



Welcome Weekend 2026

Core Value Focus: Year of Excellence

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

Events with an *asterisk are required for first year and transfer students. All other events are open to all students.

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Campus Offices will be Open!

- Academic Support Center (Farrell Hall Library 2nd Floor)
- Admissions (David Campus Center)
- Book Store (David Campus Center)
- First Year Student Success & Academic Advising (Barrette Business and Community Center)
- Information Technology (Farrell Hall 212)
- Mail Room (David Campus Center)
- Student Experience – University ID, Parking Permits (David Campus Center)
- Student Service Center (Farrell Hall) – Registrar, Financial Aid, Student Accounts

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. First-Year Residential Student Check-In* | *Assigned Residence Hall*

Residential students should arrive at their assigned time. Once checked in, students will pull-up to their assigned residence halls where our Cavs Crew will assist you with move-in. In your room you will find your fall semester books and a welcome gift!

11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. Lunch | *Schervish Dining Centre*

University meal swipe or meal ticket required.

Stop by to enjoy brunch prepared by our dining services. Students will be able to use meal swipes. Commuter students will receive a meal ticket. Parents and families may purchase meals at the dining hall and are invited to stop by one of our complimentary snackstations.

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Holy Mass | *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel*

All are invited to join us for the Holy Mass. Join in this sacred moment offering a moment of prayer, reflection, and blessing as we begin the new academic year. All members of the Walsh community—regardless of faith background—are warmly welcome.

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. Commuter Student Check-in & Activity* | *David Campus Center*

Welcome commuters! All commuters should arrive during this time. You'll connect with key campus resources, pick up your welcome materials (including your Fall semester books), and learn about the various services and activities available to enhance your experience at Walsh. Each commuter student will receive a meal ticket for the dining hall.

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. GE 100 – Initial Class* | *Assigned Classroom – See email for classroom assignment*

Kick off your college journey by meeting your GE 100 instructor and the classmates you'll be learning alongside all semester! This first session is all about introductions, icebreakers, and getting a feel for your new Cavalier community.

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Welcome Reception & President's Toast for Families | *Alumni Arena of Cecchini Center*

Walsh President, Dr. Tim Collins, will offer a warm welcome and share inspiring words about the exciting journey that lies ahead for your student. (Families Only)

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. First-Year Student Line-Up* | *Auxiliary Gym of Cecchini Center*

Please wear the Walsh University shirt provided to you at check-in. No headwear. Cavs CorLeaders will be present to provide direction as you line up for the procession.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Matriculation* | *Alumni Arena of Cecchini Center*

Please wear your Walsh University T-Shirt.

Matriculation is a time-honored tradition at Walsh University. This ceremony marks the moment our new students officially become part of the learning community at Walsh University by President Collins, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, and our faculty, robed in their traditional academic regalia.

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Family Farewell | *David Lawn*

We invite you to join us for a heartfelt farewell event for families. This special gathering is an opportunity to celebrate the beginning of your student's college journey and to say goodbye.

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Incoming Class Picture* | *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel*

After Matriculation report to the chapel for the class picture. No headwear.

4:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Welcome Weekend Cookout* | *Hoover Park (North Campus)*

All students are invited to join us for dinner at Hoover Park. No swipe or meal ticket required.

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Commuter Connect | *David Campus Center (Lower Level)*

Kick back between events at the David Center Game Room for a laid-back hangout made just for commuters! Grab a controller, challenge new friends to a round of pool or ping pong, and start building your crew for the semester ahead.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | *St. Teresa of Calcutta Chapel (Global Learning Center)*

Join us for this time of quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Floats with the President – Commuter Event* | *Cav House*

Head to Cav House and build your dream float with the President and his bride, Drenda. Think root beer, orange, cream soda, and all the toppings you can pile on! Come hungry, bring your commuter crew, and get ready for a sweet night of new friends and even sweeter combos.

7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. First Floor Meetings for Residential Students* | *Assigned Residence Halls*

Welcome to your new home at Walsh University! Join us for the first-floor meeting led by your Resident Assistant (RA). This mandatory meeting is a perfect opportunity to meet your RA and learn about community expectations. We'll discuss building safety, amenities, and upcoming events to help you feel comfortable and connected.

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Cav Bash | *GLC Quad*

Get ready for an unforgettable night at the Cav Bash! This is a high-energy social event featuring an epic foam party and giant inflatable attractions. Dive into the foam, bounce around on the inflatables, and enjoy a night filled with music, laughter, and fun. Don't miss out on one of the most exciting events of the year at Walsh!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

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8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass & Prayer | *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel*

Start the morning with the University Chaplain and Campus Ministry for reflection and prayer to start your day.

8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Breakfast | *Schervish Dining Centre*

University meal swipe or meal ticket required.

Join us for breakfast in the Schervish Dining Center

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Service Saturday* | *Alumni Arena of Cecchini Center*

One of the core values of Walsh University is service. This event is dedicated to giving back to the Stark County community. This day of service embodies our commitment to leadership, compassion, and community engagement. Come ready to lend a helping hand, learn more about our community, and start your Walsh journey with a spirit of generosity and purpose. Please dress comfortably and appropriately

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch | *Schervish Dining Centre*

University meal swipe or meal ticket required.

Stop by to enjoy lunch prepared by dining services.

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | *St. Teresa of Calcutta Chapel (Global Learning Center)*

Join us for this time of quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cavalier Connection Tour* | *See email for classroom assignment*

Join your GE 100 class for a rotation of important information to get your year started off on the right foot:

1. Safety and Security (Barrette Business and Community Center Room A)
2. Alumni & Career Connections (Global Learning Center)
3. Get Connected, Stay Rooted (Barrette Business and Community Center B)
4. Information Technology (Barrette Business and Community Center Room C)

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dinner and “You Have It! WU Wants It!” * | *Schervish Dining Centre*

University meal swipe or meal ticket required.

Meet your Cavs Cor Leader for dinner and an awesome Walsh tradition! Be ready to “HAVE IT” in this exciting game where everyday items lead to great prizes!

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | *St. Teresa of Calcutta Chapel (Global Learning Center)*

Join us for this time of quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Saturday at Staudt | *Larry Staudt Field – Athletic Fields*

Spend your Saturday evening under the lights at Staudt Field! Meet your fellow Cavaliers, connect with our athletic teams, enjoy delicious grilled food prepared by our coaches, cool off with free Kona Ice, and take part in lawn games, music, and plenty of Walsh spirit. It's the perfect opportunity to relax, make new friends, and kick off your Walsh experience with your Cavs Cor group!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

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10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. University Holy Hour and Adoration | *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel*

Join us for adoration before Holy Mass. The Sacrament of Confession will be available. All are welcome to attend!

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Holy Mass | *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel*

As we begin our first official week of classes, join us for Holy Mass as we come together as God's holy people. All are welcome to attend!

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Brunch | *Schervish Dining Centre*

University meal swipe or meal ticket required.

Stop by to enjoy brunch prepared by dining services.

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Returning Student Open House | *David Center Atrium / Farrell Hall / Olivieri Connector*

Campus is open and ready for you! Stop by and connect with the many offices here to support your success. Visit the David Center Atrium to meet Student Activities, Culture & Belonging, and Counseling Services while enjoying a brownie bar, free Alani energy drink, and giveaways! While you're in the David Center, be sure to stop by the Bookstore to pick up your Walsh gear and course materials. Then, head to Farrell Hall to connect with Financial Aid, the Registrar, Academic Advising, and Academic Support Services. Finally, visit the Olivieri Connector to meet with Information Technology (IT), Campus Police, and Residence Life to ensure you're all set for a successful start to the semester!

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Intramural Showcase | *David Lawn*

All are invited to participate in the Intramural Showcase, a fun-filled event where you can experience the excitement of Walsh's Intramural Sports! Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just looking to have some fun, come out and join us for an afternoon of friendly competition and community building.

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dinner | *Schervish Dining Centre*

University meal swipe or meal ticket required.

Stop by to enjoy dinner prepared by dining services.

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. First Year Welcome Retreat | *Barrette Business and Community Center.*

All first year and transfer students are invited to kick off the school year with our First Year Welcome Retreat hosted by Campus Ministry! Join us for an evening with your new Cavalier family to take time in fellowship, conversation, prayer and reflection, helping you prepare for this new chapter of your life rooted in our Catholic identity and building authentic friendships rooted in Jesus Christ. Students from any faith background are welcome and encouraged to attend. Doors open at 4:30pm to claim your free Jimmy John's at registration.

7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Adoration | *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel*

Come pray with us at adoration before Holy Mass. The Sacrament of Confession will be available. All are welcome to attend!

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Holy Mass | *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel*

Join us for Holy Mass as we bring Welcome Weekend to a close and prepare for our first week of classes. All are welcome to attend!

9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Sunday Social | *Gazebo*

Stop by for the Sunday Social with Campus Ministry! Relax, enjoy refreshments, and meet new friends in a welcoming environment. All are welcome for a time of fun, connection, and community. Start your week off right with us!