



A quarterly newsletter aimed at keeping Drury parents aware of ongoing events, important dates and opportunities for their Drury Students.

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★ **academic information**

Some important dates that occur in the month of October follow. It is important to remember to “officially” drop a class and not just stop going to a class. Every student who is dropping, or adding a class, needs to do so by visiting the Registrar’s Office and completing the required forms. If not dropped properly, the grade for the class could permanently stay on the student’s academic record. Also, those entering their fifth semester need to declare their major.

October 7, Wednesday
Last day to drop a class without receiving a grade

October 22-23, Thursday-Friday
Fall Break - No Classes

October 23, Friday
Deadline to Apply for May Degree (Day School Only)

October 26, Monday
Mid-term Grades Due

★ **admission**

The Drury Admission staff travels extensively throughout the year, but particularly in the fall. The admissions staff visits high schools, attends college fairs and continually meets with prospective students, both on and off campus. The first thing anyone can do to assist in the admission effort is to let the admission staff know the name and contact information (if possible) of any prospective student in your area. Additionally, if you would like to assist this effort in other ways, be sure to contact a member of the Parent Council or contact Dan Cashel, Coordinator of the Drury University Parent Council, and he will be in touch with you. Already this year, a few parents have attended College Fairs in their area with members of the Drury Admission staff and the results have been very positive.

★ **financial aid**

Always a major part of a student’s experience, as well as his/her parents, is the bottom line. Financial aid is a critical piece in the college education process at Drury and at any university. Be mindful of the deadlines that make a college

education possible. One basic reminder is that every student, to qualify for financial aid, needs to file a FAFSA with the Financial Aid Office prior to every academic year of attendance. To complete a FAFSA prior to the first year at Drury is a requirement for that first year and it must be completed again for the second year and so on. For more information and for specific answers to your questions, contact Annette Avery, Director of Financial Aid, at (417) 873-7501.

★ **H1N1**

The Drury student community needs to be vigilant in regard to two important health issues that are on the minds of many as the 2009-2010 school year unfolds: the H1N1 (Swine Flu), and Bacterial Meningitis. Drury has developed a comprehensive influenza response plan in the event that the H1N1 virus impacts the Drury campus during the 2009-2010 school year. The Drury University website will continually post the most recent information and procedures regarding H1N1. The University has been proactive in its prevention efforts. By early September it had completed a variety of preventative measures including the installation of numerous hand soap dispensers around the campus to facilitate frequent hand washing; the purchasing of personal thermometers, sending reminders to the entire campus and more. Students who have flu-like symptoms should be evaluated by the Drury Health Center, or by their personal physician. To contact the Drury Health Center call: 873-7218. For more information about Drury University’s H1N1 plan contact the Dean of Students Office or visit the Drury web page at: www.drury.edu/H1N1.

★ **career center**

The ultimate goal of a Drury education is to prepare its students for the advanced studies or for entrance into a career path. The Drury Career Center is sponsoring a Career Awareness Week the week of Nov. 2-6 which will include a variety of events. A career fair, speakers and more highlight this week. It is never too early to start the process of evaluating your options in terms of career preparation. The Career Center is pleased to provide career development assistance to Drury University students. As you talk with your son or daughter about choosing majors, exploring internships,

considering graduate schools and/or the career search process, please encourage them to schedule a time to meet with a Career Center staff member.

Ideally, first year students should be exploring major options, getting involved and volunteering to gain experience. Second year students should continue involvement in a variety of career-related experiences and activities to include on a resume. Also, students in their second year should begin preparing for an internship. Juniors and seniors should participate in internships and other career-related experiences, finalize resumes and prepare for a full-time career search or graduate school search. Students should be encouraged to participate in Career Center sponsored events throughout their college career or schedule a time to meet with a staff member for one-on-one assistance. The Career Center looks forward to working with your son or daughter. For more information contact Jill Wiggins, the Director of the Career Center at: 873-6980.

security

The question about texting parents in the case of an emergency has been brought to the Parent Council. In visiting with Mark A. Geiss, the Associate Director of Campus Safety and Security, he informed the council that texting is a significant expense every time it is utilized (campus emergencies, school cancellations due to weather, etc.). There are in excess of 1,200 texts sent to students when a situation within the Drury Community warrants that sort of notification, and the cost in providing that many texts is significant. To double that number, or more than double it, is a budget item that is being studied.

However, Officer Geiss did inform the Parent Council that the Security Department also notifies people through Twitter and Facebook. Anyone who uses TWITTER or FACEBOOK can get the same notification without the budget impact of texting. Also, according to Officer Geiss, messages will probably be received more quickly via Twitter and/or Facebook than through the text message system. The TWITTER link follows: <http://twitter.com/DrurySecurity>

athletics

The Drury athletic department, with 17 intercollegiate programs, has activities scheduled throughout the school year as well as during vacation periods. The fall sport teams are cross country (M&W), soccer (M&W), and volleyball. The winter sports are basketball (M&W) and swimming/diving (M&W). The spring sports are baseball, golf (M&W), softball, track/field (M&W) and tennis (M&W). It is worth noting that the fall sports play abbreviated schedules in the spring and the spring sports play abbreviated schedules in the fall. For specific schedules visit the Drury athletics web page at: www.drurypanthers.com.

events

You are encouraged to visit the Drury web page to see the multitude of events: the list of convocation speakers, music & theatre events, athletic activities, etc. A quick look at some upcoming events:

Theatre @ Drury : 2009 Fall Season

Hedda Gabler (by Henrik Ibsen) Oct. 7-9, 8 pm.
Oct. 10, 2 pm & 8 pm. (Studio Theatre)

She Loves Me (book by Joe Masteroff, music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick)
Nov. 11-13, 8 pm / Nov. 14, 2 pm and 8 pm
(Wilhoit Theatre)

Student-Directed One-Acts

GROUP 1 - Dec. 11, 8 pm and Dec. 12, 2 pm
(Wilhoit Theatre)

GROUP 2 - Dec. 12, 8 pm and Dec. 13, 2 pm
(Wilhoit Theatre)

Music @ Drury: 2009 Fall Season

Drury Jazz Ensemble II / Combo II / 7:30 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 27 (Clara Thompson Hall)

Drury Choral Ensembles / 7:30 pm
Monday, Nov. 2 (Stone Chapel)

Drury Jazz Ensemble I / Combo I / 7:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 3 (Clara Thompson Hall)

Convocation Concert

Springfield-Drury Civic Orchestra / "The Planets"
4 pm / Sunday, Nov. 8 (Stone Chapel)

Drury Musical: "She Loves Me" / 8 pm nightly /
Nov. 11-13 / 2 pm and 8 pm / Nov. 14 (Wilhoit Theatre)

Guest Artist Recital / Marek Kublicki, organist / 7:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 12 (Stone Chapel)

Drury Wind Symphony / 7:30 pm / Wednesday, Dec. 2
(Clara Thompson Hall)

Big Band Salute / 7:30 PM / Thursday, Dec. 3
(Findlay Student Center Ballroom)

Christmas Vespers / 4 pm / Sunday, Dec. 6
(Stone Chapel)