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* KU Parent Association
* KU Parent Assistance Line (785) 864-5872

Please address your questions or comments to parents@ku.edu. Please do not use the "Reply" key to send e-mail messages.

SELECTED DATES

- September 20 — Family Day and Band Day
- September 22-27 — Success Week
- October 2 — Last day to elect the Credit/No Credit option
- October 16-19 — Fall Break
  (No classes, University offices open)
- October 19 — Homecoming Week begins
- November 26-30 — Thanksgiving Break
- November 27-30 — University offices closed
- December 12 — Stop Day
- December 15-19 — Final Examinations
- January 15, 2009 — First day of Spring Semester
- January 19, 2009 — Martin Luther King Day
  (No classes, University offices closed)
- March 16-22, 2009 — Spring Break
  (No classes, University offices open)
- May 8 — Stop Day
- May 17, 2009 — Commencement 2009
- June 9, 2009 — First day of Summer Session
- July 31, 2009 — Last day of Summer Session
- August 20, 2009 — First day of Fall 2009

FAMILY DAY/WEEKEND

Family Day is Saturday, September 20th. The weekend is full of events for students and their families; starting with the School of Fine Arts Collage Concert on Friday night at the Lied Center.

The Band Day parade is in downtown Lawrence on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The KU Libraries will host an informal open house with refreshments and giveaways on the front lawn of Watson Library from 2 – 5 p.m.

The KU Parent Association and Student Success staff members will greet families on the 4th floor of the Kansas Union from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

The KU vs Sam Houston State football game is Saturday evening with specially priced tickets for families. Complete details are available at www.familyweekend.ku.edu/.
Early in the semester students may realize that they need additional assistance in learning course material. Tutoring Services, a course-specific tutoring operation, is available for students. The fee is reasonable (fee waivers are also available for students who qualify) and tutors are students who have gone through an extensive interview process. Requests can be made simply by going to the Tutoring Services website at www.tutoring.ku.edu.

Other tutoring options here at KU may include help rooms through the department and departmental tutoring. For more information on tutoring opportunities, students may access www.tutoring.ku.edu. It’s important that students are aware of all of their options when it comes to seeking additional assistance.

SUCCESS WEEK
Success Week, September 22-27, offers a variety of workshops and opportunities for student to learn more about how to be successful both inside and out of the classroom. Included in Success Week is the popular Majors Fair which gives students information about what one can do after graduation with a given major. Events are free to students. To learn more about Success week visit: www.successweek.ku.edu/.

WITHDRAWING FROM A CLASS
Some students do withdraw from a class during the semester for various reasons. If your student talks to you about dropping a class, here is the information that he or she needs.

* Students who withdraw after the first three weeks of classes will have the class recorded on their transcript as a "W." The "W" is not calculated into the Grade Point Average.
* The last day to drop or withdraw is November 17th. The form needed to withdraw from a class is available in 151 Strong Hall and it may require the Dean’s approval.
* Students may no longer drop or withdraw from a class after November 17th, the 60th instructional day of class.

More information is available at the University Registrar’s website: www.registrar.ku.edu/timetable/add_drop.shtml.

HEALTH INSURANCE
Success in a university setting depends on many things, including the student’s health and whether or not they are protected from unexpected health costs. Because the potential for financial hardship is so great in health related situations, KU’s Student Health Services strongly recommends that each student be covered by health insurance. Is your student? Are they covered by your policy or are they in the Kansas Board of Regents sponsored plan? Do they carry an insurance card?

If a student needs to access health care services, whether on campus or in the community, having insurance and carrying a card will be a tremendous help. While they will get any necessary care regardless, an insurance card will identify important information for billing and any restrictions on the benefits or provider network. We encourage students to take charge of their healthcare by becoming familiar with their insurance coverage and carrying their insurance card. Knowing what’s on the card and presenting it when they access health care is empowering them to do so.

For questions about health insurance, please contact the Student Health Services Insurance office at 785-864-9522.
MATH PLACEMENT EXAMS FOR SPRING ENROLLMENT
The Math Department will offer the math placement exams on October 20th and October 27th. The exams are offered at 7:30 p.m. in 330 Strong Hall. To take the exam a student must register online. The exam is offered again in January. You can find more information at: www.math.ku.edu/academics/undergraduate/placement_dates.html.

ETIQUETTE DINNER
The Etiquette Dinner is scheduled for October 7th at the Kansas Union. This unique learning experience provides an excellent opportunity to navigate successfully through one of the most difficult social encounters in the real world: Fine Dining with Strangers!

KU students of all academic levels are encouraged to participate in this fun event. There is a non-refundable commitment cost of $15 per student to attend the event. Reservations for the event can be purchased at the University Career Center, Room 110 Burge Union or online at www.kucareerhawk.com/f2008dinner. Personal checks, cash, and major credit cards are accepted forms of payment. Students are encouraged to purchase their reservation as soon as possible since there is limited seating.

STUDYING FOR TESTS AND MIDTERMS
The Academic Achievement and Access Center offers students free workshops on preparing for tests and studying for midterms. The workshops are offered from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., in room 4007 of Wescoe Hall.

Doing Your Best on Tests: Wednesday, September 24th
Doing Your Best on Mid-Term Exams: Wednesday, October 8th

STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION
The Fall 2008 semester is off to a wonderful start. The Department of Student Housing prides itself on the many educational and social activities provided which seek to enrich the lives of the students living on campus. Several campus-wide programs are currently being planned with the goals of providing valuable information or an opportunity to meet and connect with others. Just last week the annual Fire Safety programs began. Each community sponsors an informative and fun meeting with representatives from Lawrence Fire & Medical. Participants learn how to respond in the event of a fire and tips for staying safe. Encourage your student to attend their community’s fire safety meeting. These meetings continue through the month of September.

The week of September 22-27 is Success Week at KU, a week long series of events focusing on academic success. The Department of Student Housing is co-hosting Faculty Food for Thought with the University Advising Center. Participants gain informal advice from professors and academic advisors. The event provides a safe place to ask questions about faculty expectations of students, grading, classroom participation, and out of class assignments. Specific dates, times, and locations are available from your student’s Resident Assistant or Scholarship Hall Director. (Continued on next page)
Encourage your student to attend GSP-Corbin’s Rock the Block Tailgate Party. The students and staff of GSP and Corbin Residence Halls host a tailgate for each home football game Saturday. The event is open to all and students can use their meal plan with KU Dining Services to fill-up with great food prior to kick-off.

**USING THE BUS SYSTEM**
The KU bus system, KU On Wheels, is free to KU students, faculty and staff. The only thing needed to board the bus is a valid KU Card, and it will be required only at stops that aren’t on campus. Passengers without a KU Card, City T pass, or transfer slip will pay $1 per ride. For more information about KU on Wheels, visit: [www.kuonwheels.ku.edu/](http://www.kuonwheels.ku.edu/).

With the KU Card students can ride the city busses, known as “the T”. After October 1, students, faculty and staff will need the new KU Card to ride city buses. Those with old KU Cards may exchange the KU Card free at the KU Card Center on level 4 of the Kansas Union! KU on Wheels will continue to accept both the old and new KU Cards. Students who attended New Student Orientation during summer or fall 2008 have the “new” KU Card. For information about the city bus system, visit: [www.lawrencetransit.org/](http://www.lawrencetransit.org/).

Students can also ride the K-10 Connector that runs from Lawrence to Johnson County Community College and the KU Edwards Campus. There is a fee to ride the K-10 Connector. There are bus stops at the Park and Ride Lot on campus and near 19th Street & Naismith Drive. For more information, visit: [www.kuonwheels.ku.edu/k10conn.shtml](http://www.kuonwheels.ku.edu/k10conn.shtml).

**HOMECOMING**
Homecoming Week begins October 12th with the Spirit Run and really gets going October 19th through October 25th. KU faces off against Big 12 opponent Texas Tech on October 25th.

Information about Homecoming can be found at [www.homecoming.ku.edu/](http://www.homecoming.ku.edu/).

**HELPFUL LINKS**
- **KU Parent Association:**
  [www.parentassociation.ku.edu](http://www.parentassociation.ku.edu)
- **KU Information Center:**
  [www.kuinfo.ku.edu](http://www.kuinfo.ku.edu)
- **KU Alumni Association:**
  [www.kualumni.org](http://www.kualumni.org)
- **KU Endowment Association:**
  [www.kuendowment.org](http://www.kuendowment.org)
- **KU News:** KU news releases are available online at [www.news.ku.edu](http://www.news.ku.edu).

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