

# 2024 Parent & Family Orientation Schedule

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 – MOVE-IN DAY

### *Plan your parking for Move-In Day!*

The campus move-in process is one of the most highly-orchestrated events during William & Mary's academic year. Every residence hall is assigned a color-coded and/or named route to be followed as exactly as possible. Please [review your student's route](#) before navigating to campus for their move-in appointment.

Residential students should enter the Check-In Line via Compton Drive at their designated move-in time. Individuals who arrive early will be diverted from the check-in process and asked to wait their turn.

**After unloading your student's belongings, please proceed to your route's designated parking area.**

Visitor passes are not required on move-in day. On move-in day, you may park in any regular Faculty/Staff, Day Student, or Resident Student space **in your route's designated parking area**, unless otherwise indicated. Accessible spaces are available throughout campus for those with a state issued license plate or hangtag. Use the interactive [Campus Map](#) for these locations.

#### **Vehicle Restrictions**

- No oversized vehicles are allowed (RVs, campers, trailers, box trucks, etc.)
- Only one vehicle per student allowed at any one point in time
- Be mindful that cartop storage carriers raise a vehicle's height to exceed the campus and OTP Parking Deck height limits

#### **Where not to park**

- Fire lanes
- No Parking zones
- "Official Vehicle" spaces
- "Service Vehicle" spaces
- "Reserved at all times" spaces
- Other specially reserved spaces, spaces with names
- Accessible spaces (*without appropriate documentation*)
- Any grass/seeded/mulch areas

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.    **Parent & Family Gear Pickup**  
*Sadler Center 368*

You may pick up pre-ordered gear or purchase Class of 2028 gear and more in Sadler Center 368 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Parent & Family Help Desk**

*Sadler Center 368*

Our friendly staff are here to assist with any questions about orientation. Whether it's navigating campus, understanding the schedule, or learning about resources, we're here to help ensure a smooth start to your family's journey at William & Mary.

## 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Parent & Family Orientation Check-In**

*Residential Students: Through Move-In Line*

Families will check-in as part of the Move-In process. Commuter/Off-Campus Families may check-in at Kaplan Arena on Saturday morning.

## 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Water Stations**

Stop by one of six convenient locations to hydrate! Find stations located near Lodge 1, Botetourt, Green & Gold Village, Campus Center, ISC Chalkboard, and the Bryan Complex.

## 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Auxiliary Services Fair**

*Sadler Center, Terrace*

Parking & Transportation, W&M Dining, W&M Bookstore, Copy Center, and McCormick-Nagelsen Tennis Center are available. Register your bike on campus, sample dining options, load up on spirit wear, and much more.

## 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Food Trucks**

*Sadler Center, Terrace*

Enjoy a convenient on-campus dining option for lunch by choosing from a selection of local (and mobile) food vendors! Options available include: [Amma's Curry in a Hurry](#), [Vivi's Burritos](#), Footatude, and Ben & Jerry's.

## 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Local Area Merchants Fair**

*Sadler Center, Atrium*

Held in the Main Atrium of the Sadler Center, this is an opportunity for new students and families to visit with local businesses, non-profit groups, banks, and other service providers.

## 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **IT Help Desk**

*Sadler Center, James Room*

Having trouble connecting to wireless on your phone or your gaming console? W&M Information Technology is here to help! Bring your technology questions and speak with one of our helpful support technicians.

## 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **WMSURE Dinner**

*Sadler Center, Chesapeake ABC*

Class of 2028 W&M Scholars and their supporters are invited to join the WMSURE faculty and staff for a shared meal. Students and families are welcome to come as you are and are not required to stay the entire time. A brief program will be held at 6:00 PM.

## 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Home and Host W&M St Andrews Joint Degree Programme Students & Families Dinner**

*Sadler Center, Tidewater*

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Home and Host W&M St Andrews Joint Degree Programme Students and their supporters are invited to join JDP administrative and support faculty and staff for dinner. Students and families should come as they are as your schedule allows.

***Students and families will separate for the remainder of Orientation programming.***

***At this point in the schedule your family should say [“See You Later”](#) to allow your student to engage in student-only community building activities. You should not anticipate seeing your student beyond this point.***

7:00 p.m. and beyond **Rest, Relax, and Explore Williamsburg!**

At this point in the schedule, students must report for mandatory student-only orientation activities. Use this time to rest, relax, reflect on the big day you’ve had and enjoy an evening in Williamsburg!

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

### *Plan your parking for Saturday!*

**When planning your day, please build walking time into your schedule! Parents & Families should plan for at least a 15-minute walk from their parking spot to the doors of Kaplan and/or the School of Education.**

Visitor passes are not required during Parent & Family Orientation. On Saturday, you may park in any regular Faculty/Staff, Day Student, or Resident Student space on campus, unless otherwise indicated. Accessible spaces are available throughout campus for those with a state issued license plate or hangtag. Use the interactive [Campus Map](#) for parking locations.

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#### **Families are encouraged to park in the following lots:**

- [Kaplan Arena Lot](#)
  - Walking time to Kaplan Arena: 3 minutes
  - Walking time to School of Education: 15 minutes
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  - Walking time to School of Education: 3 minutes
- [Parking Deck](#)
  - Walking time to Kaplan Arena: 15 minutes
  - Walking time to School of Education: 30 minutes

#### **8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Parent & Family Orientation Check-In**

*Kaplan Arena, Concourse*

Families who did not check-in on Friday are encouraged to check-in at this time to receive information about the schedule. *Please note that commuter/off-campus student check-in will take place from 8-9a.m. in the Sadler Atrium.*

#### **8:30 a.m.-9:10 a.m. Welcome to the Family! Success at William & Mary**

*Kaplan Arena*

A thoughtful and interactive program about your student's university experience, W&M expectations, and parental support during the college transition.

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9:15 a.m.-9:55 a.m. **The Liberal Arts Vision: A Look into Academic Success**

*Kaplan Arena*

We will highlight what makes our liberal arts education distinctive and describe the course planning and enrollment process.

10:00 a.m.-10:40 a.m. **A Commitment to Wellness & Flourishing**

*Kaplan Arena*

W&M focuses on promoting health and wellness for all students. Join us to discuss how we strive to accomplish this mission.

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Celebrating Your William & Mary**

*Kaplan Arena*

Together with your new community, parents and families will officially be welcomed to the family by President Rowe, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Public Safety Ambler and others.

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. **Lunch On Your Own**

Take advantage of any of the many nearby local Williamsburg restaurants or on-campus retail dining options open during this window of time. On-campus retail dining options open during this time are available at [dining.wm.edu](http://dining.wm.edu) under "Locations and Menus". Please note that residential dining facilities (Commons and Sadler Dining Halls, Marketplace) will be available for **students only**.

12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. **Parent & Family Gear Pickup and Pop-Up Shop**

*School of Education, Room 1060*

You may pick up pre-ordered gear or purchase Class of 2028 gear and more in the School of Education until 5:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. **William & Mary Family Connections Fair**

*School of Education, Matoaka Woods*

Family members may speak with representatives from a variety of campus services at this resource fair.

2:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. **William & Mary Information Sessions**

*School of Education, various rooms*

Representatives from across campus present on a variety of topics related to your student's success. There are four blocks of concurrent sessions, each lasting 30 minutes. **Rooms have limited space available and close at capacity. Popular sessions are offered more than once.**

Sessions include:

- Partners in Career Development: Strategies for Families
- Understanding W&M Finances
- The Study Abroad Experience
- Building a Safe Community: Campus Safety Resources
- And more!

***This concludes Parent & Family Orientation. Thank you for joining us! Please travel home safely.***

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## INFORMATION SESSIONS

### Block 1 (2:00-2:30pm)

- Dogwood – The Study Abroad Experience
  - Discover W&M study abroad opportunities and how they may enhance your student’s experience and career aspirations.
- Holly A – Partners in Career Development: Strategies for Families
  - Learn about the Office of Career Development & Professional Engagement, including programs, services, and resources and how you can support your student’s career journey at William & Mary.
- Holly B – Your Student’s Residential Experience
  - Learn more about opportunities your student will have during the first year of college. Discuss how planning for a successful start to the school year can have a positive impact on the remainder of the college journey.
- 1056 – Understanding W&M Finances
  - Explore the financial and student employment resources available to students.
- 2000 - W&M Dining Wellness – how to navigate dining options from allergies & intolerances to general wellbeing
  - From special dietary information to how your student can maintain healthy eating habits, our dietitian is here to show how your student can stay “Mindful.”
- 2010 – Helping Students Get the Help they Need: W&M Counseling Center
  - Hear from our Counseling Center about services available to support your student’s optimal mental health while at W&M.
- 2011 – The Study Abroad Experience (overflow from main room)
  - Discover W&M study abroad opportunities and how they may enhance your student’s experience and career aspirations.
- 2015 – On the Same Page: Book Club Meetup
  - Connect in person with other members of the “On the Same Page” book club.
- 2016 – Building a Safe Community: Campus Safety Resources
  - Discuss opportunities to increase safety and awareness for your student.
- 2020 - Student Panel: Engagement in the W&M Community
  - Join our Parent & Family Orientation Aides (PFOAs) for a panel discussion on their college experience. Their stories highlight college transition, campus involvement, and family engagement.
- 2021 – No session this block
- 2030 – Student Accessibility Services
  - Learn how we support students regarding the registration process for accommodations, documentation requirements, support services and important campus resources.
- 2056 – No session this block

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- 2060 – First Generation Student Experience
  - Learn about resources offered for First Generation student populations at William & Mary
- 2066 – No session this block

## Block 2 (2:45-3:15pm)

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- 2060 – Cultivating Authentic Excellence
  - Parents can help their students flourish at an individual and community level through W&M’s values-based model. All are welcome to learn more.
- 2066 – Helping Students Get the Help they Need: W&M Student Health Center
  - Hear about the services available to your student at the Student Health Center.

## **Block 3 (3:30-4:00pm)**

- Dogwood - The COLL Curriculum and your Student
  - Discover the benefits of the education curriculum in place at William & Mary and the exciting opportunities it offers for your student.
- Holly A - The Study Abroad Experience
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- Holly B - Care & Community: A Conversation About Support Resources
  - Care Support Services at William & Mary provides comprehensive resources and assistance to support students' mental health, well-being, and overall success throughout their academic journey
- 1056 - Textbooks: Making the Smart Choice
  - Learn about our campus bookstore to help your student make smart textbook decisions.
- 2000 - My student wants to join a fraternity/sorority... what do I need to know?
  - Come learn about what makes our Greek community special, the intake/recruitment processes, and how to support your student throughout their Fraternity/Sorority experience.
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- 2011- The Center for Student Diversity: Resources for Belonging and Inclusion
  - Learn how the Center provides students from diverse backgrounds and identities resources focused on inclusion, belonging, and overall success.
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- Want another parent's perspective? Join members of the Parent & Family Council in a panel discussion and learn how to stay involved with your student even after they have left home.
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  - Learn about Students complete two years at each institution and earn a single degree — a Bachelor of Arts (International Honours — with the insignia of both institutions) with the University of St Andrews
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## CONNECTIONS FAIR REPRESENTATIVES

- **Academic Wellbeing** - Advice on academic polices, Committee on Academic Status petitions, faculty communication during an emergency

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- **Auxiliary Services**- Bookstore, Dining Services, Tribe Card Services, Print Shop, Tennis Center
- **Bursar's Office**- Student Accounts, Tuition & Fees, eServices, eBill, electronic 1098-T tax statements , authorized access to pay, W&M Tuition Payment Plan
- **Campus Ministries United**- Multi-faith coalition of spiritual leaders representing campus religious groups at William & Mary
- **Campus Recreation**- Intramurals, club sports, fitness and wellness, aquatics, outdoor recreation
- **Care Support Services**- Care concerns, personal/interpersonal concerns, death or illness of loved one, injury/hospitalization, resource insecurity, medical withdrawals, medical clearance
- **Center for Student Diversity**- Diversity, peer mentorship programs, cultural organizations, programs and services for underrepresented students
- **Charles Center**- undergraduate research experiences, research grants and funding, honors programs, scholars programs
- **Family Engagement**- Family Weekend, New Student Receptions, Family Orientation, network and relationship building, family outreach
- **First Generation Student Engagement**- first-generation student programming, Griffin Mentorship Program, First Gen-Fellows, AAA Honors Society
- **Fraternity & Sorority Life**- Council/community events, individual chapters, membership recruitment/intake info
- **Global Education Office**- Study abroad opportunities, planning, application process
- **Hazing Prevention Coalition**- helps the community recognize hazing, understand its implications, develop intolerance for hazing activities, and act/report when hazing occur
- **Health Promotion**- Wide-range of educational, referral and outreach services for students who are concerned about wellness, disease prevention, and other health-related issues
- **Information Technology**- Technology services, technical support
- **James Monroe Highland**- James Monroe's Albermarle County estate - visits and programs
- **Military Science (ROTC)**- Requirements for enrollment, career placement, Military Science & Leadership Minor
- **NAMI Williamsburg**- NAMI Williamsburg is a support, education and advocacy organization for and by individuals with serious mental illnesses, their families and friends.
- **Office of Career Development & Professional Engagement**- Career development programs, services, connections, and resources, empowering students to achieve their career goals
- **Office of Sustainability**- Thinking long-term and inclusively to foster wise decisions towards a flourishing people and planet, for all time coming, carbon neutral campus
- **Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs**- Faculty advising assignments, pre-major faculty advising program, peer advising program, academic advising services, and resources

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- **Parent & Family Council**- Student Affairs Advisory Board for Parents & Family Members
- **Parking and Transportation Services**- Campus parking, vehicle registration and decal sales, bus transportation, WATA, airport shuttles
- **Residence Life**- Room assignments, selection process, custodial/building issues, community development, hall council, hall activities, and Resident Assistants (RAs)
- **Student Accessibility Services**- ADA accommodations (physical, academic, housing), temporary disability support
- **Student Accountability & Restorative Practices**- Conduct, honor processes, Conduct and Honor Advisor Program, Student Handbook
- **Student Health Center**- Immunizations/allergy shots, healthcare information
- **Student Insurance**- Insurance requirements, insurance waiver or enrollment requests
- **Student Leadership Development**- Leadership development programs, clubs and organizations, campus-wide programming and events
- **Student Transition Engagement Programs (STEP)**- The student transition into W&M and throughout their university experience, New Student Orientation, Orientation Aides (OAs), Convocation
- **Tribe Athletics**- Varsity sports, ticket sales, support for athletes
- **University Registrar**- Academic calendar, undergraduate catalog and transcripts, in-state, out-of-state tuition, transfer credit, test credit
- **W&M Counseling Center**- Individual counseling, group counseling, work shops, mental health trainings
- **W&M Libraries**- Library resources, research services, student media production
- **W&M Police**- Crime prevention, critical incident response, victim/witness services
- **W&M Postal Services**- Processing and distribution of William & Mary's internal and external mail
- **Washington Center**- Study in D.C., Continuing Education
- **WMSURE**- undergraduate research experience, workshops, conferences, W&M Scholars
- **Writing Resources Center**- Resources, workshops, and individual support for assignments and projects that require writing