



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Family Weekend & Homecoming 2026

Saturday, October 3 – Sunday, October 4 | Assumption University

Start Here

Check in first. Family Weekend Check-In opens at 10:00 AM Saturday in Laska Lobby. Pick up your welcome packet and the full weekend schedule there before you go anywhere else.

Some events need you to sign up ahead of time and wear a wristband. If you did not sign up, you cannot get in on the day:

EVENT	REQUIREMENT	CONTACT
Tailgate (Plourde Lot)	Pre-registered tailgate pass only	Assumption University Athletics
Homecoming End Zone Tent	Pre-registration and wristband	Assumption University Advancement
Cheers at Pierre's	Registration required — limited seating	Assumption University Advancement

Attractions & Your Wristband

Saturday · 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, or while supplies last

Every Family Weekend registrant receives a Family Weekend t-shirt and a wristband. Wear the wristband — it is what gets you in.

Food — included with your wristband

- Waffle sticks
- Popcorn
- Cotton candy

Activities — Your wristband is a FAST PASS

Giant pong, Zorb balls, QB Blitz Toss, and more. Family Weekend participants go to the front of the line at every activity. Family Weekend Bingo is included with your registration.

Where to find them. Your Family Weekend packet lists where each attraction is. Pick up your packet at Check-In, in Laska Lobby.

Hound Heads-Up:

Go early. Food and activities run until 3:00 PM, or until they run out. The best time to go is before the football game starts.

Getting Here & Getting Around

Assumption University Police Department (AUPD),
Kennedy Hall · non-emergency 508-767-7225 · Emergency 508-767-7777. AUPD can help with directions, parking, and drop-off when you arrive.

Parking

The letters in brackets match the parking key on the campus map ([link at the end of this guide](#)).

Lot	Use	Notes
Plourde Lot (G)	Tailgaters	Opens 10:00 AM; pre-registered pass holders only
La Maison Lot (A)	Accessible / ADA parking	Shuttle 2 goes straight to the tailgate lot and stadium. Need a ride with no steps? Stop at AUPD first — see Accessibility.
Testa Lot (O and P)	General attendees	On the Campus Loop
LLC Lot, Upper and Lower (K and L)	General attendees	On the Campus Loop
Chapel & Admissions Lot (N)	General attendees	On the Campus Loop

Shuttle Service (Campus map: [Assumption University campus map \(PDF\)](#))

Saturday, October 3 · 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM · running continuously

Park once and ride. Two shuttles run all day. There is no set schedule, so just wait at any stop. Each shuttle has a sign that says Shuttle 1 or Shuttle 2. Look at the sign before you get on.

Shuttle 1 — Campus Loop

Testa Lot → Chapel & Admissions Lot → LLC Lot → Plourde Lot

Shuttle 2 — La Maison Direct (accessible parking)

La Maison Lot → Plourde Lot

No stops in between. If you park at La Maison, this is your ride to the tailgate lot and stadium.

Shuttle notes

- Busiest times. The shuttles are most crowded from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, just before the game, and right after the game ends. Leave yourself extra time.

- Service ends at 4:00 PM — there is no shuttle after that. If you are staying for Cheers at Pierre's, the Living the Mission exhibit, men's soccer or Bingo (7:00 – 10:00 PM), you will be walking back to your car. Park close to campus if you plan to stay into the evening.
- No shuttle service on Sunday. Park directly in the Chapel & Admissions Lot or Testa Lot for Mass and Bagels & Brews.
- The shuttles do not have a lift or a ramp this year. If you need a ride with no steps, stop at AUPD in Kennedy Hall on your way in. They will help you find accessible parking or a drop-off closer to where you are going.

Hagan Campus Center at-a-Glance

A lot of the weekend happens in Hagan, so it is a good place to rest between events.

Where	What's there	When
Laska Lobby	Family Weekend Check-In — welcome packets and itineraries	10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Main level	Family Zone — game on screen, low-stimulation activities, coloring, board games, hydration station (not supervised)	10:00 AM – 3:15 PM
Main level	Caribou Coffee, across from the Family Zone	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Main level	Charlie's Eatery	1:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Second floor	"Living the Mission" Exhibit, outside Pierre's Pub	3:30 – 5:00 PM
Second floor	Cheers at Pierre's post-game reception	3:30 – 5:00 PM

Saturday, October 3

MORNING

10:00 AM Family Weekend Check-In

Laska Lobby

Welcome packet and full weekend itinerary pickup.

10:00 AM Honors Induction Ceremony

La Maison Salon Auditorium

Class of 2030 induction, with families.

10:00 AM Tailgate Lot Opens

Plourde Lot

Only for people who got a tailgate pass ahead of time, including the Sidebottom (Side) Fund group.

Closed containers only. No kegs.

10:00 AM – 3:15 PM Family Zone

Hagan Campus Center, main level

A quiet indoor room with the game on a screen, plus calm activities, coloring, and board games. There is a water station here to refill bottles.

Not supervised — please stay with your children.

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Attractions

Locations listed in your Family Weekend packet

Waffle sticks, popcorn, cotton candy, giant pong, Zorb balls, and more. Wristband required; Family Weekend participants get a fast pass. While supplies last.

11:00 AM – early 3rd quarter Homecoming End Zone Tent

Brian Kelly '83 Stadium

A tent run by Advancement with food, soft drinks, beer, and wine. Sign up ahead of time and wear your wristband.

Bar service ends at the start of the 3rd quarter.

AFTERNOON

12:00 PM Homecoming Football Game

Brian Kelly '83 Stadium

Assumption Greyhounds vs. Bentley University Falcons.

Hound Heads-Up: Tickets are \$10 at the gate if you have a Family Weekend wristband. Show your wristband to get this price.

Midday – 4:00 PM Class of 2027 Senior Class Fundraiser

Gym Road, across from the tailgate lot

FOOD FOOTBALL & FUN!

3:30 PM Men's Soccer

Soccer Field

Home match and Men's Soccer Alumni Day.

3:30 – 5:00 PM "Living the Mission" Exhibit

Hagan Campus Center, second floor, outside Pierre's Pub

Tours led by students.

3:30 – 5:00 PM Cheers at Pierre's (Post-Game Reception)

Pierre's Pub

Alumni social with cash bar. Registration required.

4:00 PM Women's Volleyball

Laska Gymnasium

Assumption vs. Saint Michael's College — Volleyball Alumni Day.

Hound Heads-Up: 3:30 PM is the busiest slot of the weekend. Men's soccer, the Living the Mission exhibit, and Cheers at Pierre's all start at the same time, and volleyball is still in progress. Pick your priority in advance.

*The exhibit and Pierre's are in the same building, so those two pair well.

EVENING

7:00 – 10:00 PM Family Weekend Bingo

Tsotsis Family Academic Center (TFAC) Ballroom

Bingo for all ages, with pub food and prizes. Your bingo card comes with your registration. Extra boards and prize puzzles cost a small donation, which raises money for every class year.

Sunday, October 4

Hound Heads-up: No shuttle service on Sunday. Park directly in the Chapel & Admissions Lot or Testa Lot.

10:00 AM Sunday Mass

Chapel of the Holy Spirit

Following Mass Bagels & Brews

Tinsley Campus Ministry Center, Luring Community Room

Coffee, bagels, donuts, and morning community activities.

What to Bring

- Your wristband — it comes with your registration and gets you the food and attractions, fast-pass access to activities, and entry to the tailgate, End Zone Tent, and Cheers at Pierre's
- Photo ID — required for any bar service (End Zone Tent, Pierre's cash bar)
- A way to pay — football admission is \$10 at the gate for wristband holders, Pierre's is a cash bar (the End Zone Tent is not), and Taylor Dining Hall is \$10 per non-student guest
- Layers and rain gear — early October in Worcester typically runs from the mid-40s overnight to the mid-60s °F during the day; the stadium, tailgate, and soccer field are all outdoors
- Comfortable walking shoes — events span Hagan, the stadium, the gym, and the soccer field, and shuttle service ends at 4:00 PM
- A refillable water bottle — a hydration station is available in the Family Zone in the Hagan Campus Center
- Only what you need in your bag — see the bag policy below

Good to Know

Bags and Containers

Staff may check your bag or cooler at any time, and they may ask you to empty it. Pack with that in mind.

Alcohol

Closed containers only in the tailgate lot; no kegs. End Zone Tent bar service ends at the start of the 3rd quarter. Pierre's is a cash bar. Valid ID required throughout.

Bringing Kids?

Children may not be left unattended at any time. Please keep your children with you throughout the weekend, at every venue.

Family Zone — Hagan Campus Center, main level · 10:00 AM – 3:15 PM. A quiet indoor room with the AU football game on, plus calm activities, coloring, board games, and a water station for refilling bottles. It is a good break from the crowds and noise at the stadium, or if the tailgate is too much for a younger child. Caribou Coffee is directly across from it, and Charlie's Eatery is on the same level.

The Family Zone is a room to use, not a program with staff watching the children. Nobody there is looking after your children, and you cannot drop them off. Stay with your children the whole time.

Note the 3:15 PM close: if you are heading to the 3:30 PM events, the Family Zone will already be shut.

Most family-friendly events: the attractions (giant pong, Zorb balls, waffle sticks, popcorn, cotton candy), the Senior Class Fundraiser on Gym Road (midday – 4:00 PM, with balloon animals and raffles), and Family Weekend Bingo (7:00 – 10:00 PM).

Involves alcohol service: the tailgate, the End Zone Tent, and Cheers at Pierre's.

Accessibility

Accessible parking is in the La Maison Lot (A), with a direct shuttle (Shuttle 2) to the Plourde Lot for the tailgate and stadium.

The shuttles do not have a lift or a ramp. If you need a ride with no steps, stop at AUPD in Kennedy Hall when you get to campus. They will set up accessible parking or a drop-off closer to where you are going.

Ask us. AUPD officers, van drivers, and event staff can help with accessible entrances and seating at any venue — just ask whoever is nearest.

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Dining on Campus — Saturday

Where	Hours	Cost
Caribou Coffee (main level, Hagan)	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Varies by item
Taylor Dining Hall	Lunch 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Dinner 5:00 – 7:00 PM	\$10 per person, non-students
Charlie's Eatery (main level, Hagan)	1:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Varies by item

Plan around kickoff. Taylor serves lunch from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, which is the same time as the noon football game, and dinner ends at 7:00 PM, right when Bingo starts. Charlie's Eatery is open through the afternoon and evening if Taylor's hours do not work for you.

At-a-Glance — Saturday Timeline

TIME	WHAT
9:00 AM	Caribou Coffee opens
10:00 AM	Check-In (Laska Lobby) · Honors Induction · Tailgate Lot opens · Family Zone opens · Attractions open
	SHUTTLES BEGIN
11:00 AM	End Zone Tent opens · Taylor lunch begins
12:00 PM	FOOTBALL — Assumption vs. Bentley
1:00 PM	Taylor lunch ends · Caribou closes · Charlie's Eatery opens
~1:30 PM	End Zone Tent bar service ends (start of 3rd quarter)
3:00 PM	Attractions close (or earlier, while supplies last)
3:15 PM	Family Zone closes
3:30 PM	Men's Soccer · Living the Mission Exhibit · Cheers at Pierre's
4:00 PM	Women's Volleyball (Laska Gymnasium)
4:00 PM	Senior Class Fundraiser ends
	SHUTTLES END — no service after this
5:00 PM	Living the Mission ends · Pierre's ends · Taylor dinner begins
7:00 PM	Taylor dinner ends · Family Weekend Bingo begins (TFAC Ballroom)
10:00 PM	Bingo ends
11:00 PM	Charlie's Eatery closes

Questions & Contacts

Emergencies, safety, or accessibility needs. Assumption University Police Department (AUPD), Kennedy Hall: non-emergency 508-767-7225, emergency 508-767-7777

Questions day-of. Stop by Laska Lobby or contact:

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Send This — Email Ask & Simplified Itinerary

Copy the text below into an email to families. Replace the bracketed registration link before sending.

Subject: Family Weekend & Homecoming — Saturday, October 3. Register now.

Dear families,

Family Weekend & Homecoming is Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4. Registration includes a Family Weekend t-shirt and a wristband — the wristband covers the snacks, gets you a fast pass at every activity, and is required for the tailgate, the Homecoming End Zone Tent, and Cheers at Pierre's. Several events cannot be entered without registering in advance, so please register before you travel.

Register here: [\[REGISTRATION LINK\]](#)

Check in first when you arrive: Family Weekend Check-In opens at 10:00 AM Saturday in Laska Lobby, where you will pick up your welcome packet, wristband, and full itinerary. A simplified itinerary is below; the complete Know Before You Go guide and the campus map are on the Family Weekend page.

Questions? Office of Student Engagement and Leadership · 508-767-7055 · auoseal@assumption.edu

Simplified Itinerary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

10:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

12:00 PM

3:30 – 5:00 PM

4:00 PM

7:00 – 10:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00 AM

Following Mass

Shuttles run 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Saturday only. There is no shuttle service on Sunday — park in the Chapel & Admissions Lot or Testa Lot.

Family Weekend Check-In opens — Laska Lobby

Honors Induction Ceremony (Class of 2030) · Tailgate lot opens (pass holders only)

Attractions and snacks, and the Family Zone in Hagan (closes 3:15 PM)

Homecoming Football vs. Bentley — \$10 at the gate with your wristband

"Living the Mission" exhibit · Cheers at Pierre's reception · Men's Soccer

Women's Volleyball · Shuttle service ends — no service after this

Family Weekend Bingo — TFAC Ballroom

Mass — Chapel of the Holy Spirit

Bagels & Brews — Tinsley Campus Ministry Center