



Frequently Asked Questions

Who qualifies as a “special friend”?

Any family member or trusted person in your child’s life is welcome to attend as a special friend. This can include parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, neighbors, nannies, or babysitters.

How many guests can each child bring?

It is our wish to welcome as many friends and family members to Falk as possible for this event. However, due to space and safety constraints, **event registration will be capped at 295 guests, with one guest allowed per student.** (If your family has more than one student at Falk, each student can bring their own guest.)

Can I request additional guests for my child?

Any spots remaining when registration closes will be distributed to families via a lottery system. If you would like to enter the lottery for an additional guest, please indicate this at the end of your RSVP form. You will be notified by October 15 if your student was selected.

How do I register for the event?

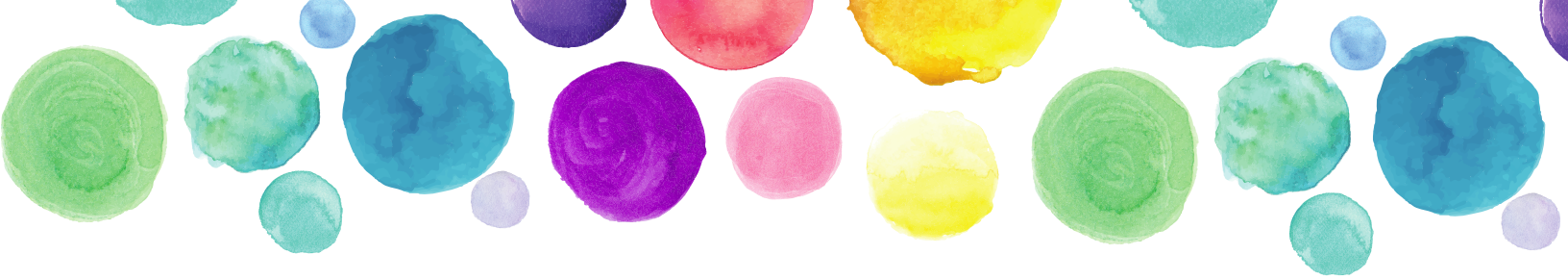
Parents/caregivers are responsible for registering on behalf of their child(ren)’s guest(s). The RSVP form is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/waFe95DATy>. **Registration opens on Monday, September 1 and closes at midnight on Monday, October 13.**

Why didn’t my child’s grandparents receive the invitation?

Invitations and event reminders are being sent to parents/caregivers, not grandparents. Because we don’t have contact information on file for all Falk grandparents and special friends, spreading the word through parents/caregivers is the best and most equitable way to reach everyone in the community.

Can parents/caregivers attend the event?

Due to space and safety constraints, parents/caregivers may not accompany grandparents and special friends to the event. However, students are welcome to invite one parent/caregiver to join them in lieu of a grandparent or special friend.



What if my child doesn't have a grandparent or special friend who can attend?

Please don't fret! We will work to ensure that all students enjoy the special day, even if they don't have a guest who can join them at the event. Please let us know when you complete the RSVP form if your child does not have a guest, and we will pair them with:

- a Falk special friend (teacher, staff member, or parent volunteer);
- a student willing to share their special guest; or
- another student whose grandparent or special friend is unable to attend.

What time should guests arrive at Falk?

Guests of Primary students (grades K-2) are invited to visit from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Guests of Intermediate students (grades 3-5) are invited to visit from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please allow plenty of time for parking, as space is limited.

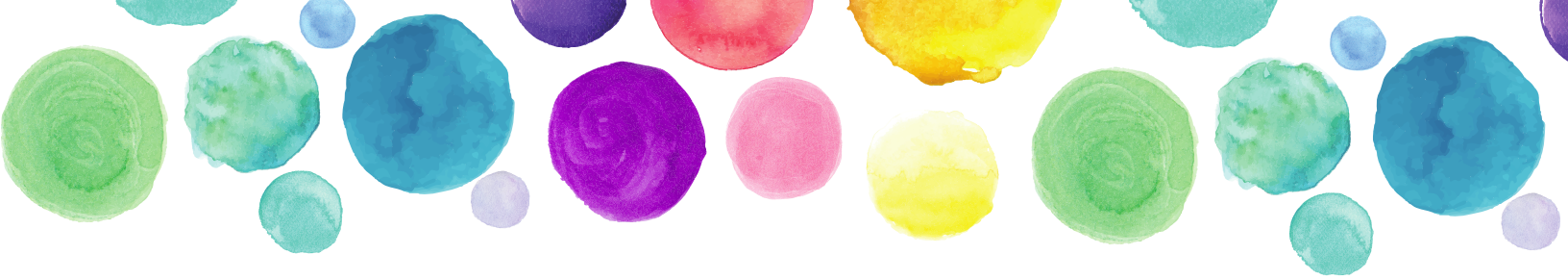
Where should guests park?

Parking is limited. We strongly encourage Uber, Lyft, and ridesharing. Falk families are also welcome to drop off and pick up their guests.

- Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the University of Pittsburgh OC lot (3537 Allequippa Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). Upon arrival, tell the attendant you are there for the Falk Laboratory School event.
- Continuous shuttle service between the OC lot and Falk will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please see the map on page 4 for details.
- The Governor's Drive immediately in front of the school will be reserved for shuttle access and guest pick-up and drop-off only.
- The bus lane located in front of the basketball courts will be reserved for accessible parking only.
- Other visitor parking lots at the University of Pittsburgh can be viewed here: https://www.pts.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/visitor_parking_-_february_2023.pdf

How will guests spend their time at Falk?

All guests will receive an event schedule with specific activities corresponding to their student's grade level. Guests visiting multiple students are welcome to plan their day and divide their time as they choose. Lunch will be provided and include gluten-free and vegan options.



Do grandparents and special friends need child protection clearances to attend this event?

Child protection clearances are not required for Grandparents & Special Friends Day. While we take the emotional and physical safety of our students very seriously and often require building visitors to obtain clearances, all students will be directly accompanied by a trusted adult and monitored by teachers and staff for the duration of this event.

What accommodations can you provide for guests with limited mobility and other special needs?

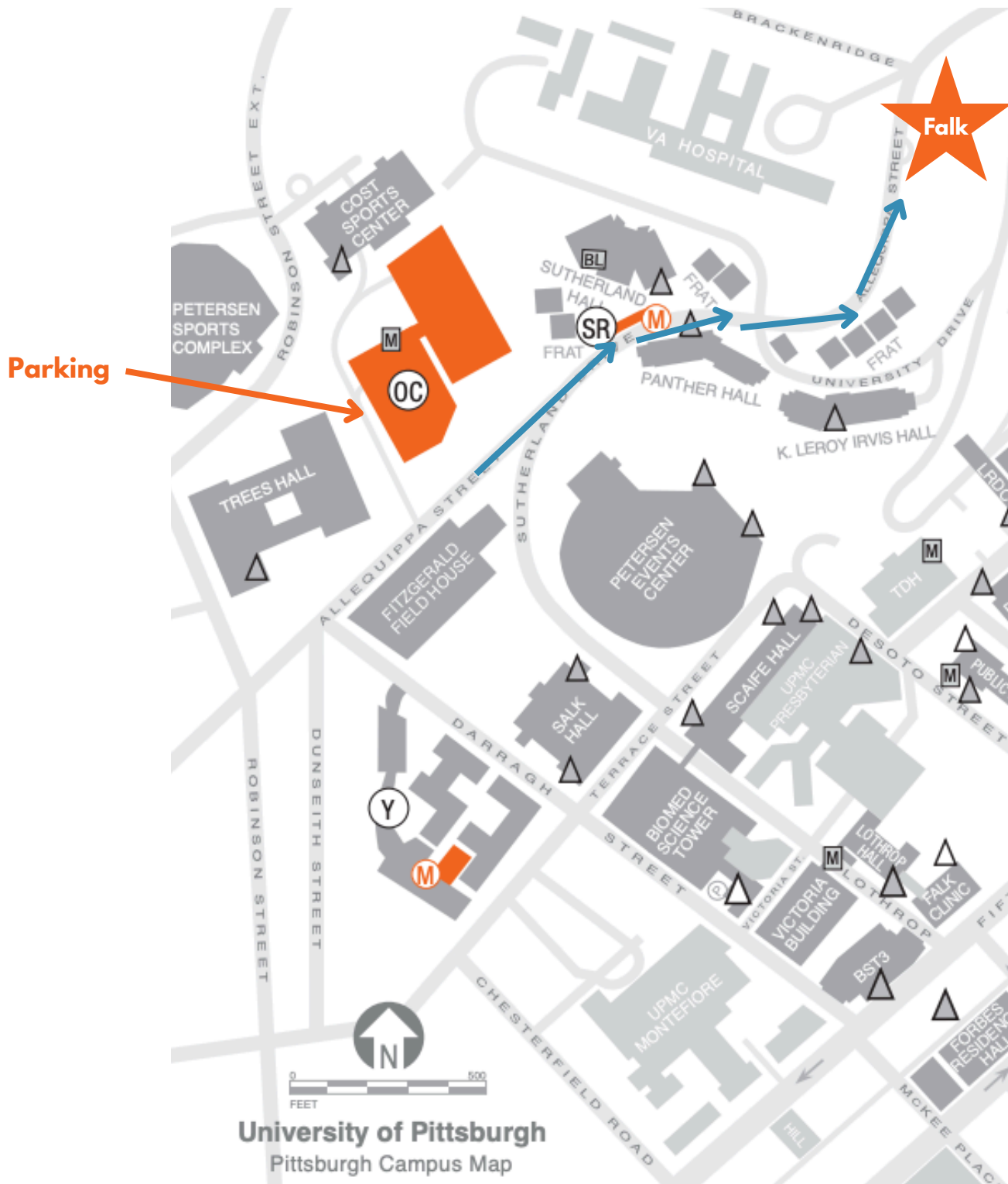
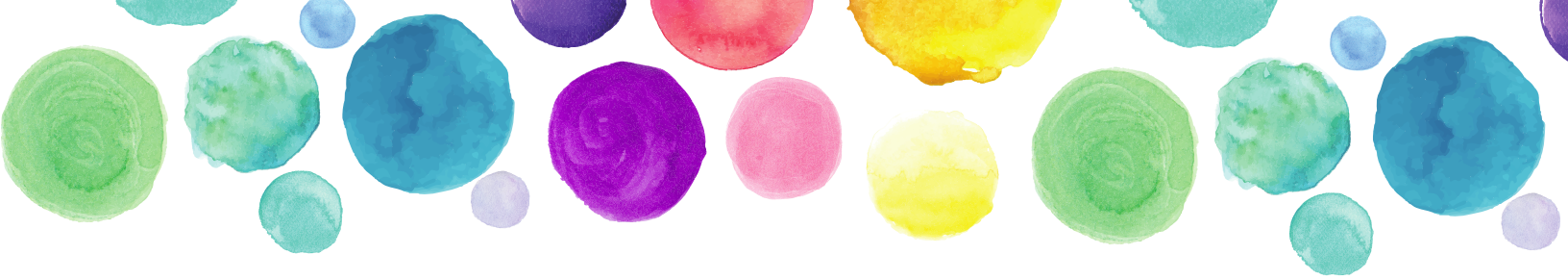
Accessible parking will be available in the bus lane in front of Falk's basketball courts, and elevator usage will be available for guests who need it. We ask that all guests in need of mobility aids come prepared with their own, as Falk's nursing staff are only equipped with one wheelchair for emergency situations.

Why will Pitt Police be present?

Pitt Police are friends of the Falk community and routinely assist with arrival and dismissal to keep our students safe. Officers from Pitt Police will join us on Grandparents & Special Friends Day to connect with families and provide peace of mind, security, and safety during the event.

Who can I contact for more information?

Please direct questions to Laurie Hess, manager of constituent relations, at 412-624-7301 or ldh31@pitt.edu.



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