

WESTMONT COLLEGE

Fall 2008 Student & Family Orientation Schedule (TENTATIVE)

Thursday, August 28

8am-1pm

Move-in and Check-in

Please follow the signs to park and proceed to your residence hall. Student volunteers will be available from 8am until 1pm to help unload vehicles and carry belongings to rooms. To help with the speed and efficiency of the move in process, please come to campus according to the following schedule:

Last names beginning with A-J 8:00-9:30

Last names beginning with K-R 9:30-11:00

Last names beginning with S-Z 11:00-12:30

Location: Page and Clark Residence Halls

8am-1pm

Information Table

Orientation volunteers will be staffing a table at the traffic circle in front of Kerrwood Hall. Come get your questions answered, turn in and pick up lost and found items, and enjoy some refreshments while you take a break.

Location: Traffic in front of Kerrwood Hall

8am-1pm

Family Hospitality Centers

Parents can visit the Family Hospitality Center to pick-up weekend schedules and V.I.P. (Very Important Parent!) campus passes. Parents Council members and college staff will be on hand with special welcome packets for you.

Location: Page and Clark Residence Halls

8am-1pm

Computer Set-up

Information Technology staff will be available to answer questions, help with set-up, sell network cables and make future appointments. Be sure to let them know if you have a wireless access point so they can set it up for you!

Location: Page and Clark Residence Halls

9am-12pm

ID Card Picture Taking

Come to the Upper KSC anytime between 9am and noon and get your ID Card pictures taken.

Location: Upper Kerr Student Center

11:30am-1pm

Lunch

Last names beginning with A-J 11:30-12:15

Last names beginning with K-R 11:45-12:30

Last names beginning with S-Z 12:00-12:45

Location: Dining Commons

12:30-1:30pm

Liberal Studies and Pre-Med Interest Lunches

Students considering a course of study in either Liberal Studies or Pre-Med are encouraged to attend an informational lunch with professors from each department.

Location: Pre-Med in Founders Dining Room, Liberal Studies in Monroe Dining Room

1-2pm

Campus Walking Tour

Westmont staff will lead an informative and enjoyable walk around the campus and will combine knowledge of our historic campus with personal experience while providing you and your family with insight into the upcoming campus improvements.

Location: Front of Kerrwood Hall

1-1:30pm

Reception for Parents who are Westmont Alumni

Parents who are Westmont Alumni and their students are invited to a reception with President Gayle Beebe.

Location: President's Office (Kerrwood Hall)

2pm

Welcome Chapel

This is the opening event of Orientation where all new students and families are welcomed. The entire Westmont community and guests are invited to this service of worship, praise and music along with a message from campus pastor, Ben Patterson.

Location: Murchison Gym

3pm

GE Receptions

During this session, you will have an opportunity to learn about the College's General Education requirements as well as ask questions of faculty and older students. In groups of 100, students will hear a brief presentation from faculty and upper class students and, in smaller groups, have a conversation about the role of General Education in the Westmont experience.

Locations: Founders Dining Room, Page Multipurpose Room, Porter Theatre

- 10:30am** **The Big Picture for Parents**
This session will serve as a guide to understanding a Westmont liberal arts education with President Gayle Beebe.
Location: Page Hall Multipurpose Room
- 11:30am-1pm** **Lunch**
Last names beginning with A-J 11:30-12:15
Last names beginning with K-R 11:45-12:30
Last names beginning with S-Z 12:00-12:45
Location: Dining Commons
- 11:30am-1pm** **Intercultural Programs Picnic Lunch**
* Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30am. Program promptly starts at Noon.
Students of color, international, missionary and third-culture students and their families are invited to hear about the programs and opportunities associated with Westmont's commitment to diversity.
Location: Reynolds Hall Lawn
- 1:30pm** **One Westmont**
Orientation staff and current students have planned a special introduction to your journey at Westmont. We will introduce some unique privileges and pressures students encounter at college in a fun and relaxing way, and help equip you to meet the challenges ahead.
Location: Page Multipurpose Room
- 1:30pm** **Living in Community: Your Student's First Year**
This is a time for you to meet the Residence Life staff who will be living with your students and to learn more about the Residence Life philosophy and program.
Locations: Clark residence hall families - Clark "Beach" (lawn)
Page residence hall families - Founders Dining Room
All other residence hall families - Van Kampen Upper Lounge
- 3:30pm** **Service of Commitment**
This last event for parents is also an opportunity to reflect on what it means to join the Westmont Family. Students will sit separately from parents and at the end of the service will take the "First Walk" with Westmont faculty, a ceremony that anticipates the last walk students take at Commencement. Staff from the Alumni Office will line the route to present students with a special welcome gift and current students will celebrate with you!
Location: Murchison Gym
- 4:30-5pm** **Goodbye Reception**
Students and families say goodbye before students head off to dinner with their section and families leave campus. **This is the last scheduled event for parents.**
Location: Kerrwood Lawn
- 5-6:30pm** **Dinner**
You will eat with your residence hall section. Check with your RA for meal time.
Location: Dining Commons
- 5:30** **Presidential Scholar's Dinner**
Presidential scholars are invited to an informational meeting to hear more about the challenges and rewards of this important program. Bring your questions!
Location: Founders Dining Room
- 7-9pm** **President's Open House**
First year students are invited to the President's house for dessert. You can walk up with your residence hall section to this event. Transfer and Consortium students will meet in the Kerr Student Center parking lot at 6:30pm to walk up together.
Location: President's house
- 9:30pm** **Line Dance**
Come prepared to take your shoes off and learn some country line dancing skills! No experience is necessary to have a good time. This event is sponsored by the Westmont Activities Council (WAC).
Location: Murchison Gym
- Saturday, August 30**
7:30-9am **Breakfast**
Location: Dining Commons
- 9-10:30am** **Collegiate Learning Assessment**
As part of our ongoing pursuit of excellence in liberal arts education, selected students will analyze complex material and provide written responses to prompts during this computer-hosted assessment experience. The selected students have been assigned one of two sessions; either the 9 am time or the 1 pm time, both on Saturday.
Location: Computer labs, library lower level
- 10:30-11:30am** **For Women and Men Only Meetings**
Come discuss gender-specific issues that arise in college. Led by Westmont staff, these discussions provide a safe place for open consideration of sensitive and relevant topics.
Location: Men in Upper Kerr Student Center, Women in Page Multipurpose Room.

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- 1-2:30pm** **Collegiate Learning Assessment**
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Location: Computer labs, library lower level
- 1pm** **Optional Activities**
During this time, you are encouraged to visit one or more of the following programs.
1-5pm: Library Open House, hosted by Library staff (Voskuyl Library)
1-4pm: 30 Minute Class Tours, hosted by Orientation Volunteers, (Kerrwood Lawn)
1-2pm: Student Panel, hosted by Orientation leaders and current students (Founders Dining Room)
2-3pm: Want To Get Away?, hosted by Off-Campus Programs (Monroe Dining Room)
3-4pm: Jobs 'R Us, hosted by the Office of Life Planning (Founders Dining Room)
- 5-6:30pm** **Dinner**
Location: Dining Commons
- 5-7pm** **Church Fair**
Local churches will have representatives outside the Dining Commons to talk about worship opportunities in the community. Be sure to find out about service times and offered transportation.
Location: Entry to the Dining Commons
- 7pm** **Faculty Dessert**
You are invited to visit members of Westmont Faculty in their homes to enjoy some delicious desserts and great conversation. Wear comfortable shoes as you will be walking to the different homes. Consult your *Faculty Housing Map* in your folder to find out when your O-Group is scheduled to leave.
Location: Meet on Magnolia Lawn (in front of the Library)
- 10pm** **Open Mic**
Come listen to student musicians and writers share their various gifts and talents. If you have any developing talents you would like to share, please let your RA or RD know when you arrive.
Location: Page Hall Multipurpose Room

Sunday, August 31

- 7:30-9am** **Breakfast**
Location: Dining Commons
- 12pm** **BBQ at the Beach**
Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, games and more. Bring your beach gear! Buses will leave from Page Hall every 20 minutes beginning at noon. Last bus will leave the beach at 4pm.
Location: East Beach
- 5pm** **Dinner**
Location: Dining Commons
- 8pm** **Vespers**
Come join with fellow students in a time of contemporary worship and singing.
Location: Page Multipurpose Room

Monday, September 1

First day of classes!