



Dear Wentworth Families,

Welcome to the November 2023 edition of our Family Newsletter. This newsletter features an upcoming Q&A panel with faculty and deans, important dates, campus resources, and information about signing up for emergency alerts.

As we are near the end of the semester and things get busier for your student, we encourage you to check in with them and remind them of our support resources, including the Success Studio and the Center for Wellness.

For additional family resources and information, please visit our [family resources webpage](#), which is periodically updated with new information and opportunities.

### **Faculty Q&A Panel for Families**

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On **Thursday, November 16, at 5pm** Eastern Time, we will host a Q&A panel with several faculty members and deans. Join to learn more about the academic experience, hear tips for the best ways for students to communicate for their professors, and to ask any questions you may have.

The panel will be held on Zoom. Meeting info is below and you can [click here to register](#) to receive a reminder next week.

**Meeting ID:** 858 7618 7039

**Meeting Passcode:** 978068

**Meeting Link:** <https://wentworth.zoom.us/j/85876187039?pwd=dnZQT1RnZzBoNStleUZJTkdkORGIUT09>

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

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**November 22-26:** Thanksgiving break, no classes

**December 1:** Spring semester tuition bill due

**December 11-14:** Final exams

**December 15:** Residence halls close

**January 7-8:** Residence halls re-open

**January 9:** Spring semester classes start



## Updates and Reminders

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**[Connections, Referrals, Support, and Advocacy](#):** The Dean of Students Office aims to reduce barriers to student success by providing financial hardship support, by helping students get connected directly to specific offices on campus, and by working one-on-one with students to help them navigate through challenges they may be experiencing while at school.

**[Spring Semester Bill](#):** The spring 2024 semester EBill is online now and is due December 1. If your student has not added you as an authorized user to pay the EBill, they can do so by following the instructions on [this page](#).

**[Emergency Alert Sign-Ups](#):** Want to receive the same text alerts that your student receives in the event of an emergency on or near campus? You can sign up by texting WITALERT to 226787.

**Residence Halls Winter Schedule:** The residence halls will remain open during the Thanksgiving holiday and will close at 4pm on December 15, 2023. Students should plan to leave the residence halls 24 hours after their last final, or by 4pm on December 15th - whichever comes first. Residence halls will re-open for the spring semester on January 7th and 8th - more information for move-in will be shared in December.

**Spring 2024 Housing:** Students not currently living on campus who wish to live on campus this upcoming Spring 2024 semester should visit their [myHousing.portal](#) to submit their housing agreement and \$500 housing down-payment. These are due by Monday, December 4, 2023, 4:00pm ET. Housing selection will take place after Fall final exams.

**[MBTA Semester Pass](#):** Discounted MBTA semester passes are now on sale, with a purchase deadline of December 10. These passes offer a 15% discount compared to purchasing monthly passes for January-April and are intended for students who commute to and from campus at least four days per week.

**2024-2025 FAFSA:** The Department of Education is working on several changes to make federal aid more streamlined accessible for students and families, with eligibility for federal financial aid expanding. The 2024-2025 FAFSA determines your financial aid eligibility for the fall 2024, spring 2025, and summer 2025 terms. It will be available starting in December and we will continue to update you as additional information becomes available.



## News and Events

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**[Leopard Spot](#)**: Check out Leopard Spot to see a calendar of social and educational events your student can participate in, as well a list of all of our clubs and organizations.

**[Women's Volleyball Playoffs](#)**: Women's Volleyball is the #1 seed in the CCC playoffs and hosts the winner of the #4 vs #5 seed game on Thursday, November 9, at 6pm in Tansey Gym. Come to campus or tune in online to support the Leopards!

**Leadership Conference**: Wentworth Leadership Institute hosted a Student Leadership Conference. The 1 day conference was open to all Wentworth students and provided the opportunity for students to learn more about leadership through various workshops.

**[Family Weekend Photos](#)**: Check out photos from a fun Family Weekend. We enjoyed having many of you on campus!

**[Colleges of the Fenway Dining](#)**: From food trucks to weekly events, COF Dining is bringing more variety and options to campus. To learn more about campus dining, visit our website or follow COF Dining on Facebook and Instagram @EatAtCOF.

## A Note from Student Affairs Leadership

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Greetings Families,

It has been wonderful to see the students settling into the academic year. The displays across campus highlighting academic work are inspiring to see. It has been refreshing to witness so many students attending programs all across campus, whether it be cheering on the Leopards through athletic events or attending one of the over [200 programs](#) offered this Fall. In our time at Wentworth, participation in activities is at an all-time high. We know

that engagement is vital to academic success activities because it creates another connection on campus and opportunities to collaborate with peers.

We are also approaching 'crunch time' when final papers and project deadlines approach. Your students may be less available than at the start of the year. Students spend more time in study groups, the library, or the studio this time of year. If your student expresses that things on campus are busy with their academic work, it would be great to remind them of the many available resources. We always encourage students to connect with their faculty to review concepts or ask for feedback on their work. And [Success Studio](#) is their go-to for advising and tutoring help.

We invite you all to reach out to us at [dos@wit.edu](mailto:dos@wit.edu) if you have any questions regarding your student's experience. Your student's success in and out of the classroom is important to us. We welcome opportunities to partner with you to support their time at Wentworth.

With this being the last newsletter of the Fall semester, we wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and enjoy the time with your students while they are home for winter break.

Take care,

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Our next newsletter will be sent out in January. In the meantime, please reach out to Brian Quigley, Director of Transitions and Family Engagement at [quigleyb@wit.edu](mailto:quigleyb@wit.edu) or 617-989-4163 with any questions.

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