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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Last week of July:

Books available at the CSU Bookstore

### First week of August:

Tuition bills for Fall available

### First week of August:

Sign up for the budget payment plan (optional)

### First week of August:

Parking hangtags available for purchase

### August 15:

U-PASS stickers available

### August 22 & 23:

Class Schedule Tours

### August 23:

First Saturday classes

### August 24:

New Student Convocation

### August 25:

First weekday classes

### First 3 weeks of the semester:

Weeks of Welcome

### August 29:

Last day to add a class (by 8:00 p.m.)

### September 1:

Labor Day—no classes

### September 5:

Last day to drop a class (by 8:00 p.m.)

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## Welcome to the Parent Connection Newsletter

Now that both you and your student are officially part of the Cleveland State family, we've designed the *Parent Connection* newsletter to keep you up to date with what's happening at Cleveland State. Each month this summer and throughout the student's first semester, you will receive an e-mail with the latest edition of the newsletter. We hope you look forward to future editions.

*Mark your calendar for these important dates:*

### CLASS SCHEDULE TOURS:

**Friday, August 22**—9 a.m.-4 p.m. *or*  
**Saturday, August 23**—9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Meet up with the Orientation Leaders and other new students so your student can find his or her classrooms for the Fall semester!

Tours last approximately one hour.

*Location:* Orientation Office, Rhodes West 204

*Cost:* Free!

### NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION:

**Sunday, August 24**—2:30-5 p.m.

President Michael Schwartz will officially welcome

you and your student to Cleveland State University  
Call 216.687.2048 to RSVP.  
*Location:* Waetjen Auditorium Music & Communication Building  
*Cost:* Free!

**For more information, please feel free to contact the Orientation & Family Services staff at 216.687.9379 or [family@csuohio.edu](mailto:family@csuohio.edu).**

*Welcome to the CSU Family!*

## Financial Planning and Financial Aid

Financial Aid comes in many forms and from numerous sources. It adds up to one thing — an excellent education that's affordable. Through scholarships, grants, loans, student employment and other resources, over 75% of CSU undergraduates receive some type of financial aid.

### *Is my student eligible to apply for financial aid?*

Yes, if your student is a United States citizen or an eligible non-citizen and plans on enrolling at least six or more credit hours as a regular degree seeking student in an eligible degree program. Note — certain funds require enrollment of 12 or more credit hours.

### *What application does my student need to complete?*

All undergraduates should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available on line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). When completing the FAFSA, be sure to enter our school code 003032.

### *When do we need to have all of our information in?*

Students applying for financial aid should submit their FAFSA by February 15 each year, to be given priority consideration for all available federal and institutional funds. However, it is not too late to complete the FAFSA for 2008-2009.

### *What happens after we have completed these steps?*

Freshmen who have been accepted as degree seeking and whose Financial Aid information has been transmitted to our office will receive an acknowledgment notification.

Shortly thereafter, your student will receive the financial aid award letter, detailing the financial aid package. Or, you will be asked to submit additional paperwork to our office to help determine eligibility, prior to awarding. The award letter will present all the federal, state and university aid available for your student.

In order to borrow Stafford Federal student loans, your student must do the following: sign and return the

award letter, complete the Stafford loan promissory note (called the MPN) and complete the federally required entrance counseling requirement (online).

### *What if the award is not enough?*

The Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Student (PLUS) is for parents who need assistance paying for all or part of their student's undergraduate education not covered by other financial aid. The parent PLUS loan is a cost effective alternative to using savings, retirement accounts, or home equity to cover education expenses. The parent PLUS loan is subject to credit eligibility. To begin the PLUS loan process, complete the PLUS loan application at [www.csuohio.edu/financialaid/loans/plus](http://www.csuohio.edu/financialaid/loans/plus). CSU offers a Budget Payment plan that allows families to make four payments over the course of the semester. To learn more visit [www.csuohio.edu/tuition/pay/plans](http://www.csuohio.edu/tuition/pay/plans).

Please call Campus411 at 216.687.5411 for further assistance.



Cleveland State's  
new mascot,  
"Magnus."

## Engaged Learning at CSU

CSU students have the unique opportunity to connect with their professors, potential employers, the community and other students in a real way. This is how we are different from older, larger, less diverse and less-centrally located universities. Simply put, *engaged learning* is what makes CSU special.

You will experience *engaged learning* at CSU in Cleveland, Northeast Ohio, the country and even the world! Cleveland State is embarking on a new

transformation to improve not just the University, but the experiences of our students. We are proud to have hosted the Democratic presidential debate at the Wolstein Center this past spring; however, we are prouder of the fact that we provided a substantial number of tickets for our students to attend and participate.

Here are just a few other changes that are happening at Cleveland State: a new College of Education and Human Services building opening in Fall 2010, a new

Student Center opening in Fall 2010, Learning Communities, a new Cleveland State website, a new mascot (Magnus), new admissions standards, outstanding women's and men's athletics, co-ops and internships... and much more!

Your students are attending Cleveland State at a perfect time! Our goal is that your students will become *engaged* both socially and academically. You can expect their learning experience at CSU to be distinctive.

## Class Schedules

After attending Orientation, your student will be registered for Fall 2008 semester classes. To view the class schedule, students can log on to CampusNet with his or her 7-digit CSU ID number and password. If any changes need to be made, feel free to contact your student's academic advisor.

We recommend that changes be made in the early summer since courses fill up quickly! Also, don't forget that students need to be registered at least 12 credit hours per semester to be considered full-time; below 12 credit hours can impact your student's financial aid.

### Advising Offices

Athletic Advising: 216.687.4824  
 Business: 216.687.3729  
 Education & Human Services  
 (including Nursing): 216.687.4626  
 Engineering: 216.687.2555  
 Exploratory (Undecided &  
 University Studies): 216.687.9376  
 Honors & Scholars: 216.687.5559  
 Liberal Arts & Social Sciences:  
 216.687.5040  
 Science: 216.687.9321  
 Urban: 216.687.3884



Advice from an  
Orientation Leader:

"All students love receiving care packages with goodies and snacks from home. It lets them know you are thinking of them, and it's a great stress reliever."

Ginny McKenzie  
sophomore  
Social Work major

## Transitioning from High School to College

My son (an only child) graduated from high school seven years ago, and went to college to earn his bachelor's degree. His mother and I both worried about the transition he would have to make; naively, not realizing the real story would be how my wife and I would cope with the transition. Now, seven years later, my son graduated with his bachelor's degree, married the love of his life whom he met at college, moved out of state, and has two and a half years of experience in his career. We are very proud of his accomplishments, needless to say.

Now, the parents' side of the story. Our son left home and we didn't

have the comfort of hearing the back door of the house close, sometimes very late at night, as he came home for the evening. The laundry pile grew smaller. Gone are the common sounds we were used to of his friends stopping over and the music of his stereo or his guitar which he played often.

Replacing all those years of being together are now e-mails and instant messages which we quickly learned to value. We anxiously wait for the phone to ring with him telling us his new experiences, both good and bad, or just wanting a familiar ear to listen. The rare moments when we actually get to see our son finds us checking

to see if all limbs are functioning and skin color looks healthy. They always do, but we can't help ourselves. With each visit, we realize our son is becoming more of a man and less dependent on us.

During his transition from high school to college to being on his own, we finally accepted the changes, and our tone of conversation changed to treating him more as a best friend as well as a son. What a great experience! My wife and I are so fortunate, and I am pleased I had the opportunity to experience all this firsthand.

**Michael Droney**  
Vice President, Administration