HI NEW WILDCATS!

Now that many of you have finished your high school careers, you’re thinking more and more about preparing for your time at Northwestern, so we have some updates that will help.

Though you should see these deadlines in Purple Prep and First Year Guide (mobile app), we want to remind you of several upcoming tasks you should begin immediately. For the month of June, you will want to focus on taking placement/assessment exams (if applicable), starting your online dossier (for Weinberg and McCormick students only), mailing in your immunization forms, and getting completely excited for Wildcat Welcome.

Look through the following pages as we answer a few questions you have been asking. In just over a month, you will be hearing from your Peer Adviser (Weinberg students: sorry, you must wait until August); these are some truly fantastic students excited to welcome you to the University. Until then, the Office of New Student and Family Programs is here to answer your questions; do not hesitate to call us at 847-467-3988, email us at orientation@northwestern.edu or to message us on Facebook.

Welcome to our community; welcome home!

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By this point, you should have received your copy of Purple Prep in your mailbox. This book is your go-to guide to everything you need to know over the summer including a list of action items that must be completed. An online, e-reader version of Purple Prep can be found on the New Student and Family Programs website.
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The complete master checklist can be seen on the Class of 2019 website. You can even subscribe to our online calendar; link it to your @u.northwestern email account (powered by Google) and then to your iCal or your mobile device for a seamless experience!

GET YOUR WildCARD

The WildCARD is the official identification card for every Northwestern community member. This card accesses your meal plan, gets you onto campus shuttles, gets discounts to certain area businesses, and so much more. You are asked to upload your photo by August 1 to the WildCARD website. Page 12 of Purple Prep includes more information on the WildCARD and what types of photos are acceptable, or visit the WildCARD website. Unacceptable photo examples are below.

UPDATE TO PURPLE PREP

Contact information for the following offices are incorrectly listed in Purple Prep; please update your records appropriately.

- AccessibleNU: 491-5530
- Student Loans: 491-3126
- Undergraduate Financial Aid: 491-7400
- Student Health Insurance: Insurance Website

NEED A FRIDGE?

If you’re planning on buying or renting a fridge, consider ordering through RezEssentials, a student-run company on campus that will deliver your fridge directly to your room prior to move-in. To learn more, visit the Rez Essentials website.

SHIP TO YOUR ROOM

If you intend to ship some of your other belongings before you arrive, please refer to the Ship to Northwestern program website. By using this service, items will be placed in your room prior to your arrival. Note: For those wishing to ship packages using any method, Residential Services will not accept deliveries before September 11. Visit their website for more info.
PLACEMENT EXAMS

Following your school’s directives in Purple Prep, you may need to take a placement/assessment exam during the summer. Students with majors in Weinberg and McCormick should look closely to see what tests are applicable for them; students with majors in SESP, Bienen, Medill, and Communication will need to look at tests if you plan on pursuing a language, math, or chemistry course. These exams are now available and must be completed by July 31. We know you’re questioning if you need to take one, so find more info on our website.

When are placement/assessment exams offered?

Most placement exams are only offered online during the summer. If you plan to take courses in a foreign language, chemistry, physics, or mathematics, you will likely need to take an online placement exam prior to July 31. Not completing the exam will impact your ability to register for certain classes for your first quarter.

There will not be an opportunity for you to take placement/assessment exam during Wildcat Welcome (except for limited foreign language tests which require a test during Wildcat Welcome; check your language of interest for more details). Oh, and just because you take a placement exam (let’s say, in language) does not mean you are required to take the course.

I just took my AP/IB exams, does that impact the placement exams I need to take?

Yes, Purple Prep includes a bit of information on how these exams impact placement. These pages identify what courses are associated with each placement exam and if your AP/IB score impacts your need to complete the placement test over the summer. If you will not know your scores until after July 31, we suggest you go ahead and take the North-western placement exams just to be safe; if you end up earning great scores on your AP/IB exam, those are the scores that will be used.

I’m in the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science, are there additional tests I must take?

All students entering the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science are required to complete the math placement exam regardless of AP or IB scores (no exceptions) by July 31. You will also need to complete all other placement exams (ALEKS math assessment, language, and physics if applicable for you) by July 31.

HELPFUL LINKS:
Placement Exams Information | Understanding AP/IB Credit

WEEKLY UPDATES

MONDAYS
We’ll introduce a handful of Peer Advisers (current students who will be working with you during the summer, Wildcat Welcome, and your first year) each Monday. They’ll give you their personal insight of what to expect alongside their own Vine Video!

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
You’ll receive this handy, dandy March to the Arch e-newsletter; consider it required reading…this is the only place we will include NU and new student updates and reminders that are delivered directly to your email inbox.

WILDCAT WEDNESDAYS
A new reminder/important to-do item, NU fun fact, or a Board of Directors-produced video will be posted in the Class of 2019 Facebook group and on our Tumblr each Wednesday. The second-to-last Wednesday of each month we’ll host a Google Hangout for you to watch, which will include current students to answer your questions.

THURSDAYS
Follow us on Instagram? We’ll be digging through the archives to post old photos of NU or Wildcat Welcome as part of Throwback Thursdays. #TBT

FRIDAYS
Every Friday we’ll be posting a story on Snapchat to celebrate Purple Fridays. You’ll see members of the Board of Directors and Peer Advisers around the globe showing their school pride.
Below we have included information regarding the Parent and Family Orientation schedule (beginning with New Student Move-in Day) which will be helpful for those planning travel; also, feel free to visit our website for more information about Family Weekend (November 6-8, 2015). We know there are a number of items you may be thinking about as you and your student prepare for September, so do not hesitate to contact the New Student and Family Programs office.

In addition to our office—the Office of New Student and Family Programs—we also encourage you to utilize Residential Services as a resource this summer as you think about your student living at Northwestern; they can be reached at 847-467-4663 or freshman-housing@northwestern.edu.

**PARENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION**

Programming specific for family members of new students takes place the first weekend of Wildcat Welcome. Move-in Day occurs from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday, September 11; this is the first day your student will be able to access their residence hall.

Many family members ask when it is OK to leave, of fear of staying too long or not staying long enough or needing to get back to jobs at home. Families leave equally in three waves: at the end of Move-in Day (after the President’s Welcome and Reception at 5 p.m.), during the day on Saturday (while students are at the Football Game; families miss some Saturday family orientation programming), or following March Through the Arch on Sunday afternoon (a Northwestern tradition that has new students entering the iconic Arch to symbolize the start of their tenure). You’ll also be introduced to a Family Ambassador, an undergraduate student leader working to specifically ensure you have a wonderful transition during the Parent and Family Orientation events. You can find an overview of the Parent and Family Orientation schedule to the right.

**PARENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.: New Student Move-in Day
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Residential College Master’s Reception for Families
4-5 p.m.: Student Enrichment Services Welcome for Families
5-8 p.m.: President’s Welcome and Reception for Families

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Welcome from the Dean of Students
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Academic-specific Orientation for Families
12-1:30 p.m.: Purchase Lunch in Dining Halls
1:30-9 p.m.: Open programming includes Resource Fair, Campus Tours, “A Year in the Life” skits by Family Ambassadors, and more

*Families will be able to purchase tickets, if they wish, to the Football game held on this day from the Athletics Ticket Office later in the summer; the time of the game will be released by the Big 10 Conference in July

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**
1:30-2:30 p.m.: March Through the Arch
2:30-3 p.m.: Kiss’n’Bye (this is a pause in the student schedule for family goodbyes; students will then be programmed until the evening)

*To learn about Religious Services being held during the weekend, visit the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life’s website.