Hi New Wildcats!

Now that many of you have graduated, you’re thinking more and more about preparing for your time at Northwestern. We have some reminders that will help.

Though you can see these deadlines in Purple Prep and on our website, we want to remind you of several upcoming action items you should be working on. For the month of June, you will want to focus on completing the Wildcat Welcome Information Form, taking placement/assessment exams (if applicable), starting your online dossier (only those with majors in Weinberg or McCormick), mailing your immunization forms, and getting excited for September!

Look through the following pages as we address some of the questions you have been asking in the Facebook group. In just over a month, you will be hearing from your Peer Adviser (arts and sciences students will need to wait until August); these are some truly fantastic students excited to support you throughout your first year. Until then, the Office of New Student and Family Programs is here to answer your questions. Don’t hesitate to call us at 847-467-3988 or email us at ORIENTATION@NORTHWESTERN.EDU.

Welcome to our community; welcome home!

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NOTE ABOUT PURPLE PREP
By this point, you should have received your copy of Purple Prep in the mail. This book is your go-to guide for everything you need to know over the summer, including the list of action items to be completed. Purple Prep can also be found on the NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS WEBSITE.
To Do | Purple Prep Page | Due Date
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If you did not submit your Housing Contract by the June 1 deadline, contact **RESIDENTIAL SERVICES** immediately. | Page 7 | IMMEDIATELY

**MAIL IMMUNIZATION AND ADMISSION HEALTH RECORD FORM.** | Page 14 | JULY 1

Complete the **WILDCAT WELCOME INFORMATION FORM.** | Page 42 | JULY 7

Take **ONLINE PLACEMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMS** and skills assessments if required by your school (read school requirement in Purple Prep). | Page 22 | JULY 31

**UPCOMING DEADLINES**

Find the full list of action items (and any academic-specific action items by school) in *Purple Prep* and on the **NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS WEBSITE.**

**COMPLETE THE WILDCAT WELCOME INFORMATION FORM**

All incoming students must complete the **WILDCAT WELCOME INFORMATION FORM** no later than 11:59 p.m. CDT on **July 7**. This form provides Northwestern with some crucial information needed for your orientation participation.

**GET YOUR WILDCARD**

The Wildcard is the official identification card for every Northwestern community member. This card gives you access to your to your residence hall, meal plan, campus shuttle, and on-campus sporting events for free. You must upload your photo by **August 1** to the Wildcard website. Page 11 of *Purple Prep* includes more information on the Wildcard and what types of photos are acceptable, or visit the **WILDCARD WEBSITE.**
A Few Academic Items

**PLACEMENT EXAMS AND SKILLS ASSESSMENTS**
We know you’re wondering whether you need to take a placement exam or skills assessment by the July 31 deadline. The answer varies depending on the school of your major; review school-specific directives in Purple Prep, especially for Weinberg and McCormick majors. Keep in mind that most placement exams and skills assessments are only available online until July 31 and not available when you arrive in September. Begin completing these exams now, if applicable, and find more info on the NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS WEBSITE.

**FIGURE OUT IF YOU NEED TO TAKE ANY EXAMS!**
Review the Placement/Assessment Exam Guides available on the New Student and Family Programs website. Choose the guide based on your major’s school for the most helpful info!

**YOUR AP AND IB EXAM SCORES**
For those who took IB exams, results should be requested by July 15; request for AP reports should be made by August 1. If your AP/IB test scores qualify, you may be awarded credits toward your Northwestern degree. To see how your scores apply directly to the school of your major, visit the NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS WEBSITE for a breakdown on how scores are processed.

Credit is awarded only upon Northwestern’s receipt of official score reports sent directly from a testing service. Your AP/IB credit probably won’t appear on your CAESAR account before you meet with your academic advisor during Wildcat Welcome, so please bring a paper copy of your scores.

**YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**
Your high school can send your transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admission either by mail or online via the Common Application website’s Final Report Form. This must be received by August 1. The transcript must include either an actual date of graduation or a statement that you have graduated. Admitted students who fail to submit a final transcript will not be able to attend Wildcat Welcome or register for classes. Visit the ADMISSIONS WEBSITE for detailed instructions.
Keep Up With Us Throughout The Summer

FAMILY MAILING LIST
Be sure your family members are subscribed to our family mailing list to receive updates from our office not only this summer, but throughout your tenure at Northwestern. Visit the EMAIL REGISTRATION FORM and select “Class of 2021” (even if you are in a 5-year program).

PARENT AND FAMILY ORIENTATION
You’ll arrive on campus September 11 to move into your residence hall and to begin Wildcat Welcome. New Student and Family Programs concurrently hosts programming for your family members called Parent and Family Orientation. You can visit OUR WEBSITE for more information (a detailed schedule will be provided in July). An overview of programming can be found below.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
- 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.: Move-in Day
- 4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.: Family Welcomes and a Reception hosted by Academic Deans and President Schapiro

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
- 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.: March Through the Arch (a Northwestern tradition families are invited to view)
- 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.: Dean of Students Session for Families
- 1:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.: Parent & Family Orientation Programming

POP
Though the POP (pre-orientation program) deadline was June 1, there are a few other programs incoming students can consider. Faith-based programs hosted the evening before move-in day by Evanston partners and the Northwestern University Marching Band continue to seek applications. Learn more on OUR WEBSITE.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Though the deadline isn't until later in the summer, be sure to visit the INTERNATIONAL OFFICE WEBSITE to learn how to register for International Student Orientation and about I-20/DS-2019 paperwork.

KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SUMMER POSTINGS

- MONDAYS
We’ll introduce a handful of Peer Advisers (current students that will be working with you throughout your first year) each Monday in our PA Boomerang series on Facebook.

- FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
You’ll want to check your email inbox for the latest March to the Arch email; it is the official place where we will keep you updated on the items you need to know.

- WEDNESDAYS
We’ll be sharing something new and exciting with you every Wildcat Wednesday, whether that be a new Northwestern video, hosting a Facebook Live with current students, or content that we just can’t help but share with you!

- THURSDAYS
On Instagram, we’ll be digging through the archives to share some old photos and videos of Northwestern or past Wildcat Welcomes to give you an idea of just what its like to be a Wildcat. #TBT

- PURPLE FRIDAYS
Each Friday we’ll post a new Snapchat story from campus or purple-related stories from around the globe; be sure to ADD US.