

GUIDE FOR NEW FAMILIES 2022-23



HOTCHKISS

Welcome to Hotchkiss!



We are excited to welcome all new students and their families to campus this fall. The purpose of this guide is to provide useful information in preparation for the months leading up to the academic year and to answer questions you may have, especially if you are new to the boarding school world.

Learning and living at Hotchkiss can be a transformative experience for our students. As a community, we aim to help all students develop the intellectual and personal skills needed to promote their independence and to prepare them for life beyond Hotchkiss. Mostly, we strive for students to become part of a vibrant and inclusive community — one in which all students can thrive comfortably and find new friends. Every day is an opportunity to try something new, meet someone from a new place, and have conversations that might change the way they see the world.

In this guide, you'll find a description of the steps you will need to complete during the registration process and what to expect this summer.

We look forward to seeing you later this year!

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MONITI MELIORA SEQUAMUR

Guided by each other, let us seek better paths.

The Hotchkiss School Mission

The Hotchkiss School seeks to inspire a diverse range of students who are committed to the betterment of self and society, and to cultivate in them at the highest standards of excellence

imagination and intellect,

openness and personal integrity,

empathy and responsible citizenship

that they may discover and fulfill their potential as individuals fully engaged in our world.

Values of Our Learning Community

The aim of The Hotchkiss School, since its foundation, has been to provide a dynamic environment for teaching and learning, as well as exceptional preparation for future study and fulfilling adult lives. Our residential community—the network of relationships created by the School's people, place, and opportunities—is our most effective means of providing a transformative educational experience, where students may grow and gain greater understanding of themselves and their responsibilities to others. We believe that a healthy and inclusive learning community nourishes students physically, emotionally, and intellectually; fosters joy in learning and living with others; and ensures that all feel safe, seen, and supported.

All members of the Hotchkiss community have a role in sustaining this environment. Therefore, we expect all to

- commit to high standards of scholarship and personal conduct;
- open their minds and hearts to the views and experiences of others, creating space for all to belong and to thrive;
- practice the values that nurture healthy relationships: respect, honesty, and compassion in particular;
- risk and reflect in the pursuit of continual growth; and
- exercise responsible citizenship through local and global engagement, service, and environmental stewardship.

CONTACTS AND OFFICE NUMBERS

General Questions - Deans' Office (860) 435-3189
Amber Jordan ajordan@hotchkiss.org

(860) 435-3739

Carissa Clapper cclapper@hotchkiss.org
Also: attendance, residential life, student well-being, and questions for class deans

Academic Life and Registrar (860) 435-3186
Heather Mechare hmechare@hotchkiss.org

Course selection and enrollment, student schedules, grades, transcripts, contact information updates, and Veracross login credentials for parents (only)

Admission (860) 435-3102
admission@hotchkiss.org

Student visas, I-20 forms, and final transcripts

Financial Aid (860) 435-3110
Cynthia F. Curtiss ccurtiss@hotchkiss.org

Questions about financial aid awards

Athletics (860) 435-3287
Danny Smith P'18, '20, '24 dsmith@hotchkiss.org

Business Office (860) 435-3168
Ellen Fontaine P'04, '07 efontain@hotchkiss.org

Enrollment, student billing, payment plans, tuition payments

Campus Store (860) 435-3670
Paul Hartnett Info@hotchkisschoolstore.com

College Advising (860) 435-3180

Communications Office (860) 435-3201

Danielle Sinclair dsinclair@hotchkiss.org

Names & Faces /debit card photos, Parent Directory, and website help

Counseling (860) 435-3659
Jodi Von Jess jvonjess@hotchkiss.org

Diversity & Inclusion (860) 435-3798
Kinyette Henderson khenderson@hotchkiss.org

(860) 435-3612

Lisanne Norman '94 lnorman@hotchkiss.org

Health Center (860) 435-3226
healthcenter@hotchkiss.org

Student care, immunizations, required forms, and medical needs

International Programs (860) 435-3179
David Thompson dthompso@hotchkiss.org

For international students and information about international programs

Information Technology Services (860) 435-4487
Darren Visconti dvisconti@hotchkiss.org

Student usernames and passwords, student email, information technology and security, network and laptop support

Laundry Services (860) 435-3275

Post Office (860) 435-3299

Spiritual Life (860) 435-3669
Jason Larson jlarson@hotchkiss.org

Religious services and support

Student Bank (860) 435-3165
studentbank@hotchkiss.org

Student debit card (One Card) and login

Study Skills (860) 435-3206
Jane Herold P'17, '20, '24 jherold@hotchkiss.org

Academic support, resources, and accommodations

24 hours a day, seven days a week

Main School Number (860) 435-2591
From a campus phone: Dial 0

Call to reach the dean on duty or Campus Safety and Security, which is located on the ground floor of Coy dormitory. Security manages the main phone switchboard.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

REGISTRATION & ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

In the months leading up to the start of the school year, there are a number of things you will need to do to register and prepare. See the list below. Go to www.hotchkiss.org/newstudents to access all required links and further information, including contact details.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ...	
DUE MAY 25 ACADEMIC ADVISOR AND ROOMING PREFERENCES FORM Let us know about your preferences and interests to help us match you appropriately with an advisor and roommate.	Associate Dean of Student Life, <i>Amanda McClure P'18, '22</i>
DUE JUNE 1 COURSE SELECTION FOR THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the course catalog• Click on the grade-appropriate course registration link.	Registrar, <i>Heather Mechare</i>
LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM For students continuing a language (not needed for students new to a language).	Registrar, <i>Heather Mechare</i>
MATH PLACEMENT EXAM & FORMS For all new students	Registrar, <i>Heather Mechare</i>
PHOTO FOR NAMES & FACES STUDENT DIRECTORY AND STUDENT ID/DEBIT CARD Visit www.hotchkiss.org/newstudents for instructions.	Communications Office, <i>Danielle Sinclair</i>
PARENT DIRECTORY CONSENT FORM Provide consent to be listed in our print and online directories.	Communications Office, <i>Danielle Sinclair</i>
COMING IN JULY HOTCHKISS EMAIL AND NETWORK ACCOUNT Information Technology Services (ITS) will send your student a username, password, and instructions on how to access their Hotchkiss email account. Students must use the temporary password to reset their passwords and should log in right away in order to use Hotchkiss email over the summer. Students are required to know their usernames and passwords when they arrive on campus and receive their laptop.	ITS Help Desk <i>Darren Visconti</i>

REGISTRATION & ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (CONT.)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT...

COMING IN JULY (CONT.)

ACTIVATE YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN VERACROSS CREDENTIALS

Login instructions will be emailed directly to current parents/guardians.

Registrar,
Heather Mechare

DUE JULY 15

MANDATORY MEDICAL FORMS

Download health/medical forms and submit them and your student's medical history online. See Student Health Information (page 9) for information about insurance, immunizations, and medication.

Wieler Health Center,
healthcenter@hotchkiss.org

FINAL TRANSCRIPT

Your student's final official transcript must be sent to Hotchkiss by July 15 in order to be registered for courses in 2022-23.

Admission Office,
admission@hotchkiss.org

BEGINNING AUGUST 1 AND ONGOING

TEXTBOOK ORDERING

New and used textbooks are available through our bookseller, Higher Learning Supply Company (HLSC). Information on placing textbook orders will be in the August *Family Update*.

Campus Store,
Paul Hartnett

DEPOSIT FUNDS INTO STUDENT'S SPENDING ACCOUNT

Parents/guardians will receive information about funding your student's spending account in July. Please plan to deposit funds starting August 1.

Business Office,
studentbank@hotchkiss.org

FACULTY ADVISOR

Every student is assigned a faculty advisor, who is responsible for attending to the student's academic and personal development. The advisor is the primary contact for parents/guardians and serves as the point person for communication. Families with concerns and questions about their student should contact the faculty advisor first.

WHEN DO WE LEARN THE NAME OF OUR STUDENT'S FACULTY ADVISOR?

Students will be notified of their advisor's name in August. For a full directory of Hotchkiss faculty and staff members:
www.hotchkiss.org/directory

REGISTRATION & ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (CONT.)

<p>REQUIRED SUMMER READING</p> <p>Announced in June, all students will have an All-School Read as well as text assignments based on class year. Students are expected to complete these assignments by the time they arrive on campus in the fall.</p>	
<p>ADDITIONAL RESOURCES & SERVICES</p> <p>ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND STUDY SKILLS SUPPORT</p> <p>(Optional) The Class of 1964 Teaching and Learning Center houses the study skills program, which offers assistance with organization, time management, and content-specific support in math, science, reading, and writing. If your student would benefit from additional study skills support, please be in touch. If your student requires accommodations due to a disability, please forward documentation and contact Jane Herold P’17,’20,’24.</p>	<p>Study Skills Coordinator, <i>Jane Herold P’17,’20,’24</i></p>
<p>SPIRITUAL LIFE FORM</p> <p>(Optional) We respect religious practices and requests. The director of spiritual life offers support and guidance to students seeking to practice their faith and manages the multi-faith room.</p>	<p>Director of Spiritual Life, <i>Jason Larson</i></p>

STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION

Read the *Almanac* to learn about student health policies and procedures at Hotchkiss.

THE WIELER HEALTH CENTER

Health services and counseling offices are located on the ground floor of Wieler dormitory. The Health Center is open and available to students at all times when school is in session. Our professional team provides medical and counseling services and coordinates the care of students with athletic trainers.

We are equipped to care for the majority of common illnesses, injuries, and most ambulatory healthcare services. We have a number of licensed beds for day and overnight care of students when School is in session. Walk-in services are provided 24 hours a day by our nursing team. Physician and nurse practitioner appointments can be scheduled during regular hours Monday through Friday. Our medical director or a nurse practitioner is on call for emergencies 24 hours a day when School is in session.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Telephone: (860) 435–3226 (24/7 when School is in session)

Fax: (860) 435–2422

General questions and communications can be sent to: healthcenter@hotchkiss.org

For emergency medical care, students will most often be transported to our closest hospital, Sharon Hospital, located five miles away in the town of Sharon, CT (www.nuvancehealth.org/locations/sharon-hospital). For emergency psychiatric care, we utilize regional adolescent psychiatric services.

HEALTH INSURANCE

All students must have health insurance while attending Hotchkiss. A copy of the current medical insurance card and of a prescription card must be kept on file in the Health Center. International students, students who do not have a U.S.-based health insurance plan, and students with state Medicaid coverage must arrange for and purchase the student health insurance policy offered by the School. The insurance information is available from the Business Office and is posted in the Parent Portal.

IMMUNIZATIONS/HEALTH RECORDS

Student health forms are available on the Hotchkiss website each spring are due by July 15. It is a requirement of the State of Connecticut that all students have their updated health forms and immunization records returned to the School before arriving on campus for the start of each academic year. All students must meet the State of Connecticut minimum vaccination requirements and the School also requires COVID-19 vaccination unless an approved exemption is on file. Students without proper medical forms on file with the Health Center upon arrival may not be permitted to remain at Hotchkiss.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

School policy mandates that the Health Center be notified of all prescription medications that students plan to bring to School. Medications are not to be kept in student rooms without approval of the medical director or the director of health services.

COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

WHAT IS THE ALMANAC?

The most important publication to read before coming to campus is the *Almanac*, which outlines Hotchkiss's community regulations, important school rules, and policies. This publication is updated and released at the start of each academic year and is periodically updated throughout the year. The *Almanac* includes updated policies and details about attendance, and the procedures students and families should follow.

**We will release the 2022-23 *Almanac* before the school year begins in August.
Check the *Family Update* email or the Parent Portal for more information!**

www.hotchkiss.org/almanac

HELPFUL BOOKMARKS

PARENT PORTAL: www.hotchkiss.org/parents

Be sure to check the Parent Portal regularly for news, updates, and announcements, as well as links to photos, forms, calendars, and student media. Please note: this is a different webpage than the enrollment portal that was used during the admission process.

STUDENT PORTAL: www.hotchkiss.org/students
Athletic practice and game schedules, as well as dining hall menus, are updated daily on this page.

ATHLETICS: www.hotchkiss.org/athletics
Team information and scores can be found on the Athletics portion of the website.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY:
www.hotchkiss.org/students/security

The office helps to keep our campus safe and connected, and manages our switchboard and electronic door access.

COLLEGE OFFICE:

www.hotchkiss.org/academics/college-advising
Whether or not you are actively engaged in the college process, the office offers helpful content for your consideration.

COURSE CATALOG: www.hotchkiss.org/academics/22-23-course-catalog

VISIT: www.hotchkiss.org/visit

On this page, we provide directions to campus and a list of local lodging options.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:
www.hotchkiss.org/students/its

DINING SERVICES: www.hotchkiss.org/students/dining-services

WIELER HEALTH CENTER:
www.hotchkiss.org/students/health-services

NEW FAMILY WEBINARS

A number of webinars will be offered to help new families get oriented between now and the start of school. They will be recorded and posted as well. Please check www.hotchkiss.org/newstudents for updates!

COMMUNICATION RESOURCES (CONT.)

FAMILY UPDATE

Families will begin receiving *Family Update* emails throughout the summer. These will contain additional information regarding new student registration. Be sure to read these emails!

COLLEGE HANDBOOK

We will email a link to this publication to upper mids, seniors, and their parents in the coming months.

PARENT DIRECTORY

This directory is helpful for parents who want to get to know other parents. We anticipate launching an online directory later in the academic year.

HOTCHKISS HAPPENINGS

This monthly email provides a glance at the news and recent events of the School.

HOTCHKISS MAGAZINE

Printed three times a year, the magazine is mailed to all parents and alumni.

TRAVEL CALENDAR

The [Travel Calendar \(www.hotchkiss.org/calendar\)](http://www.hotchkiss.org/calendar) outlines important student travel dates and vacations in the academic year. It is periodically updated throughout the year.

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

YOU WILL RECEIVE EMAILS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE COMING MONTHS; NOTE SOME MAY INVOLVE IMPORTANT ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY YOU OR YOUR STUDENT.

JUNE

- Required summer reading information

JULY

- Course selection and enrollment information
- Student's Hotchkiss email and network account credentials
- Parent/guardian Veracross login credentials
- August drop-off timeslot registration (*sent to students only*)
- Information about your student spending account

AUGUST

- Faculty advisor name and contact information
- Roommate name and contact information
- Link for textbook ordering (via *Family Update*)
- Hotchkiss *Move-In Guide*

AFTER THE START OF SCHOOL

NAMES & FACES

For students only: The publication is provided to every student at the beginning of the year so they can become familiar with the people in our community. Students, faculty, and staff find this reference extremely helpful in learning each other's names.

WHAT TO BRING

CLOTHING

The weather in the northwest corner of Connecticut varies from an average high of 78°F with sunshine in August to an average low of 14°F and significant snowfall in January, so a wide range of clothing is essential. The full description of the dress code is outlined in the *Almanac*.

There are three tiers of the dress code, depending on the formality of the occasion. Here is a list of sample items to consider:

- **Academic dress:** collared shirts, shirts without logos, polo shirts, dresses, tunics, tailored pants, denim in good repair, skirts, comfortable shoes
- **Special event dress:** coat and tie, dress slacks, button-down shirts, blazers, jackets, dresses, dress shoes
- **Relaxed dress:** pants, shorts, leggings, skirts and dresses in good repair; athletic wear, joggers, shoes

All garments should be in good repair and not excessively worn or revealing. The length of clothing should be appropriate for the classroom and allow a student to sit comfortably.

More items to consider packing:

- Active wear: socks, sneakers, sweats, t-shirts, athletic shorts (specific athletic wear and gear may be sport-dependent)
- Weather-appropriate casual wear: shorts, sandals, jeans, sweaters
- Outdoor wear: work or hiking boots/shoes, windbreaker, water-resistant jacket, umbrella
- Winter wear: sweaters, turtlenecks, boots, winter coat, scarf, hat, and gloves
- General: underwear, socks, sleepwear
- Optional comforts: bathrobe and shower sandals
- Other: bug spray and sun protection

For certain Hotchkiss traditions, such as the ones below, students may get creative with their dress:

- **Contra Dance:** This is a “square dance” style event during Opening Days. Students may dress up in western wear (i.e. denim, overalls, flannel/plaid, boots, bandanas, hats).
- **Spirit Week:** Each day during the week leading up to Taft Day in November has a theme determined by students (i.e. clash day, preppy day, nerd day).
- **Tropical Tuesdays:** Students wear clothing with tropical prints to classes.
- **Cultural Dress Day:** Students dress up in traditional clothes representing their culture.
- **Head of School Holiday:** When the head of school calls all students for a holiday announcement, many students will dress up in silly outfits or costumes.

Students are responsible for laundering their clothes. There are laundry facilities in most dorms, as well as a laundry service available for a fee. Visit “More Campus Services” (page 15).

We strongly advise that you clearly mark all clothing, linens, and other belongings with your student’s name.

WHAT TO BRING

FOR CLASS AND YOUR DORM ROOM

All rooms are supplied with a bed, desk, desk chair, dresser, overhead light, trash and recycle can. These items may not be removed from the room, so please do not bring too many pieces of extra furniture. Microwaves are provided in the common room of each dorm.

Each room is equipped with a landline for local calls. Students should use their personal phones for calls beyond the local area. Wifi calling may be possible on most mobile devices in School buildings and dorms.

All students are assigned a laptop computer. Should a student wish to have a monitor, it must be no larger than 27 inches.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

All items below, with the exception of backpacks, are available at the Campus Store on the lower level of the Main Building. Supplies will vary by class, but it is a good idea to bring the following:

- an academic planner
- binders (2)
- graphing calculator: Texas Instruments TI-36X Pro scientific calculator
- highlighters
- loose-leaf paper
- notebook(s)
- pencils and pens (10-plus)
- ruler

BEDDING

- bedspread or quilt (size: twin extra long)
- blankets
- pillow
- pillow cases (at least two sets)
- sheets (at least two sets; size: twin extra long)

PERSONAL ITEMS AND TOILETRIES

- alarm clock
- desk lamp (not halogen, not multi-head)
- first aid items such as Band-Aids
- bath towels, washcloths (2-4)
- hairbrush or comb
- moisturizer
- nail clippers
- shower caddy (required) for shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and other toiletries

- over-the-counter medications (prescription medications and psychotropic drugs must be stored at the Health Center)
- surge-protected power strips (also available in our campus store)
- tissues
- water bottle
- cup/mug, eating utensils, plate and bowl for dormitory feeds (Hotchkiss dishware is not permitted outside the Dining Hall)
- laundry detergent
- other personal care items to consider: feminine hygiene products, deodorant, razors

OTHER USEFUL ITEMS

- bike, lock, and helmet
- hangers
- headphones
- reading lamp for bed
- room decorations: small rug, posters, dry-erase board, bulletin board
- small duffel bag
- storage bins (to fit under bed; students can bring one set of bed risers to aid in under-bed storage)
- snacks (must be stored in enclosed bins)

Please do not expect overflow storage; most of our dorms do not have the capacity. Summer storage is offered through the UPS Store for a fee.

WHAT TO BRING (CONT.)

FOR CLASS AND YOUR DORM ROOM

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

Most athletic sports require equipment. The athletic director and team coaches can answer questions about what equipment to bring. The Athletic Department issues helmets for football, ice hockey, and lacrosse. We also issue all the pads required for football. Below is a list of equipment by sports season students will be expected to provide:

FALL

- Cross country: running shoes in good repair
- Field hockey: sticks, shin guards, cleats
- Football: gloves, cleats
- Mountain biking: bike, helmet
- Soccer: shin guards, cleats

WINTER

- Basketball: basketball shoes
- Ice hockey: pads, skates, sticks
- Squash: goggles, racquet, non-marking squash shoes
- Swimming: goggles

SPRING

- Baseball: gloves, cleats
- Golf: set of clubs
- Lacrosse: stick, goggles
- Sailing: dry suit
- Tennis: racquet
- Track: cleats/running shoes in good repair
- Ultimate frisbee: cleats/running shoes in good repair

AND WHAT NOT TO BRING

- additional furniture
- iron, ironing board, or steamers
- extension cords
- electric heater
- halogen lamps or lamps with more than three heads
- light bulbs
- holiday lights (battery operated are OK)
- hot pot or electric kettle
- coffee makers
- electric grill
- microwave
- refrigerator
- stove
- toaster or toaster oven
- X-box or other gaming equipment
- Streaming devices such as AppleTV, ChromeCast, and Roku
- wireless printers
- live animals/pets

MORE CAMPUS SERVICES

An outline of Campus Services is available here:
www.hotchkiss.org/community-life/campus-services

HOW TO SHIP THINGS HERE

If you are shipping items or supplies to campus, please be sure that packages arrive on or after August 22, 2022.

Any shipped parcel or package will be available for student pick-up at the Hotchkiss Post Office. We accept packages sent via all common carriers (e.g, U.S. mail, UPS, FedEx, DHL). Please send mail and packages to students (using their legal name if possible) at this address:

Student's Name (first and last)
The Hotchkiss School
11 Interlaken Road
Lakeville, CT 06039

Pay all shipping charges in advance, as Hotchkiss will not accept any cash on delivery (C.O.D.) packages.

CAMPUS STORE

The Campus Store offers both necessities for the dormitory and classroom, as well as Hotchkiss gear and personal supplies. The store is located on the lower level of Main Building. Contact us at (860) 435-3670 or via

email: Info@hotchkisschoolstore.com

Visit www.hotchkisschoolstore.com

LOCAL BANKING FOR HOTCHKISS STUDENTS

Check out the registration webpage for information about the School checking program that is offered through the local bank, Salisbury Bank and Trust.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

There are laundry machines in the basements of Buehler, Dana, Edelman, Flinn, Garland, Memorial, Redlich, Tinker, Watson, and Wieler dorms. These are free of charge to use, but students must supply their own laundry detergent/dryer sheets.

An optional laundry and dry cleaning service, E&R (the Campus Laundry), is located in the basement of Tinker Hall. Sign-up information will be posted in the *Family Update* newsletters throughout the summer.

STUDENT ID & STUDENT SPENDING ACCOUNT

The Hotchkiss student ID also acts as a magnetic keycard that opens a student's dorm and other buildings to which students have access. This card also acts as a student debit card. Parents/guardians should deposit funds for campus spending at the snack bar, Campus Store, to purchase shuttle tickets for airports, and occasional merchandise through student clubs starting August 1.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN WILL I FIND OUT ABOUT MY ROOMMATE AND ROOM ASSIGNMENT?

Students will learn their roommate's name via email in August, along with contact information should students like to correspond in advance. All students learn their dorm and room assignments when they arrive on campus in August.

WHEN DO STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT PLACEMENTS IN MATH AND LANGUAGE?

Course selections and enrollment will be communicated in July.

WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT THE AUGUST DROP-OFF?

Students will receive an email in July about signing up for a specific drop-off timeslot. Complete details about moving in and on-campus registration will be available in early August in the Hotchkiss *Move-In Guide*.

WHEN WILL I FIND OUT MORE DETAILS ABOUT OPENING DAYS AND FAMILY WEEKEND?

Be sure to open the *Family Update* emails over the summer, which will include links to detailed schedules and information. Information will also be posted on the Parent Portal.

WHEN DO ATHLETIC TRYOUTS TAKE PLACE FOR FALL SPORTS?

During Opening Days. The schedule is forthcoming.

ARE STUDENTS EXPECTED TO DO A SPORT ALL THREE SEASONS?

The expectation is that new students participate in athletic sports two of the three seasons. If they choose to elect another non-athletic co-curricular activity (e.g., Hotchkiss Dramatic Association, Robotics, the Fairfield Farm Eco-Adventure Team, the *Mischianza*), they may do so for a season.

MY CHILD IS A VEGETARIAN OR HAS A FOOD ALLERGY. WHAT ARE THE DINING OPTIONS?

The Dining Hall offers a full range of meal options, including gluten-free and vegetarian options. For more details, contact the general manager of our dining services, Mike Webster, at mwebster@hotchkiss.org.

MAY PARENTS COME ON WEEKENDS TO VISIT?

Yes! Parents are welcome to visit, so long as the visit does not interfere with a student's School's commitments. The policies and procedures that students must follow in order to leave campus with their families will be updated and outlined in the 2022-23 *Almanac*.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend Family Weekend, which will take place on October 21-22, 2022. Further information including schedule details will be posted to the Family Weekend webpage in the Parent Portal later this summer.

DO MOST STUDENTS LEAVE SCHOOL ON THE WEEKENDS?

No! We plan a variety of fun activities each weekend for the enjoyment of students during their downtime. Activities include student performances, dances, movies, and shuttles to local stores.

WHEN CAN STUDENTS LEAVE CAMPUS?

Students must meet all School commitments before leaving campus. The policies and procedures that students must follow will be updated and outlined in the 2022-23 *Almanac*. Rules may vary based on a student's class year, whether the student is going on a School-sanctioned or faculty-led activity, and whether or not they are staying on campus or going "out of bounds." Please pay attention to the various rules (i.e. daytime, evening, weekend, and closed weekend), to when parental permission is required using the Absence Request Form (via Veracross), and to the specific check-out procedures and protocols students must observe.

WHAT IS A "CLOSED" WEEKEND?

A "closed" weekend means that students are expected to stay on campus overnight. Parents and families may visit students after all School commitments are met, but students must stay overnight on campus.

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN MY STUDENT CAN LEAVE CAMPUS FOR VACATIONS?

Please pay careful attention to our [Travel Calendar](http://www.hotchkiss.org/calendar) (www.hotchkiss.org/calendar) when scheduling your student's departures and returns to campus. Students are expected to attend all classes and commitments until the moment break begins. >>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT.)

Understanding that there can be travel restrictions, we allow our students to spend an extra night in the dorm or return a day early to accommodate limited flight options or travel challenges. The dorms are not open over Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks.

WHEN ARE STUDENTS REQUIRED TO LEAVE CAMPUS?

Students may not be on campus during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks. Please check the [Travel Calendar \(www.hotchkiss.org/calendar\)](http://www.hotchkiss.org/calendar) for dates. During shorter breaks (i.e., Long Winter Weekend), it may not make sense for a student to return home, especially if going home requires extensive travel plans. The Deans' Office will communicate directly via email in advance of those times.

HOW IS STUDY HALL SUPERVISED?

Study hall in the dormitories is monitored by dorm faculty and proctors. Supervised study hall is conducted in the Class of 1964 Teaching and Learning Center by a faculty monitor.

HOW DO STUDENTS LEARN TO MANAGE THEIR TIME? HOW WILL YOU KNOW IF MY STUDENT IS STRUGGLING IN SCHOOL?

One of the biggest lessons new students at Hotchkiss learn is how to manage their time effectively. Juggling how to complete coursework regularly and study for assessments while also making new friends and participating in new activities may be a new skill for some. Most new students take advantage of study hall hours to complete their work routinely.

When a student is struggling, there are a few ways we monitor their progress. Often, teachers work in collaboration with faculty advisors to monitor a student's progress closely. Additionally, they might call upon the study skills staff to help consult with the student or offer alternative study options. Many times, simple techniques (i.e., using an academic planner and checking in with teachers regularly) and a more focused routine, such as checking classroom assignments daily, will make a big difference. The Teaching and Learning Center offers additional academic support that can help a student learn to

become a better self-advocate and seek help from teachers more proactively.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF SOMETHING IS WRONG, ESPECIALLY IF MY STUDENT MIGHT FEEL HOMESICK?

Faculty members and parents are expected to work together to ensure that students do well. In a residential school community, faculty members are trained to look for signs if a student is not feeling well or seems distressed. As teachers, dorm supervisors, coaches, and advisors, they work with each other to observe students in various School settings. An advisor is typically the first person to bring up concerns with parents. Conversely, parents should feel comfortable contacting an advisor or class dean if they have concerns or sense something is not quite right with a student. We encourage parents to communicate with their students whenever they can and to work as partners with our faculty members.

WHAT ARE THE WAYS IN WHICH PARENTS CAN GET INVOLVED AT HOTCHKISS?

Parents can volunteer for the School in a variety of ways. For details and to sign up, visit: www.hotchkiss.org/parents/parent-volunteer, or contact Director of Parent Programs Johanna Haan P'14 at (860) 435-3121 or jhaan@hotchkiss.org.

WHAT EFFECT MIGHT COVID-19 HAVE ON THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR?

As we get closer to welcoming Bearcats back to campus this fall, plans will come into clearer focus and will be based on prevailing health conditions and government orders. In addition to summer communications, the Hotchkiss *Move-In Guide* will be published in August and will contain up-to-date information on any COVID-19 health protocols and requirements, arrival details, on-campus registration, dorm move-in protocols, new student orientation, and more.

HOTCHKISS TERMINOLOGY

You can learn about residential life at Hotchkiss by visiting our website, specifically the Community Life section where we feature aspects of living in community at Hotchkiss: www.hotchkiss.org/community-life

HOTCHKISS TERMS TO KNOW

There are a number of names and phrases that may be commonly used on campus.

Among the many, here are a few:

- **Maria Bissell Hotchkiss**, a lifelong resident of Salisbury, Connecticut, and the woman who founded our school in 1891.
- **Blue and White:** Hotchkiss's school colors are blue and white (hence the name of our school spirit club, Blue and White).
- Our mascot is **Bucky the Bearcat**.
- What We Call Our Class Years
The terminology for the four classes — **prep** (9th grade), **lower mid** (10th), **upper mid** (11th), and **senior** (12th) — came to Hotchkiss with the School's first headmaster, Edward G. Coy. Coy had been head of the Greek department at Phillips Academy Andover, the only other school that uses this nomenclature.
- Our School song is "**Fair Hotchkiss**," which is sung at matriculation, convocation, graduation, and upon the announcement of a head of school's holiday, among other occasions.

To read more about campus traditions, visit the "Hotchkiss Glossary"

www.hotchkiss.org/community-life/blue-white

Mission and Values

www.hotchkiss.org/our-school/mission-statement

Hotchkiss History

www.hotchkissmedia.org/communications/timeline/1827-1924.html

About Maria Bissell Hotchkiss

<http://www.hotchkissmedia.org/communications/mariabhotchkiss/index.html>

WHAT IS THE HOTCHKISS MOTTO?



MONITI MELIORA SEQUAMUR

"Guided by each other, let us seek better paths."

At the center of Hotchkiss's seal is Athena, the patron goddess of wisdom and ancient Athens, shown in profile with her helmet. Encircling her image are the words of the Hotchkiss motto: *Moniti Meliora Sequamur*.

The Latin phrase comes from Virgil's "Aeneid," which we have loosely interpreted as, "**Guided by each other, let us seek better paths.**"

Because of our commitment to our Latin motto, we refer to the goddess as Minerva, Athena's Roman counterpart.

CAMPUS MAP



- 1-9 The Hotchkiss Golf Course
- 10 Fred Frank '50 House—Head of School's Residence
- 11 Harris House—Admission, Human Resources, Summer Portals
- 12 Walker Auditorium
- 13 The Chapel
- 14 Main Building
- 15 Edsel Ford Memorial Library
- 16 Dining Hall
- 17 A. Whitney Griswold Science Building
- 18 Wieler Health Center
- 19 Tennis Courts
- 20 William and Martha Ford Indoor Tennis Courts
- 21 Additional Outdoor Tennis Courts
- 22 Forrest E. Mars Jr. Athletic Center —Andrew K. and Martin Dwyer III Rink, Hixon Pool, Joseph F. Cullman Squash Center, Thomas Schmidt Hockey Rink,

- William C. Fowle Gymnasium
- 23 Monahan—Alumni/Development Office, Communications Office, Center for Global Understanding and Independent Thinking
- 24 Class of 1949 Fields
- 25 Downing Field
- 26 Baker: Hemingway Track
- 27 Baker: Sprole Field
- 28 William Shirley Fulton Field House
- 29 Golf House
- 30 Centennial Field
- 31 Taylor Field
- 32 Hoyt Field
- 33 Town Hill Cemetery
- 34 The Hotchkiss Boat House
- 35 Malkin Climbing Walls
- 36 Beach Volleyball Courts
- 37 The Esther Eastman Music Center —Katherine M. Elfers Hall

- 38 Fairfield Farm—Mary M. Graf Barn, The Grange
- 39 Bissell Common
- 40 Biomass Facility
- 41 The Hotchkiss Observatory
- 42 Tremaine Art Gallery

DORMITORIES

- A** Baechle Ayres House
- B** Buehler Hall
- C** Coy Hall—Campus Security, Business Office
- D** Dana Hall
- E** Edelman Hall
- F** Flinn Hall
- G** Garland Hall
- H** Memorial Hall
- I** Redlich Hall
- J** Tinker Hall
- K** Van Santvoord Hall
- L** Watson Hall
- M** Wieler Hall