An institution that has been instrumental in educating students for 230 years, Cheshire Academy is rich in history and tradition. We are proud of our academic excellence, our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and our focus on individual pathways to student success.

We believe that all students can learn and achieve at high levels and are committed to providing a rigorous and challenging curriculum that will prepare our students for college and beyond. We also believe that it is important for students to be engaged in their learning and to feel a sense of belonging within their community. It is our hope that *when you are here, you are home.*

At the Academy, we maintain that learning is best accomplished through collaboration and teamwork. We encourage our students to work together to solve problems, generate ideas, and build relationships. We also recognize that growth is a lifelong process and are committed to providing our students with the resources and support they need to grow as learners, leaders, and global citizens.

Your decision to join our community was made with great care and consideration, and we want to assure you that we are here to guide and support you every step of the way. To that end, within this document you will find information to help you successfully begin your journey at Cheshire Academy, including details about your expected arrival window, transportation and lodging information, and orientation activities.

We are excited to get to know you and look forward to a year of engagement, growth, and collaboration. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns and once again, welcome to Cheshire Academy.

Sincerely,



Colleen Altenburger
Dean of Students

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College Counseling Summer Bootcamp & SAT Prep Course

A fee-based program open only to preregistered 12th grade students

Monday, August 21

9-11:30 a.m.	Arrival and check in for boarding students attending the SAT Prep Course (<i>Vanacore College Center</i>) Boarding students attending this program may move into their rooms
12-1 p.m.	Lunch for boarding students attending the SAT Prep Course (<i>Location TBA</i>)
1-3 p.m.	SAT Prep Course (<i>Vanacore College Center</i>)
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Dinner for boarding students (<i>Location TBA</i>)
7-9 p.m.	Evening Programming (<i>Location TBA</i>)
9:30 p.m.	Dorm check-in for boarding students
9:30-10 p.m.	Required dorm meetings to review program expectations and dorm evacuation protocols

Tuesday, August 22

9:30-10 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (<i>Location TBA</i>)
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	SAT Prep Course (<i>Vanacore College Center</i>)
12-1 p.m.	Lunch provided for those attending both sessions (<i>Location TBA</i>)
1-4 p.m.	College Counseling Bootcamp (<i>Vanacore College Center</i>)
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Dinner for boarding students (<i>Location TBA</i>)
7-9 p.m.	Evening Programming (<i>Location TBA</i>)
10 p.m.	Dorm check-in for boarding students

Wednesday, August 23

9:30-10 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (<i>Location TBA</i>)
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	SAT Prep Course (<i>Vanacore College Center</i>)
12-1 p.m.	Lunch provided for those attending both sessions (<i>Location TBA</i>)
1-4 p.m.	College Counseling Bootcamp (<i>Vanacore College Center</i>)
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Dinner for boarding students (<i>Location TBA</i>)
7-9 p.m.	Evening Programming (<i>Location TBA</i>)
10 p.m.	Dorm check-in for boarding students

Thursday, August 24

9:30-10 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (<i>Location TBA</i>)
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	SAT Prep Course (<i>Vanacore College Center</i>)
12-1 p.m.	Lunch provided for those attending both sessions (<i>Location TBA</i>)
1-4 p.m.	College Counseling Bootcamp (<i>Vanacore College Center</i>)
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Dinner for boarding students (<i>Location TBA</i>)
7-9 p.m.	Evening Programming (<i>Location TBA</i>)
10 p.m.	Dorm check-in for boarding students

Friday, August 25

9:30-10 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (<i>Location TBA</i>)
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	SAT Prep Course (<i>Vanacore College Center</i>)
12-1 p.m.	Lunch provided for those attending both sessions (<i>Location TBA</i>)
1-7 p.m.	Boarding Activity with Dinner (<i>Location TBA</i>)
10 p.m.	Dorm check-in for boarding students

Preseason, Arrivals, & Student Orientation Schedules

Sunday, August 27

Football Preseason arrival; Football Preseason begins

- 9-11:30 a.m. Arrival and check in for football players attending preseason (*Sheriff Field House*)
Boarding students attending preseason may move into their rooms after checking in
- 12-1 p.m. Welcome lunch for preseason football players and their families (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 1 p.m. Football team meeting (*Location TBA by coaches*)
- 2-5 p.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 7-9 p.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
Day students attending preseason may return home following their last team commitment
- 9:30 p.m. Dorm check-in for boarding students
All day students attending preseason should be off campus
- 9:30-10 p.m. Required dorm meetings to review Residential Life expectations and dorm evacuation protocols

Monday, August 28

Football Preseason continues

- 7:45-8:30 a.m. Breakfast (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 9-11:30 a.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
- 12-1 p.m. Lunch (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 2-5 p.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 7-9 p.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
Day students may return home following their last commitment
- 9:30 p.m. Dorm check-in for boarding students
All day students should be off campus

Tuesday, August 29**Football Preseason continues; Student Leader arrival; Student Leader Training begins**

- 7:45-8:30 a.m. Breakfast (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 9-11:30 a.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
- 12-1 p.m. Lunch (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 2-5 p.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
- 4-5:30 p.m. Arrival and check-in for student leaders not participating in football preseason (*Dean's Office – 2nd Floor Humanities Building*)
Boarding students may move into their rooms after checking in
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 7-9 p.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
Student leader training (*Location TBA*)
Day students may return home following their last commitment
- 9:30 p.m. Dorm check-in for boarding students
All day students should be off campus
- 9:30-10 p.m. Required dorm meetings to review Residential Life expectations and dorm evacuation protocols

Wednesday, August 30**Football Preseason continues; Student Leader Training continues**

- 7:45-8:30 a.m. Breakfast (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 9-11:30 a.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
Student leader training (*Location TBA*)
- 12-1 p.m. Lunch (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 2-5 p.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
Student leader training (*Location TBA*)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 7-9 p.m. Student leader training (*Location TBA*)
Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
Day students may return home following their last commitment
- 9:30 p.m. Dorm check-in for boarding students
All day students should be off campus

Thursday, August 31

Preseason Athlete arrival; International Student arrival; Preseason for Fall Teams begins

- 7:45-8:30 a.m. Breakfast (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. International student arrival and check-in – new and returning (*Dean’s Office – 2nd Floor Humanities Building*)
Boarding students may move into their rooms after checking in
- 9-11:30 a.m. Arrival and check in for all athletes attending fall preseason – volleyball, boys soccer, girls soccer (*Sheriff Field House*)
Boarding students may move into their rooms after checking in
- 9-11:30 a.m. Preseason football practice (*Location TBA by coaches*)
- 12-1 p.m. Welcome lunch for non-football preseason athletes, their families, and community members (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 2-5 p.m. Reserved for preseason practices (*Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches*)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 7-9 p.m. Reserved for preseason practices (*Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches*)
Day students may return home following their last commitment
- 9:30 p.m. Dorm check-in for boarding students
All day students should be off campus
- 9:30-10 p.m. Required dorm meetings to review Residential Life expectations and dorm evacuation protocols

Friday, September 1

Preseason continues; New International Student Orientation begins

- 7:45-8:30 a.m. Breakfast (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 9-11:30 a.m. Reserved for preseason practices (*Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches*)
- 12-1 p.m. Lunch (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 1-5 p.m. New international student orientation (*Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 2-5 p.m. Reserved for preseason practices (*Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches*)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 6:30-8 p.m. New international student orientation (*Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 7-9 p.m. Reserved for preseason practices (*Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches*)
Day students may return home following their last commitment
- 9:30 p.m. Dorm check-in for boarding students
All day students should be off campus

Saturday, September 2

Preseason continues; New International Student Orientation continues

- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Brunch (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 1-5 p.m. New international student orientation (*Gather at Community Forum, Humanities Building*)
- 2-5 p.m. Reserved for preseason practices (*Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches*)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 6:30-8 p.m. New international student orientation (*Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 7-9 p.m. Reserved for preseason practices (*Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches*)
Day students attending preseason may return home following their last commitment
- 9:30 p.m. Dorm check-in for boarding students
All day students should be off campus

Sunday, September 3

All Boarding Student arrival; New Student & Family Welcome Day

- 9-11 a.m. Reserved for preseason practices (*Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches*)
- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Arrival and check-in for all remaining boarding students, new and returning (*Dean's Office – 2nd Floor Humanities Building*)
Boarding students may move into their rooms after checking in
- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Brunch (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
Students, parents, and families welcome at brunch
- 12-1 p.m. New day student arrival and check-in (*Community Forum – 2nd Floor Humanities Building*)
- 1-5 p.m. New student orientation sessions (*Gather at Community Forum in the Humanities Building*)
- 1-2:30 p.m. Head of School Welcome for families of new students, followed by a faculty panel (*Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 2:30-5 p.m. New parent orientation sessions (*Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons*)
- 5-6:30 p.m. **Welcome Barbecue Dinner** (*Slaughter Field*)
Students, parents, and families are welcome to join us for an outdoor barbecue-style meal to welcome our new members to the CA community
- 7-10 p.m. Residential orientation (*Locations TBA*)
All day students and all parents and families depart by 7 p.m.
- 10 p.m. Dorm check-in for boarding students

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

First Full Day of School

School Contact Information

[Sharyn Iadarola](#), office manager, can address questions about textbooks, the Opening of School Guide, and anything else you aren't sure who to ask. Please call the office at 203-439-7240.

Academic Office

[Marc Aronson](#), Dean of Academics, can answer questions about all aspects of the academic program.

[Young Kwon](#), Associate Dean of Academics, can answer questions about course selection, educational services and accommodation plans, and enrolling in the Roxbury Academic Support Program.

Community Life Office

[Colleen Altenburger](#), Dean of Students, can answer questions related to the Student & Family Handbook, the day student experience, community programming, discipline, and attendance.

[Jennifer Guarino](#), Director of Residential Life, can answer questions related to the boarding student experience.

[Danielle Furst](#), International Student Coordinator, can answer questions related to international travel, student visas, and the international student experience.

Athletic Department

[Jim McCarthy](#), Director of Athletics, can answer questions about afternoon activities. If you are interested in joining a fall sport at the varsity level and would like to come to preseason, contact Mr. McCarthy to be put in touch with the head coach.

Health Center

Nurse [Daron Gawronski](#) will be available in the summer to answer questions relating to Magnus Health, medication concerns, or health records. You may also call the Health Center at 203-439-7280.

Technology Office

If you are having trouble accessing the My Cheshire portal, your CA email, or anything else related to Cheshire Academy technology, email our technology [help desk](#) with the details of your issue.

Airport Transportation for International Students

International students may arrange their own transportation to campus during the allowed arrival windows listed in this guide. For students opting to arrange their own transport or for those arriving outside of the scheduled shuttle departure times listed below, some private car services include:

- [Gateway Limousine](#), 203-753-5466
- [Morales Transportation Services LLC](#), 860-365-9314
- [J & R Connecticut Limousine Services](#), 888-605-0313
- [CT Airlink](#), 203-706-9996
- [People's Limousine](#), 203-404-4948
- [Limousines Plus](#), 203-879-0423

For international students requesting school-provided transportation from **JFK**, John F. Kennedy International Airport, or **BDL**, Bradley International Airport, **reservations are necessary**. Please note that we do not provide transportation for domestic students or international traveling companions. Shuttles are designated for Cheshire Academy international students only.

Eligible international students wishing to reserve transportation will receive a sign-up form via email approximately three weeks prior to the travel dates outlined in this guide. Shuttle times are as follows:

August 29 – Pick Up for International Student Leaders

- Shuttle departs **JFK**, John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, NY at 12 p.m. ET

August 31 – Pick Up for New and Returning International Students

- Shuttles depart **JFK**, John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, NY between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET
- Shuttle departs **BDL**, Bradley International Airport, Hartford/Springfield, CT at 2 p.m. ET

For students arriving at JFK: A faculty member from Cheshire Academy will be on site at the airport to assist and supervise students who arrive on August 31. When considering shuttle departure times, please account for approximately two hours for baggage and customs clearance. Also, note that JFK Airport is two hours from campus.

If you signed up for transportation and miss your assigned shuttle due to a flight delay, you may need to arrange your own transportation to the Academy if no further shuttles are scheduled. Please note that the only airports we can provide shuttle service from are **JFK** (New York) and **BDL** (Hartford/Springfield). If you are arriving at a different airport, you will be responsible for your own transportation to campus.

Lodging Information

There are several hotel accommodations within a short driving distance of the Cheshire Academy campus. Some recommendations include:

The Blake

Less than a mile from the New Haven train station and two blocks from Yale's Old Campus, this trendy, modern hotel is in the heart of New Haven, Connecticut and 30 minutes away from Cheshire Academy.

Address: 9 High St., New Haven, CT 06510

Website: [The Blake](#)

Homewood Suites

Off Interstate 91, this modern hotel with a casual vibe is 7 miles from Cheshire Academy's campus.

Address: 90 Miles Dr., Wallingford, CT 06492

Website: [Homewood Suites](#)

Residence Inn

Surrounded by several of the city's most prominent destinations, Residence Inn Southington offers the ideal location for any business or leisure traveler and is 7 miles from Cheshire Academy's campus.

Address: 778 West St., Southington, CT 06489

Website: [Residence Inn Southington](#)

Additional options may be found by following the links below.

[New Haven, CT Hotel Information](#)

The city of New Haven is approximately 20 minutes away and offers a wide array of restaurants, shopping and lodging.

[Wallingford, CT Hotel Information](#)

The town of Wallingford is just a 10-minute drive from our school and offers comfortable hotel accommodation as well as shopping and dining.