

## Back-to-School Details and Dates Academic Year 2023-2024

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| August 27<br>7:30 p.m.      | New Parent/Guardian Orientation (Virtual)<br>Optional: Camp Burgess Q&A @ 7:00 p.m.                           |
| August 28-30                | New Student Orientation <i>(required for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders)</i>                                      |
| August 29                   | New Family Picnic<br>GSU Courtyard, 735 Commonwealth Ave.; Rain location: BUA Gym                             |
| September 4                 | Labor Day<br>No BUA or BU Classes   |
| September 5                 | First Day of Classes <i>(required for all students)</i><br>Student Arrival and Welcome All-School Meeting     |
| September 6-8               | Camp Burgess <i>(9s and 10s only)</i>   |
| September 17<br>7:00 p.m.   | Back-to-School Night (Virtual) <i>(strongly encouraged for all parents/guardians)</i>                         |
| October 5<br>6:00-8:00 p.m. | State of the School <i>(strongly encouraged for all parents/guardians)</i><br>Trustees Ballroom, 1 Silber Way |

### Who should I contact if I need more information?

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## Frequently Asked Back-to-School Questions

**Q. How do I access BUA's online student and parent portals?**

A. The family portals are accessible by clicking on [this link](#). The link is also available on the [Current Students and Families](#) page on the BUA website. Instructions for accessing the system will be sent to families the week of August 28.

**Q. When will student schedules be made available?**

A. Schedules will be available through the family portals during the week of August 28. A hard copy will be in each student's mailbox on the first day of school.

**Q. When will the MBTA passes be available for pick up?**

A. [Passes ordered](#) by August 14 will be ready for pick up in student mailboxes on the first day of school. Orders submitted after August 14 may not be available until after the first day of school.

**Q. I would like to arrange a carpool with families who live near my family. Can BUA help?**

A. Families can utilize the online directory in the secure family portal to coordinate carpools with other families in their area. New families will receive their log-in credentials to access the secure family portal the week of August 28. Families may also solicit interest via the BUA Families Google Group or the BUAPN Facebook Group.

**Q. What does my child need to bring for the first day of school?**

A. Students should be prepared with class schedules, notebooks, writing implements, and the summer reading books for the first day of classes. BUA does not provide a school supply list for students to follow.

**Q. What time does the school day begin and end?**

A. The BUA Master Schedule for the 2023-2024 academic year is [available here](#). Building hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; the Sargent Gym/BUA Annex hours are 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**Q. What is the parking policy for parents?**

A. Active pick-up/drop-off is permitted along the side entrance of the BUA building in the area demarcated by the yellow paint. There is space here for up to five vehicles. Families should be aware that both the Upper Bridge and Essex Street lots are unattended gated lots. Parents/guardians will need to use the QR code on their individually assigned BUA parking placard in order to open the gate.

**Q. How do I notify BUA if my child will be absent from or tardy to school?**

A. A parent or guardian, not the student, should call the front desk at 617-353-9000 or email [academy@bu.edu](mailto:academy@bu.edu) before 8:30 a.m. Planned absences should be submitted to [academy@bu.edu](mailto:academy@bu.edu) for pre-approval.

**Q. How does my child obtain a new/replacement Terrier Card?**

A. New students will be issued their Terrier Cards during BUA Orientation or on the first day of school. Returning students should notify the front desk if they need a replacement Terrier Card. The replacement fee is \$40. Terrier Cards are used to access the BUA building, therefore students should report a lost or misplaced card to the front desk immediately in addition to reporting it lost through the Terrier Card Center via Student Link ([www.bu.edu/studentlink](http://www.bu.edu/studentlink)).

**Q. How can I add Convenience Points to my child's Terrier Card?**

A. Families can purchase Convenience Points through their Smart Tuition account by clicking on 'Purchase Optional Items' from the main navigation menu. Please allow 2-3 business days for the funds to be transferred to the student's Terrier Card and available for use. Convenience Points balances are visible through the Terrier Card Center via Student Link; a BU Kerberos account is needed to access the site.