Select Weekend Events

A list of programs occurring throughout the weekend including arts, athletic, cultural events, and relevant ticket information is available for your convenience.

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**Events with RSVP Required

For Athletic ticket purchases, visit the Harvard Athletics website at tickets.gocrimson.com

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Women’s Ice Hockey vs Brown
3:30 PM, Bright-Landry Hockey Center, Boston

The Challenging Legacy of “West Side Story”: A conversation with Adriana Colón ‘12
4:00 PM-5:00 PM, Farkas Hall, 12 Holyoke St
Join actor, director and voice actor Adriana Colón and the cast of West Side Story - presented by Harvard College TEATRO - for a conversation about the cultural issues embedded in the beloved musical composed by Leonard Bernstein in ’39, with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Arthur Laurents. All are welcome.

Phillips Brooks House Association’s 13th Annual Robert Coles “Call of Service” Lecture & Award **
Cristina Jiménez, Executive Director & Co-founder of United We Dream
6:00 PM-8:00 PM (Doors open at 5:30pm), First Parish Church in Cambridge, Unitarian Universalist
A lecture and award that brings a significant figure in public service to campus each year to engender a commitment to service and draw attention to important social issues. This year’s honoree is Cristina Jiménez Moreta, co-founder and Executive Director of United We Dream (UWD), the largest immigrant youth-led organization in the country.

First-Year Student & Faculty Dinner**
6:00 PM, Kirkland House Dining Hall
The Office of Diversity Education & Support hosts its 2nd Annual Student-Faculty Dinner for first-year students. This very special event is intended for first-year students who desire to be in community during First-Year Family Weekend, but whose families are unable to attend. The Kirkland Dining Hall is wheelchair accessible. If you require, please email diversity@fas.harvard.edu.

The Rocky Horror Show*
7:00 PM & 10:30 PM, Moonbox Pop-Up, 25 Brattle St.
Richard O’Brien’s quirky classic returns to Harvard Square! Brace yourself for an unforgettable live theater, rock and roll misadventure! Tickets start at $25 and can be purchased online at https://tinyurl.com/yydm3mhn.

Men’s Hockey vs Dartmouth
7:30 PM, Bright-Landry Hockey Center, Boston

First-Year Social Committee Gathering
8:00pm-10:00pm, Cambridge Queen’s Head Pub
The First-Year Social Committee (FYSC) is a group of first-year students that organize events both on and off-campus for fellow first-year students. Join us for games, snacks, and socializing at the Queen’s Head Pub!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Men’s Waterpolo vs St. Francis
9:00 AM, Blodgett Pool, 65 N Harvard St, Boston

First-Year Host Family Program Reception
10:30 AM-12 PM, Ticknor Lounge, Boylston Hall
Members of the Host Family Program are welcome to stop by and enjoy light refreshments before the Class of 2023tailgate and football game-go Crimson!

Harvard Fall Fest*
10:30 AM, Harvard Stadium
Join us for Fall Fest 2019, an event to gather for an afternoon of fall festivities. Enjoy a great pregame atmosphere around the Stadium, then head into Harvard Stadium to watch the Crimson battle its rivals to the North, the Dartmouth Big Green. Pregame Live Musical Entertainment, Food, Yard Games and more! For more information visit: https://tinyurl.com/yqq62bd

The Harvard Lowkeys and The Harvard Opportunities Present: A First-Year Family Jam
2:00 PM-3:00 PM, Boylston Hall, Fong Auditorium
An interactive a capella performance. First-year families will get a chance to sing warm-ups, and then sit back and relax to hear songs that highlight first-year members.

Women’s Soccer vs Dartmouth
3:00 PM, Jordan Field, 65 N Harvard Ave., Boston

Womens’ Hockey vs Yale
3:00 PM, Bright-Landry Hockey Center, Boston

 Intramural Spelling Bee
4:30 PM-6:00 PM, Science Center, Hall A
Join the First-Year Intramural Program for its annual Spelling Bee event, where first-year students will show off their spelling skills to classmates and families, all while garnering IM points for their respective dorms!

Women’s Volleyball vs Yale
5:00 PM, Malkin Athletic Center, 39 Holyoke St.

First-Generation Students & Harvard Financial Aid Initiative Welcome Reception
5:00-6:00 PM, Straus Common Room
Come hang out with Harvard Primus, the Harvard Financial Aid Initiative, and the Harvard First Generation Program. We will have snacks from Felicie’s and a raffle of Harvard winter gear. Families from home and students whose families aren’t on campus are all welcome.

Fall Feast*
5:30 PM-1:45 AM, 59 Shepherd Street
Join the Harvard African Students Association, Harvard Caribbean Club, and the Society of Arab Students for fun, fellowship, and food from all over the continent. Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from the Harvard Box Office.

Men’s Soccer vs Dartmouth
7:00 PM, Jordan Field, 65 N Harvard Ave., Boston

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

TEDxHarvard College: What if I’m Wrong?*
2:00 PM, Sanders Theatre, 45 Quincy Street
The official theme will be a bout critical thinking in the broadest sense of that phrase. This includes thinking about different ways to approach tasks – common or uncommon indiscriminately- innovative thinking, life improvement, motivational speaking, management of time, money, people, or things, popularity, human nature, implications of advancement, and many other topics.

L’Histoire Du Soldat by Igor Stravinsky
3:00 PM-5:00 PM, The Memorial Church Sanctuary
Music for storytellers and instrumental ensemble, performed in commemoration of the work’s 100th anniversary. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/event/lhistoire-du-soldat-igor-stravinsky

Harvard University Choir and Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra Present: Music of C. P. E. Bach, Mozart, and Haydn
4:00 PM-6:00 PM, The Memorial Church Sanctuary

Golden Exits*
7:00 PM, Harvard Film Archive, 24 Quincy Street
A frustrated archivist channeling his unspoken angst into his work on his late father-in-law’s papers when interrupted by the arrival of a wide-eyed and beautiful Australian intern who comes to work with him for the summer. Director Alex Ross Perry will be at the screening. Tickets: $12, available 45 minutes before showtime on the lower level of the Carpenter Center. Cash or check only.

Harvard Radcliffe Orchestra: First-Year Family Weekend Concert
8:00 PM, Sanders Theatre, 45 Quincy Street

Men’s Waterpolo vs Iona
8:00 PM, Blodgett Pool, 65 N Harvard St, Boston

Taiwanese Cultural Society Annual Night Market
8:00 PM-10:00 PM, Quincy House Dining Hall, 58 Plympton Street
TCS’s annual Night Market is returning this year, with many of the great aspects from last year as well as new activities! Performances by student performance groups and talented student musicians will take center stage, but as is true of all TCS events, there will be plenty of good East Asian food to savor!
Weekend Worship Services

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Morning Minyan
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Chabad at Harvard: 7:30 AM
Study of Chassidus: 7:30 AM
Davening: 8:00 AM
Breakfast: 8:30 AM
Halacha Shuir: 8:45 AM

Morning Prayers
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM, Memorial Church, Student Oasis

Harvard Islamic Society Prayer
1:15 PM, Lowell Lecture Hall, 17 Kirkland St.
Join us for Juma’ah prayers.

Dia de los Muertos Pilgrimage
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Memorial Church, Student Oasis
We’ll meet in the Student Oasis of the Memorial Church to set our intentions for this pilgrimage. Professor David Carrasco, Neil L. Rudenstein Professor of the Study of Latin America, will lead us on a pilgrimage culminating in a visit to the Dia de los Muertos altars in the Peabody Museum. Please bring a notebook and a pen or pencil. No registration required.

Harvard Hillel Shabbat Services
Rosovksy Hall, 52 Mt. Auburn St.
6:15 PM: Reform
6:30 PM: Conservative
7:00 PM: Orthodox

Kabbalat Shabbat Services
7:15 PM, 38 Banks St.
Followed by Shabbat Dinner at 8:00 PM.

First-Year Family Weekend Shabbat Dinner**
7:45 PM, Rosovsky Hall, 52 Mt. Auburn St.
Harvard Hillel invites first-years and their families to celebrate Shabbat at our weekly traditional Jewish Sabbath dinner. Religious services will precede dinner; for those who wish, and the evening will conclude with a dessert reception with Provost Alan Garber. Registration is requested for dinner: https://guestli.st/625548

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Morning Minyan
38 Banks St.
Chabad at Harvard: 8:30 AM
Study of Chassidus: 8:30 AM
Davening: 9:00 AM
Breakfast: 9:30 AM
Halacha Shuir: 9:45 AM

Lutheran Bread and Belonging Service
9:00 AM, University Lutheran Church, 5998, 66 Winthrop St.
A family friendly, wiggly service that includes a kids time, sermon, readings and communion. All are welcome to attend!

United Methodist Chaplaincy
Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Avenue (adjacent to the Law School campus)
Informal Communion Service: 9:00 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM

Shabbat Morning Davening and Shabbat Lunch
38 Banks St.
Chabad at Harvard: 9:30 AM
Study of Chassidus: 9:30 AM
Shabbat Morning Davening: 10:00 AM
followed by Shabbat Lunch at 12:00 PM.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Catholic Chaplaincy
Harvard Catholic Center, St. Paul Parish, 20 Arrow St.
Sunday Morning Mass: 9:30 AM
Sunday Evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Faith & Life Forum: Vanessa Zoltan
9:30AM - 10:30AM, Memorial Church, Buttrick Room
The Faith & Life Forum explores matters of faith and public life. This term, we will explore the theme of Pilgrimage through readings, discussion, interviews, and lectures. Come for coffee at 9 AM.

Presbyterian Church in America/
Reformed University Fellowship
Christ the King Presbyterian Church, 99 Prospect Street
Worship Service: 10:00 AM

Buddhist Chaplaincy
Saky Center, 59 Church St #3,
Meditation and Puja: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

American Baptist Worship Service
10:30 AM, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Massachusetts Avenue
Join for a service of worship that include music by instrumentalists and the OCBC.

Lutheran Choral Eucharist Service
10:30 AM, University Lutheran Church Sanctuary, 5998, 66 Winthrop St.
A multi-denominational Protestant worship service open to all regardless of faith, serving the Harvard University community and beyond. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir; under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gundi University Organist and Choirmaster, and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

Whirling Dervishes Presentation*
3:30 PM – 5:30PM.
The program will include music, the ceremony of the whirling dervishes (Sema), and inspiring readings from the work of 13th century Sufi mystic Jalaluddin Rumi, whose poetry is filled with a longing for God the Friend and the Beloved. The Sema will be accompanied by the sound of the ney with traditional music. Tickets are $15. Students/Seniors pay $7.

Episcopal Worship and Eucharist
5:30 PM, Christ Church Cambridge, 2 Garden St.

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First-Year Family Weekend, All Saints’ Day
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, The Memorial Church Sanctuary
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Southern Baptist Chaplaincy
Lesley College Washburn Auditorium, 10 Phillips Place
Antioch Baptist Church Worship Service
Worship Service: 12:00 PM
Meet at Harvard Yard Johnston Gate at 11:50AM to walk over together.

Latter-day Saints Chaplaincy
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2 Longfellow Park
Worship services and classes: 2:30 PM – 5:30PM.

Celebration of Rumi*
3:00 PM, Meetinghouse at Friends Meeting at Cambridge, 5 Longfellow Park
The program will include music, the ceremony of the whirling dervishes (Sema), and inspiring readings from the work of 13th century Sufi mystic Jalaluddin Rumi, whose poetry is filled with a longing for God the Friend and the Beloved. The Sema will be accompanied by the sound of the ney with traditional music. Tickets are $15. Students/Seniors pay $7.