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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Available now:

Books available at the CSU Bookstore

### Available now:

Parking hangtags available for purchase through CampusNet or Parking Services

### Available now:

Tuition bills for Fall semester

### Available now:

Sign up for the budget payment plan (optional)

### Available now:

U-PASS stickers available at the Cashiers Office

### August 22 & 23:

Class Schedule Tours at the Orientation Office, Rhodes West 204

### August 23 & 24:

Residence Hall move-in for undergraduates (contact Residence Life for specific dates and times)

### August 23:

First Saturday classes

### August 24:

New Student Convocation at Waetjen Auditorium

### 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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engaged learning

## WOW: Weeks of Welcome 2008

**Weeks of Welcome** offers CSU students an opportunity to learn about the University and have some fun during the first three weeks of the semester. Each day there's plenty to do to help them get engaged at CSU with events and programs sponsored by student organizations and departments from across CSU's campus. We at CSU take great pride in what we have to offer, and **WOW** is a campus-wide effort to create a welcoming environment for students.

Beginning on Friday, August 15, **WOW 2008** will provide students

countless opportunities to learn what resources are available for them to make their experiences at CSU engaging and memorable – both inside and outside of the classroom. **WOW 2008** will feature music, food, fun games, and a variety of chances for students to familiarize themselves with CSU faculty, staff and our campus community. Activities will include, but are certainly not limited to: Orientation Tours to help students learn where classes are on campus; the President's Picnic; the Student Organization Fair; Bingo for Books; and even the chance to watch

JAWS while relaxing in the pool at the Recreation Center. Greeter tables will be stationed around campus during the first two weekdays of classes, staffed with CSU volunteers eager to answer questions, provide directions and pass out brochures containing information about Cleveland State.

For further information, contact the Department of Student Life at 216.687.2048 or check out **WOW 2008** online at [www.csuohio.edu/WOW](http://www.csuohio.edu/WOW).

## Learning and Earning at Cleveland State

Each year there are nearly 2,000 student employment positions on campus. Our student employees are valuable contributors to the University. **The Student Employment Program** is designed to assist matriculating students in earning money to finance their education, develop essential job skills, and enhance their University experience and success at CSU.

All student employment positions are posted on the Student Employment website at: [www.csuohio.edu/enrollmentservices/financialaid/employment/oncampus.html](http://www.csuohio.edu/enrollmentservices/financialaid/employment/oncampus.html). Students can also find job postings by searching the Financial Aid webpage.

### Why should your student consider working on campus?

Research indicates that students who work on-campus:

- Enjoy greater academic success
- Are more connected to the University
- Develop relationships with members of the University community who can help them

deal with a variety of questions and concerns

- Have employers who support their educational endeavors and coordinate work schedules with academic schedules

### How might working on campus help your student's career development?

Students who participate in the Student Employment Program have the opportunity to develop essential career skills that will facilitate professional development. These may include:

- Technical skills
- Communication and decision making skills
- Team building, interpersonal and customer service skills
- Personal responsibility and professional maturity
- Customer service skills
- Problem solving skills
- Personal responsibility

### What are the basic student employment guidelines?

In order to be eligible to participate in the CSU Student Employment

Program, students must observe the following basic guidelines:

- Maintain enrollment for at least 6 credit hours in a degree seeking program during the fall and spring academic semesters.
- Work up to 20 hours per week during the fall and spring.
- Work up to 40 hours a week during breaks between semesters, if they met the criteria during the preceding semester and have their supervisor's approval.
- No work during their scheduled class times.
- Newly admitted students may begin work during the break before their first semester, including during the summer prior to their first fall semester of classes, if they have registered for at least 6 credit hours for the upcoming term.

For more information, call the Student Employment Program at 216.687.5577 or visit [www.csuohio.edu/enrollmentservices/financialaid/employment/](http://www.csuohio.edu/enrollmentservices/financialaid/employment/).

## The CSU Bookstore – Working for You



One of the biggest changes for an incoming student is the need to purchase textbooks and course materials. It's a shock to the system and definitely to the bank account. How can you minimize the impact? The Number 1 answer is to purchase used textbooks when available.

**The CSU Bookstore is successful at acquiring used textbooks for a majority of courses.** There will always be situations when a new book is the only option. However, if you shop early – when used books are available in the largest quantities – you will save money. Used books are priced at 25% less than their new counterparts.

The CSU faculty determines the required course materials and the CSU Bookstore works closely with all of the academic departments to make sure that the right books are on the shelves. If for some reason there is a change, the CSU Bookstore makes it easy to exchange or refund the incorrect title. Students can and do change their schedules during the beginning of a school term. The CSU Bookstore allows refunds and exchanges through Saturday, September 6 for the Fall 2008 semester.

To purchase textbooks, the only information needed is the student's course schedule. Whether shopping in

the store or online at [www.csuohiobookstore.com](http://www.csuohiobookstore.com), you will find all information organized by course and section number (i.e., ACT 221, 50). Our website accurately reflects the availability of books in the store. Only prices for books in the store will display. Online purchases can be shipped for \$8.00 or you may choose pick-up at the Bookstore for no additional charge.

Your purchases at the CSU Bookstore help support many programs and services at Cleveland State University. We thank you for your patronage.

For more information, call the CSU Bookstore at 216.687.2128.

Advice from an  
Orientation Leader:

**“Always encourage your child, and sometimes let them make mistakes on their own.”**

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## New Student Convocation is August 24

Developing a sense of belonging and a feeling of community is extremely important in the lives of college students. At Cleveland State, we provide our students with so many opportunities to get connected from day one. In fact, we start this BEFORE day one with **New Student Convocation**.

On the Sunday before fall semester classes begin, Cleveland State rolls out the red carpet for our freshmen students and their family members with **New Student Convocation**.

Your student, along with the entire “Class of 2012” will be greeted by President Michael Schwartz, the college Deans and Vice Presidents, faculty and staff. Students will be introduced by name, officially “pinned” and inducted into the Viking Community. The “Class of 2012” will be introduced to the tradition and history that have created our welcoming and widely recognized institution.

Join us for **New Student Convocation** on Sunday, August 24, 2008 in Waetjen Auditorium located in the Music &

Communication Building at the corners of East 21st and Euclid Avenue. Pre-ceremony entertainment begins at 2:15 p.m. and the ceremony begins at 3:00 p.m. A reception follows at 4:00 p.m. Free parking will be available in the PF Lot off East 21st Street, just north of the Music & Communication Building.

RSVP by calling the Department of Student Life at 216.687.2048 or at [www.csuohio.edu/studentlife/convocation](http://www.csuohio.edu/studentlife/convocation) before August 21. We look forward to seeing you and your student there.

## The Real Deal Now

Loud music, bright colors and a festive atmosphere. These aren't exactly things that people associate with going back to school, especially college. That's precisely what happens when you step onto campus for the first time as a CSU student in the fall.

Nerves are high for everyone, even the upper classmen, as the new year gets underway. For new students, it's all about the basic survival of finding classes and adapting to this new and diverse atmosphere. Don't be fooled by the cheerful banter of the college veterans, though. College veterans have thoughts of graduation, harder courses

and a million other things streaming through their minds, too.

Meanwhile, this same group of anxious students are involved in organizing the pleasing, calming atmosphere of a festival that welcomes students to campus every fall. You almost feel guilty when you grab that first free pencil from a welcome table, but free stuff soon becomes a not-so-guilty pleasure as you find your way around. That nervous, almost giddy self-pride that has now washed over you carries to that first class... a class that you now have a pencil to take notes with if you slacked on school supply shopping. Sometime

drifting through that sensory overload of a day, it finally hits you: this college thing is the real deal now.

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