

CHESHIRE ACADEMY | 1794

Opening of School Guide

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to Cheshire Academy!



We are thrilled you've chosen to become part of our lively, warm community, and we can't wait to welcome you in person when you get to campus this fall. Until then, the information below will help your family prepare and know what to expect for the beginning of the 2025-26 academic year. You'll find schedules with key arrival and orientation times, transportation, lodging, contact information, and more.

Please look through this information for answers to many of the questions you may have. Don't hesitate to contact one of the staff or faculty members listed with any specific questions not covered here.

I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Go Cats!

Sincerely,

Tom Woelper P'26 | Head of School

IMPORTANT REMINDER: To ensure a smooth arrival for every student and be certain all Health Center clearance expectations have been met, students may **ONLY** arrive to campus during assigned arrival windows. Students who arrive outside of their arrival period will be asked to return the following day. Please note there are **NO** arrival windows from Sept. 3-5, 2025.

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KEY:

Athletics
Student Leaders
International Students
Boarding Students
New Students
Day Students
Parents & Families

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Preseason Football Schedule

Football preseason athletes will register in Humanities on Aug. 29 from 9-11 a.m. [Click here for the football schedule.](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Student Leaders, Preseason Athletes, & New Students opted into the International Program Arrival
Optional Arrival: Returning International Students may return today or Sept. 6

Time	Event	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
8:30-9 a.m.	Student Leader Arrival & Registration	Humanities
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Student Leader Small Group Move-In Assistance	Humanities
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	New & Returning International Student Arrival & Registration	Humanities
10-11 a.m.	Preseason Boarding Athlete Arrival & Registration	Humanities
11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Preseason Day Student Athlete Arrival & Registration	Humanities
12-1 p.m.	Lunch: Students Only <i>New Students with Assigned Student Leaders</i>	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
	Family & Parent Luncheon	Bowden Hall Blue Room
1-2 p.m.	New International Student & Family Campus Tours	Meet at Bowden Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	Boys' Soccer Preseason	Simosa Field
2-4 p.m.	Girls' Soccer Preseason	Back Turf
	Girls' Volleyball Preseason	Field House
	Student Leader Training	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
5-6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
7-8 p.m.	New International Student Orientation Activity	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
7-9 p.m.	Student Leader Training	Humanities Forum
9:30-10:30 p.m.	Boarding Essentials Meeting	Richardson Lecture Hall
10:30 p.m.	Dorm Check-In	Individual Dorms
11 p.m.	Lights Out	Individual Dorms

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Wednesday, Sept. 3

No new arrivals

Time	Event	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Boys' Soccer Preseason	Simosa Field
9-11 a.m.	Girls' Soccer Preseason	Back Turf
	Girls' Volleyball Preseason	Field House
	Student Leader Training	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
9-11:30 a.m.	New International Student Orientation: "Getting to Know Each Other"	Humanities Community Forum
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Makeup Option #1 for Preseason Student Leaders	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
1-1:30 p.m.	Makeup Option #2 for Preseason Student Leaders	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
12-1 p.m.	Lunch	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
1-3 p.m.	New International Student Orientation: "Getting to Know CA"	Humanities Community Forum
1:30-3:30 p.m.	Boys' Soccer Preseason	Simosa Field
2-4 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Preseason	Field House
	Student Leader Training	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
3-4 p.m.	New International Family Tea	O'Connor House Rain Location: Bowden Hall
3:15-4 p.m.	New International Student Ice Cream Social	Admission Office Lawn
5-6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
6:30-8 p.m.	New International Student Walking Tour of Extended Campus	Meet on patio outside Gideon Welles Dining Commons
7-9 p.m.	Student Leader Training	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
8-9 p.m.	New International Student S'mores & Open Student Center	Student Center
10:30 p.m.	Dorm Check-In	Individual Dorms
11 p.m.	Lights Out	Individual Dorms

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Thursday, Sept. 4

No new arrivals

Time	Event	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Boys' Soccer Preseason	Simosa Field
9-11 a.m.	Girls' Soccer Preseason	Back Turf
	Girls' Volleyball Preseason	Field House
	Student Leader Training	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
9-11:30 a.m.	New International Student Orientation: "Thriving as an International Student"	Humanities Community Forum
11:30-12 p.m.	Makeup Option #1 for Preseason Student Leaders	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
12-1 p.m.	Lunch	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
1-1:30 p.m.	Makeup Option #2 for Preseason Student Leaders	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
1-5 p.m.	New International Student Orientation: Shuttles for Shopping, Banking, and Cell Phone Setup	Meet at Field House for Shuttles
1:30-3:30 p.m.	Boys' Soccer Preseason	Simosa Field
2-4 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Preseason	Field House
	Student Leader Training	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
5-6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
6:30-8:30 p.m.	New International Student Lawn Games	Sevigny Field
7-9 p.m.	Student Leader Training	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
10:30 p.m.	Dorm Check-In	Individual Dorms
11 p.m.	Lights Out	Individual Dorms

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Friday, Sept. 5

No new arrivals

Time	Event	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Boys' Soccer Preseason	Simosa Field
9-11 a.m.	Girls' Soccer Preseason	Back Turf
	Girls' Volleyball Preseason	Field House
	Student Leader Training	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
9-11:30 a.m.	New International Student Orientation: "Classroom and Campus Culture"	Humanities Community Forum
11:30-12 p.m.	Makeup Option #1 for Preseason Student Leaders	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
12-1 p.m.	Lunch	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
1-1:30 p.m.	Makeup Option #2 for Preseason Student Leaders	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
1-5 p.m.	New International Student Orientation: "Core Values"	Meet at Field House for Shuttles
1:30-3:30 p.m.	Boys' Soccer Preseason	Simosa Field
2-4 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Preseason	Field House
	Student Leader Training	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
5-6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
7-9 p.m.	Student Leader Training	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
7-10 p.m.	Open Gym, Fitness Center and Student Center	
10:30 p.m.	Dorm Check-In	Individual Dorms
11 p.m.	Lights Out	Individual Dorms

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Saturday, Sept. 6 – Welcome Day & Registration

All New Day & New and Returning Boarding Students Arrive

Time	Event	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Boys’ Soccer Preseason	Simosa Field
9-11 a.m.	Girls’ Soccer Preseason	Back Turf
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	New Student Arrival & Registration	Humanities Building
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Returning International Student Arrival & Registration	Humanities Building
12-1 p.m.	Lunch	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
1-2 p.m.	New Families Welcome with Head of School Tom Woelper & Academic Dean Marc Aronson	Richardson Lecture Hall
1-3 p.m.	Returning Boarding Student Arrival & Registration	Humanities Building
1-4 p.m.	New Student Orientation	Meet in Dining Commons
5-6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
7-8:30 p.m.	Residential Orientation	Meet in Dining Commons
8:30-10 p.m.	Dorm Bonding Activities <i>Required for all boarding students</i>	Individual Dorms
10:30 p.m.	Dorm Check-In	Individual Dorms
11 p.m.	Lights Out	Individual Dorms

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Sunday, Sept. 7

Orientation, Convocation, & Community Dinner

Time	Event	Location
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Returning Day Student Arrival & Registration	Humanities Building
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Brunch	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
1-4 p.m.	Community Programming <i>Required for All Students</i>	Advisory Locations
5-6 p.m. <i>4:45 p.m. lineup</i>	Convocation <i>All Students</i> <i>Parents depart after Convocation</i>	Simosa Field <i>Line up on Slaughter Field</i>
6-7 p.m.	Community Dinner <i>Students & Faculty Only</i>	Gideon Welles Dining Commons
6-7 p.m.	Wine & Cheese Night <i>For Parents & Families awaiting day students</i>	O'Connor House
7:30-9:30 p.m.	Activities Led by Student Leaders <i>Required for Boarding Students</i>	Meet in Dining Commons
10:30 p.m.	Dorm Check-In	Individual Dorms
11 p.m.	Lights Out	Individual Dorms

Monday, Sept. 8

Classes and Afternoon Activities Begin, Orientation Continues

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