

Loomis Chaffee

Opening Days Calendar 2026

PRELIMINARY schedule as of September 1, 2026 (Subject to change)

NOTE: Student arrivals and/or registrations are highlighted in gray.

August 27, 28, and 31		New Faculty Orientation	
Tuesday, September 1	12–2 p.m.	Arrival & Registration for invited preseason football players	Health Center
Tuesday, September 1		Opening Faculty/Staff Meetings	
Wednesday, September 2		Faculty Day	
Thursday, September 3		Faculty Day	
Thursday, September 3	4–5 p.m.	Arrival & Registration for Prefects and RAs	Health Center
	6–7 p.m.	Prefect/RA BBQ	Grubbs Quad
	7 p.m.	Prefect/RA Opening Talk	Erickson Gym
	8 p.m.	Prefect/RA Dorm Prep	
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Friday, September 4	7:30–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
	8:30 a.m.	Football players move into assigned dorms	
	8:45–11:30 a.m.	Prefects/RAs Dorm Readiness	Dorms
	9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.	Football practice	
	10–11 a.m.	Arrival & Registration of invited preseason athletes, International Student Ambassadors (ISAs), PRISM & SOAR Leaders	Brush Library
	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Lunch	
	2–4 p.m.	Preseason practices	
	5–7 p.m.	Dinner	
	6:30–8 p.m.	Preseason practices	
	6:30–9:30 p.m.	Leadership Lab for non-athletes	
	8:30–9:30 p.m.	Leadership Lab athletes join	
	9:30 p.m.	Dorm check-in	
	10:30 p.m.	Lights out	
Saturday, September 5	7:30–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
	7:30–8:30 a.m.	ISA Training over breakfast	Parton Room
	9–11 a.m.	Preseason practices	
	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Lunch	

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12:30–2:30 p.m.	Leadership Lab #2 (Prefects, RAs, ISAs, PRISM, SOAR)
3–5 p.m.	Preseason practices
5–7 p.m.	Dinner
6:30–8:30 p.m.	Different Leadership Group Trainings
6:30–8:30 p.m.	Athletics Event
9 p.m.	Dorm check-in
10 p.m.	Lights out

Sunday, September 6

7:30–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
8–10 a.m.	ISA Training Session	Library, 2 nd fl.
9–11 a.m.	Preseason practices (ISAs excused)	
10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Arrival & Registration of ALL International Students	Brush Library
	Arrival & Registration of SOAR Students	
	Arrival & Registration of Writing Consultants	
	Arrival & Registration of Orientation Leaders, Peer Mentors,	
	Nestling Leaders, Navigating the Island Leaders	
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Lunch	
12:30–2:30 p.m.	Peer Mentor, Nestling Leader Training	
1–2 p.m.	Writing Studio Training Session	Writing Studio

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3–5 p.m.	Preseason practices (ISAs excused)	
3 p.m.	SOAR Parent & Student Panel	Norton Center, Founders
3 p.m.	Panel Discussion for New International Students and Families	NEO, Nichols Center
3:30 p.m.	New International Student Orientation	
3:30 p.m.	International Families: Campus Tours	NEO, Nichols Center
4:30 p.m.	International Families: Reception at the Head’s House	
5–7 p.m.	Dinner	
6–7 p.m.	Orientation Training: Peer Mentor/Nestling Leaders, Navigating the Island Leaders	
6–7:30 p.m.	Writing Studio Training Session	Writing Studio
8–9 p.m.	Ice Cream Social and Lawn Games	Rockefeller Quad
9 p.m.	Dorm check-in	
10 p.m.	Lights out	

Monday, September 7	7:30–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
	9 a.m.	Preseason team breakfasts	
	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	New International Student Orientation	Various Locations
	9:30–11 a.m.	SOAR Event	
	9:30–11 a.m.	Writing Studio Training Session	Writing Studio
	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	NEW Boarding Students Arrival & Registration	Brush Library Patio/ Rockefeller Quad

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11 a.m.–2:15 p.m.	Loomis Chaffee Parents Association (LCPA) Welcome Reception for all parents	Rockefeller Quad
1–2 p.m.	NEW Day Students Registration	Brush Library Patio/ Rockefeller Quad
2:15–2:45 p.m.	Advisor Meet & Greet	
2:30–3:30 p.m.	Peer Mentor training	
3 p.m.	New Student Orientation Begins (Parents and students say good-bye)	Rockefeller Quad
3–5:30 p.m.	Navigating the Island for new 9 th /10 th grade students	Rockefeller Quad
3–4 p.m.	Orientation activities for new upperclass students	Grubbs Quad
3–3:30 p.m.	Parent Welcome from the Head of School	Hubbard Auditorium/ Hubbard Music Center
3:45–4:30 p.m.	Day Parents meeting with the Deans	Gilchrist Auditorium/ Clark Center
	Boarding Parents meeting with dorm heads	Dormitories
4–5 p.m.	PHI Activity for new upperclass students	PHI
4:30 p.m.	Parents Depart	
4:30–5 p.m.	Orientation Leaders Meeting	
5:30–7 p.m.	Dinner with Nestling Network (9 th grade) and Pelican Pilots (new 10 th grade)	
	Dinner with Deans (new juniors and PGs)	Scanlan Campus Center
7–8 p.m.	Peer Mentor introductions and Cold Treat event (9 th grade)	Scanlan Campus Center

	7–8 p.m.	Pelican Pilots Cold Treat event (new 10 th grade)	Scanlan Campus Center
	7–8 p.m.	Writing Studio Training Session	Writing Studio
	8 p.m.	Day students depart	
	8:30 p.m.	Dorm check-in	
	9 p.m.	New Student Dorm Meetings	
	10:30 p.m.	Lights out	
Tuesday, September 8	7:30–9 a.m.	Breakfast	
	9–10:30 a.m.	Preseason practices for returning students	
	9–11:50 a.m.	Orientation for NEW 9/10 grade students	NEO, Nichols Center
		Orientation for NEW 11th-grade and PG students	Grubbs Quad
	10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.	Writing Studio Training Session	Writing Studio
	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Lunch	
	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	RETURNING Boarding Students Arrival & Registration Health Center	
	1–4 p.m.	Orientation for NEW 9/10 grade students	
		Orientation for NEW 11th-grade and PG students	
	4–5 p.m.	SNUG Fun Time for non-athletes	
	4–5:30 p.m.	RETURNING Day Students Registration	Health Center
	4:30–6 p.m.	Varsity Team practices	

5:30–7 p.m.

All-Campus BBQ and Fun for ALL STUDENTS

(new and returning, day and boarding)

Rockefeller Quad

7 p.m.

All-School Meeting and Welcome for ALL STUDENTS

(new and returning, day and boarding)

Grubbs Quad

7:30 p.m.

Day students depart

7:30 p.m.

Dorm check-in

Wednesday, September 9

First Day of Classes

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