

FAMOUS WHEELER CLOTHING SALE FAQs 2024

What is the Famous Wheeler Clothing Sale? Since 1948, the Wheeler Clothing Sale has been benefitting the New England community and supporting education both at Wheeler and in the community. For two magical days, the Sale transforms the Madden Gymnasium into a pop-up retail store with items that are carefully sorted, organized, and curated by over 150 volunteers to guarantee shoppers quality merchandise for the entire family at the lowest prices possible.

Who does it help? Proceeds from the sale benefit the Wheeler Fund, Breakthrough Providence, and the Wheeler School Parents Association. In addition, most leftover items are donated to local charities. Further, by encouraging the upcycling of gently worn clothing, we help reduce waste and support the environment.

When is it held? The dates for the **2024** Clothing Sale are **Friday, April 19** and **Saturday, April 20**. There is a **Thursday, April 18**, afternoon private Wheeler Community PreSale from 2-5pm. We will be accepting donations (gently worn clothing, shoes, accessories, and sporting goods) on **Saturday, April 13 from 9am-12pm**, and **Monday, April 15 to Wednesday, April 17 from 8am-4pm** at the Madden Gym back door, 407 Brook Street.

How can I Volunteer to help?

Set up: ([Set up Days Sign Up Link](#))

1. Set up racks and floor layout with Maintenance team - Wednesday, April 11- Friday April 13
2. Drive Donations from Pod at Wheeler Farm (near tennis courts) to 407 Brook street - Saturday April 13 8am
3. Organize clothing - Saturday, April 13 and the week of Monday, April 15 to Thursday, April 18 morning

Sale Days: Floor management, registers ([Sale Days Sign Up Link](#))

1. Thursday April 18 - 2-5pm Wheeler Community Presale
2. Friday April 19 - 10am - 7pm for Public
3. Saturday April 20 - 9am - 2pm for Public

Break Down: Gather/ Bag remaining clothes to donate

1. Saturday April 20 - 2pm-5pm

What items can be found at the Famous Wheeler Clothing Sale? The Sale accepts most clothing and accessories for men, women, and children for all seasons (please note: all donated clothing should be clean when dropped off.) We also welcome finer and designer clothing for men, women, and children that can be featured in our Boutique.

The clothing sale gladly accepts only the following:

- Clean men's, women's, children's, and baby's clothing
- Designer clothing, handbags, wallets and ties
- Accessories and shoes ONLY if new or in like-new condition
- Sport clothing, equipment, and accessories such as shin-guards and cleats

Where is it located? The Wheeler Clothing Sale is located in the Madden Gymnasium at 407 Brook Street, Providence. Volunteer access during the school day must be through the Main school entrance during school hours, where you will need to sign in, have your ID scanned and receive a name tag upon arrival. On Saturdays, the entrance will be via the 407 Brook Street (between Angell and Meeting Streets) entrance.

How is it set up? Volunteers carefully sort and hang up clothing according to type, gender, and size. Signs provide way-finding and there is a Boutique for designer and higher-end clothing set up toward the back of the gym near the stairs. The week before the sale, volunteers report to the gym “for duty,” working together to set up the sale. A line of registers is located along the far wall near the Brook Street doors. All items for sale are “batch priced” rather than individually priced for ease during checkout except items in the Boutique, which all have tags with prices.

What is the Boutique? The Boutique is a designated area of the clothing sale that features designer and high-end men’s, women’s and children’s clothing at modest prices. You can also find designer bags, scarfs and other fine accessories here. The Boutique has a monitored entrance/exit and all clothing selected from the Boutique must be purchased there and not at the main registers at the entrance.

Who can shop there? Everyone! The sale is open to the general public and people come from all over! Every year, shoppers include Wheeler School parents and alumni, as well as consignment shop owners, community-wide members looking for budget-friendly and environmentally-friendly bargains, and recent college graduates searching for inexpensive interview clothing.

Who is in charge? This year, our 2024 Clothing Sale Co-Chairs are Gabi Smillie P’28, ’30 Mara Feldman P’21 P’24, Laina Crowthers P’26 P’28 and Sun Brosco P’28 aided by Deana Tineo P’27 P’28, Wheeler’s Coordinator of Family Engagement. The week of the sale, “department captains” will be available to help direct volunteers. Look for the Yellow Aprons.

How can I help? Wheeler parents, guardians, alumni, alumni parents, faculty and staff are welcome to volunteer! If you are not already on the email contact list for volunteer opportunities and would like to be, please reach out to clothingsale@wheelergmail.org. There will also be an online volunteer sign-up sheet posted several weeks before the event to coordinate volunteers. Opportunities include promotion of the event, social media engagement, volunteer recruitment and organization, or just lending a hand in general. And of course, you can volunteer to help out before, during, and after the sale—setting up, organizing clothing, working the floor, running registers during sale days, or breaking everything down on Saturday afternoon.

What does a typical volunteer do? What does a typical “shift” look like? Volunteers can help with sorting, labeling, set up, hanging clothing, way-finding, and register work. Shifts are usually done in the morning and the afternoon, but really, just coming in for a few hours whenever you have some time is immensely helpful. Volunteers are provided with lunch, beverages and plenty of tasty snacks!

How do I “report for duty?” Located in the far corner of the gymnasium, on the stair side, will be a designated area where you can drop off your coat, sign in, receive a volunteer pin that identifies you as a sale helper, and get a work apron. Then, a department captain will help you figure out where to go. Don’t be afraid to speak up if you know you want to work in a particular area. Volunteers usually work with other volunteer buddies, but sometimes work alone. There is

a lot to do!

Where should I park? Being a city campus, parking is always challenging. On street parking is the only option during the school day. While we wish there was a better alternative, you may have to park a few blocks and walk. Please do not park on Meeting Street during the school day

as you will be ticketed. However, on the weekends you can take advantage of parking on Meeting Street or the faculty staff lot off Hope Street.

Do I get a discount? Yes! All volunteers receive a 15% discount. When you first arrive to volunteer, you will be given a coupon – make sure you hang on to it and then use it on Thursday, 4/18 between 2PM to 5PM at the PreSale which is open only to members of the Wheeler community.

What happens with the leftover items that remain unsold? Unsold items left in the Boutique are put up for sale online. All other clothing items are donated to local charities.