

BLUE IS FAMILY

Sycamore Family Newsletter

- November 2019 -



Greetings Sycamore Families!

This time of year is often times a stressful one for students! Large projects and papers are coming due, final exams are on the horizon, and plans are needing to be made for upcoming breaks and holidays. They may be feeling a bit overwhelmed! For many students, Thanksgiving Break is a much needed time to go home and rejuvenate themselves. I hope you are looking forward to Thanksgiving and having your student home to celebrate the holiday.

As you reconnect with your student, check in with them and make sure they are utilizing the resources around them and feeling comfortable and confident as they head into the final weeks of the semester. I would also encourage you to discuss expectations with your student while they're home. They have had a few months on their own and can forget what it is like to live under the same roof as their family members. Discuss how much time you will spend together as a family during breaks versus how much time your student will spend with their friends.

During this time of year, it is easy to reflect on our gratitude for the people and things in our lives. We are thankful for our Sycamore families and the encouragement and support you share with your ISU student! Our work would not be possible without you!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful month!

With Sycamore Pride,

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Dates to Know

NOVEMBER

- November 11-24 - Spring 2020 Priority Registration
- November 25 - Spring 2020 Open Registration begins
- November 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break; no Day or Evening Classes
- November 28-29 - University Closed

DECEMBER

- December 2 - University Opens; Classes Resume
- December 2-6 - Study Week
- December 4 - Hispanic/Global Graduation Ceremony
- December 5 - Lavender Graduation Ceremony
- December 9-13 - Final Examinations
- December 13 - Black Congratulatory Ceremony
- December 14 - Commencement
- December 23-January 1 - Winter Recess; University Closed

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Encourage Your Student to Prepare for Upcoming Breaks

As your student heads into their final weeks of the semester, it is important to prepare for upcoming break closings. If your student lives on campus, Residential Halls will close on Saturday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving break and will reopen on Sunday, December 1st. Halls will close on Saturday, December 14th for Winter Recess and will reopen on Sunday, January 12th. If your student is going home for the holidays, remind them to:

- Throw away perishable food and take out all trash
- Unplug their electrical appliances, turn the lights off, lock their windows/doors, and shut the blinds
- Leave the AC/heat on low
- If they are leaving a car on campus, encourage them to park it in a well-lit and populated area, as well as lock their doors
- Bring home belongings they no longer need

Timely Issues

November

Writing Center

Encourage your student to use the Writing Center for all papers - they can help at all stages of the writing process and often times makes a huge difference in their grade!

Holds

November is when new registration holds are placed on students' accounts. This can happen for several reasons - missing immunization records and/or transcripts, as well as university bills that have not been paid down below \$1,000. Remind your student to check their portal to see if any holds have been placed on their account that could prevent registration for the spring semester.

Registration for Spring 2020

Make sure your student has met with their Advisor about classes for next semester. It is important for students to register as soon as possible so they can get the classes they need

Housing Intentions

It's time to start thinking about where your student is going to live next year. Housing intentions are rapidly approaching, so make sure they are talking to their RA and checking their email for any important dates and reminders

Check in on meal plans

A lot of students can start running low on credits and commons cash this time of year. Visit the [Dining Services](#) website for information on how to add money to your student's meal plan.

Student Leadership Opportunities



Is your student interested in being an Orientation Leader or Transition Mentor? The Office of New Student Transition Programs is looking for passionate undergraduate student leaders to help facilitate transitional programming. Your student can find more information about these positions on the [New Student Transition Programs](#) website.

Noteworthy at ISU

- [Luncheon with Gov. Holcomb puts ISU over fundraising goal for Habit for Humanity.](#)
- [Gift from wife creates Dr. William 'Bill' Brett Center for Science Research at ISU](#)
- [Performing Arts Series presents 'Santa's Circus' Dec. 10](#)
- [Fine Arts Building rededicated after \\$15 million renovation](#)

Monthly Facebook Poll

November Results

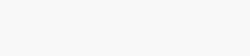
Who is primarily responsible for your student's ISU bill/tuition?

- I pay the full bill/tuition 41%
- My student pays the full bill/tuition 18%
- My student and I split the cost 41%



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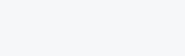
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