

Parent Insider

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that it is time to start thinking about the spring semester. There are many decisions and actions that can be taken now that will ease the transition into the next semester. Your student should take the following actions:

1. Meet with the student's academic advisor
The week of October 27-31 has been scheduled for students to have a serious conversation with their advisor as to what their future plans are and what classes need to be taken in order to reach these goals. Your student is responsible for scheduling a meeting with his or her advisor to have this conversation. This meeting will also allow them to complete the registration process (November 3-7) on time.
2. Registration
Classes fill quickly, so students should register as soon as they are permitted--seniors register on Monday (Nov. 3), juniors on Tuesday (Nov. 4), sophomores on Wednesday (Nov. 5) and freshman on Thursday (Nov. 6). Another step in making sure the student can register on time, is to clear his or her account. The student can check for STOPS on their account through IQ Web. This is something they can do now—no need to wait until the week of registration.

At the end of the semester all resident students will be given a questionnaire which allows them to state their intentions for the spring semester. Students may indicate that they would like to make changes to the following: roommate, room, and meal plan. Requests for changes in roommate or room will be considered as space becomes available. Students living in Grantham, Griffin, Hart or King may choose the 20 Meal Plan or the 200 Block Plan. Students living in the Apartments may choose any of the following: 10 Meal Plan, 20 Meal Plan, 130 Block Plan or 200 Block Plan.

All students who plan to live on campus for fall 2009 will be required to pay a housing deposit. Housing deposits are due February 27, 2009. Those who pay their deposits on time will be given the first opportunity to choose their housing for the fall. Those who do not pay their deposit by the deadline will be charged a late fee and will not be able to sign up for a room until the deposit and late fee have been paid. Apartment style housing goes very quickly and will be taken by those who pay deposits on time. Because the holidays are fast approaching, we wanted to let you know now about the deposit. If you put away \$3 each week starting now, the \$50 deposit will be available for payment at the end of February.

The residence facilities will close following final exams in December. All resident students are required to check out 24 hours after their last exam. Graduating seniors and those participating in the graduation exercises (marshals and musical performers) may remain on campus until 5 p.m. on December 13th. The buildings will be locked over the holiday so students should take everything they will need during their time away.

Facilities re-open on Sunday, January 4. Classes for the spring semester begin January 6. Be prepared.

Sincerely,
Dr. Karen Bass
Vice President for Student Development

Friendly Reminders

FAFSA

It's never too early to start thinking about [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) time! Remember, the earlier you complete your taxes means the earlier you can submit the FAFSA.

The 2009-2010 FAFSA will be available on January 1, 2009. If the 2008-2009 FAFSA has not yet been completed, there is still time to do so at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Spring Registration

Planning ahead – Class schedules are available online through IQ WEB. If the student has not received an IQ WEB user ID and password, they should process a support ticket at www.moc.edu prior to their appointment with the advisor.

Meeting with advisor – Students should check the form posted on the wall/door of their advisor's office and fill in a time to meet. Students must have a face to face meeting with their advisor prior to the registration period. If students are not advised on time, registration will be delayed and classes they need can possibly fill up.

Registering – Students should meet with their advisor at the appointed time for registration approval. Advisors will assist students in completing their schedule on IQ WEB. Students with HOLDS (missing documents, account needs to be settled, or academic issues) on their records will not be able to register until the hold is removed. No student may register for more than 19 hours without the permission of the faculty advisor and the Vice President for Academic Affairs.



FAQ for Parents

1. If my child gets sick or injured, where should he/she go?

The College's Health Services Center is located beside Pope Wellness Center. Health services is staffed Monday – Friday by a registered nurse. The nurse makes referrals to physicians, as needed. Students who become sick or injured after Health Services operating hours should call the residence life coordinator on call or Campus Safety for assistance.

2. What about health/accident insurance?

Before student-athletes may practice or participate in an athletic department sponsored activity, they must have a physical examination and are required to prove that they have personal health insurance that covers athletic injuries. Mount Olive College has an insurance policy which covers all student-athletes while participating in intercollegiate athletics during official practices and competitions. The College's policy is a secondary policy only. A claim with your personal insurance is filed first, and a claim with the College's insurance is filed only after your insurance has paid in full.

3. Will parents be notified if students need medical attention?

Parents of dependent students are normally notified of a significant accident or illness. Basic communication is expected to occur between the student and parent.

4. If students can not attend classes because of illness, accident, or emergency, who should be notified?

Students who cannot attend class because of illness should contact their professors.

5. How safe is the Mount Olive College campus?

Campus Safety's number one priority is the safety and well-being of our campus community. Campus Safety patrols the campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Blue lights are available at several locations around campus should your student need assistance. These units contact a safety officer immediately and alert them to the location in question. You may view the most recent [crime statistics page](#) for detailed information.

6. Do most students have a vehicle?

Many MOC students have vehicles, but it is not necessary for MOC students to have cars. Students have easy walking access to all parts of campus, in addition to grocery stores, pharmacies and restaurants.

7. What are the computer requirements?

Several computer labs are available on campus, but students may also bring a personal computer. For specific information, please visit the [Information Technology page](#).

8. When do students declare their major?

Students may declare a major at any time. However, it is best to declare a major as early as possible so that students are enrolled in all classes necessary for graduation.

9. What is Drop/Add?

Students may drop or add a class within the first week of classes. Students should visit the Registrar's Office to obtain the appropriate forms and collect the necessary signatures by the last day of the drop/add week.

FAQ for Parents (continued)

15. How can parents know how their students are doing academically?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of students' educational records. It applies to schools receiving funds through a U.S. Department of Education program.

Information from educational records will not be released to a student's parents without the consent of the student, unless the student is a dependent student. A dependent student is defined as a student who receives more than 50% of his or her support from parents. Before information is released to a parent, it is the responsibility of the college official receiving the parental request to make a good faith effort to contact the student for the purpose of determining if the student will give consent to the release of the educational record or wishes to challenge the parents' claim regarding dependency.

16. What career planning is available to students?

Our professional staff provides personal career advising, mock interviews, and job search counseling. We host career fairs allowing students to gather data concerning careers and meet with potential employers.

17. Where do students attend church?

Many denominations are available within walking distance from campus. Several churches have shuttles to take students to and from services. A weekly chapel service is available for the MOC community each Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. There are also several active student organizations on campus who host prayer groups, Bible studies and other organized activities.

18. What banks are available for students?

Wachovia, Southern Bank, People's National Bank, and Bank of America

19. Where can my son or daughter pick up mail?

Mail boxes are available for resident students. If a package is too large for the mailbox, a notice will be placed in the student's mailbox and pick-up available at the Office of Student Development.



Faculty Focus – Dr. Mickael Cariveau

Dr. Mickael Cariveau is what some call passionate about his purpose. As assistant professor of biology, Dr. Cariveau is zealous about his research and helping students gain the hands-on experience vital in today's science fields. Not only is Dr. Cariveau a cancer biologist, he is a cancer survivor. His work gained new meaning in March of 2008 when he was diagnosed with cancer. Since then he has begun work to identify new paths to specifically target tumor cells and is continuing studies to develop new applications of clofarabine, the first new drug approved by the FDA for the treatment of pediatric leukemia in more than a decade. He is currently working one-on-one with students John Prunty and Catrina Perryman to determine the mechanisms by which tumor cells can be sensitized to radiation and chemotherapy by inhibiting the repair of DNA damage.

Funding by the NC Biotechnology Center Education Enhancement Grant has made this important work possible by allowing Dr. Cariveau to establish a cell and molecular biology lab. The laboratory, which will compliment several new courses in the biology curriculum, including cell biology, biochemistry, biotechnology and histology, will house some of the most technologically advanced equipment in the area.



"When you face your own mortality, your goals and dreams take on new meaning. I know it is by the grace of the Lord that I am here and by His hand that I am free of cancer, and I feel blessed to have the opportunity to share my knowledge and training with my students. What they will learn in this new lab will provide them the tools they need to be successful and competitive when they leave Mount Olive College. And, somewhere along the way, maybe we can make a difference in their life; give them an opportunity that they wouldn't have received somewhere else. For me, this is personal, because I see myself in so many of my students, I know what it is to face the hardships and challenges of being the first in a generation to attend college, and I know what it means to have a professor that honestly cares about their students. That is one thing that abounds here at Mount Olive College, a genuine and sincere passion for the student."

Campus Safety

By: Dot Oates,
Supervisor of Campus Safety

Campus Safety's number one priority is the safety and well-being of our campus community. We are located in the Lois K. Murphy Center, beside the Best Game Room. Campus Safety is under the division of Student Development. We provide 24-hour coverage seven days a week. Officers' duties consist of patrolling the entire campus, securing buildings and property, issuing citations and parking regulations, working special events and responding to calls for assistance, and providing educational seminars and events.

Services

1. Campus Safety Escort Service: Provides a walking and driving service throughout the entire campus
2. Lost and Found: All items can be retrieved at the Campus Safety office
3. Operation ID: Protect your personal property by having your property engraved free of charge
4. Ripped Off: A courtesy card to remind you that you could have been ripped off
5. Laptop Registration: Students are encouraged to register their laptops with campus safety free of charge and prevent theft

Services (continued)

6. Bike Registration: Students are encouraged to register their bikes with campus safety free of charge and prevent theft
7. Crime Alerts: Timely warnings and information of incidents on campus
8. Anonymous Tips Site: Provide anonymous information to the Campus Safety Office regarding possible crimes, planned crimes, policy violations, and/or crime information

Tips for Students

Please remind your student about the following safety tips:

- Always lock your room/apartment door
- Never leave exterior doors propped open, always take time to remove the prop
- Never leave valuables in plain sight
- Keep your blinds closed at night
- Never let strangers in your room, even if they tell you they are visiting a friend
- Do not keep a lot of cash in your room
- Please talk to your roommate about the security of the room you will be sharing
- All dorm and hall exterior doors are locked 24 hours
- Walk with someone, especially after dark
- Wear bright clothes when walking

- Do not wear headphones when walking
- Stay in well lit areas, streets and paths
- Call Campus Safety if you need to be escorted back to the residence halls or apartment buildings
- Let your roommate or RA know you are leaving and your expected arrival time as a safety precaution
- Carry important phone numbers
- Keep a full charge on your cell phone
- Do not give your important information to strangers
- Never pick up strangers

Changes Facing Students in College

During the college years, students face new challenges and emotions. The chart below will help you see the common concerns that many students face.

Freshmen	Sophmores	Juniors	Seniors
Overwhelmed	Overconfident	"Top of the Hill"	Anxious
Uncertain	No Longer New Kids	Comfortable	Apprehensive
Naive	Too Many Choices	More Focused	Career Decisions
Homesick	No Longer Center of Attention	Confident	Job or Graduate School
Dualistic	Major Decisions	Gaining Experience	Future Concerns
Separation from Family/Friends	Sophmore Slump	Networking	Parental/Societal Stress
Adjustment to Academics	Questioning Everything: Values, Parents, Self, Meaning of Life	Pragmatic	Self-Esteem/Security Needs
Roommates	Loyalty Shifts to Peers	Clarifying Values & Relationships	Relationship Issues
Reading	Lower Grades	Comfortable with Professors	Time Management
Eating	Consider Transferring	Enthusiastic About Studies	Concerns About Living on Their Own

Athletics Update

By: Jeff Eisen, Director of Athletics

Trojan Club

The Trojan Club is a support group dedicated to building on Mount Olive College's athletic tradition and making the athletics program even better. Unlike the 16 intercollegiate varsity teams at Mount Olive, this team operates behind the scenes.

What is the purpose of the Trojan Club?

The Trojan Club is a fundraising organization for individuals and businesses who are devoted to the betterment of the athletics program at Mount Olive College.

Where does the money go?

Contributions to the Trojan Club assist in enhancing the quality of experience for our 250 student-athletes. These funds will help us provide safer and more comfortable transportation, improved team equipment and supplies, and enhanced facilities. You can make contributions to the Trojan Club to support the overall athletic program, or you can make your donation sport specific.

Who can join the Trojan Club?

The Trojan Club is open to friends, family, alumni and others who recognize the importance of intercollegiate athletics at Mount Olive College.

How much does it cost to join the Trojan Club?

There are five different membership levels available, ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 or more. The benefits vary from level to level, but all members receive benefits of some kind, including email updates and newsletters.

How do I join the Trojan Club?

If you are interested in joining the Trojan Club, please contact Trojan Club Executive Director Bill Clingan at 919-658-7803 or wclingan@moc.edu, or click [HERE](#) for a printable membership brochure.

Why should I join now?

You can have an immediate positive impact on the lives of today's Mount Olive student-athletes by participating as a member of the Trojan Club. Plus, you can help us reach our goal of 200 Trojan Club members this year. So be a part of the team behind the teams - join the Trojan Club!

Game Time

Parents of student-athletes are encouraged to support their children by attending their home and away athletic events. Admission to all Trojan home athletic contests, except baseball and basketball, is free; there is a \$5 charge for baseball and basketball games. You can check out the game schedules at www.moc.edu/athletics.

Important Dates

October 27 – November 7: Advisement

November 3 - 7: Pre-registration

November 4: Election Day (Remind your student to vote!)

November 21 and 22: Homecoming/Pickle Classic

November 25: Founder's Day

November 27 and 28: Thanksgiving Holidays

December 4 – 9: Exams

December 13: Graduation

January 6: Start of spring semester