



Lawrence Academy

Dear LA Families,

We thank all students and families for their support and patience as we have made our way to the final phases of our return-to-campus. With returning 10th-grade day and commuting students arriving on campus Tuesday, September 22nd, we are in a position to describe with more clarity our reentry plans for both afternoon activities and our residential program. Please read these plans through carefully below.

We deliver this outline particularly for the planning purposes of families who are managing commuting status and those families who will be navigating more complex travel plans and guidelines from distant locations. *International families, please note: the move-in date for international students returning to school this term is October 3rd.*

As with our approach to restarting campus activities during the academic day, we will take a deliberate, progressive approach to returning to afternoon and residential activity. More specific details, schedules, and important notes on both programs can be found below.

Afternoon Program and Athletics

Our approach to afternoon activities will phase in over the next 10 days. **Please note the sign-up form, [which can be accessed HERE](#).** You can also find [Fall Afternoon Activity information here](#).

Here are an outline and timeline:

- **Friday, September 18:** Afternoon program overview delivered in assembly.
- **No later than 8:00 PM, Sunday, September 20th:** Sign-ups for fall afternoon activities. Options include all regular fall afternoon activities, plus a community service option.
- **Wednesday, September 23:** Afternoon program safety training and orientation for all students: 7:00 pm on Teams.
- **Thursday, September 24:** Fall practice/training starts for Varsity-level Field Hockey, Boys' Soccer, Cross-Country, and Theater only (4:15-5:30).
- **Friday, September 25:** Fall practice/training for Varsity-level Girls' Soccer, Volleyball, Football, and Dance only (4:15-5:30).
- **Tuesday, September 29:** All programs begin regular Tuesday-Friday sessions (4:15-5:30) through fall season—includes Mountain Biking, Rec. Tennis, Yoga, Mountain Biking, Outdoors, Strength and Conditioning, and Community Cares (Service Option).

Notes:

- *In signing up, students have the option to self-select training groups at the varsity or sub-varsity level for G/B Soccer, Volleyball, and Field Hockey—based on player motivation and skill.*
- *Afternoon activities for day/September commuting students (only) are required beginning Tuesday, September 29th*
- *Day students (only) may request exemption from required fall afternoon commitments by applying for an independent or requesting a waiver for personal, medical, or academic reasons. These requests need to be approved by the athletic and student life departments.*
- *Day student buses will continue to depart campus at 4:00 through the week of 9/21.*
- *Beginning Tuesday, September 29th, the day student bus will depart at 5:45 PM (EDT), and a light snack will be available to day students using buses.*
- *Changing space in the athletic center will be provided for athletic programs before each practice session; however, changing space will not be available after practice.*

Boarding Program

In an effort to manage campus capacity, onboard students as carefully as possible, and provide a focused, high-quality residential experience, we are constructing a program built on 7-day and 5-day models, in which we will phase in our boarders over a 10-day period, beginning the weekend of October 3rd.

We believe this model will serve both distant boarders and local boarders most appropriately, and we will make our best effort to address individual circumstances directly and as they arise with care.

Based on our best knowledge of geographic proximity and individual circumstances, we will classify all boarding students as 7-day boarders or 5-day boarders. In the 7-day model, students will be allowed to stay on campus on the weekends. In the 5-day model, students will need to leave campus by 1:00 pm on Saturdays and may not return to the dorm until after 5:00 pm Monday.

The move-in sequence is as follows— please see other important notes at the end:

- **Saturday, October 3rd:** Registration and safety orientation for all international students and 7-day boarding students who must pass through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts travel quarantine.
- **Sunday, October 4th:** Registration and orientation for all other 7-day boarding students.
- **Monday, October 12th:** Registration for all 5-day boarding students: morning
- Specific times for registration days will be communicated and delivered early next week.

Notes:

- *We will communicate each boarding student's initial 7-day or 5-day status early next week*
- *Families will be provided contact information and the opportunity to engage in dialogue to request a change in status from 5-day to 7-day or vice-versa.*
- *All changes in status will be approved and managed by the student life office.*
- *Students who are arriving from outside of Massachusetts must adhere to the requirements of the [Massachusetts Travel Order](#). Further information about these requirements will be communicated directly with the students and families to which it applies.*

- *Any necessary travel quarantine will be managed and coordinated by the school on campus.*
- *7-day boarding students will be allowed to sign out for weekends.*
- *5-day boarding students may depart for weekends after their last obligation Friday or as late as 1:00 PM Saturday.*
- *A prorated credit at the day/remote rate will be applied to the accounts of students who remain in commuting status until the October 12th return date.*
- *A prorated credit will also be applied to accounts of students who are switching from 7-day boarding to 5-day boarding status.*

We thank you for your attention to all of these complex matters. Once again, we are grateful and enthusiastic to be able to broaden our operations and connections on campus.

Warmest regards,

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