December Aggie Families Webchat

December 5, 2016

We will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.
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December 2016 Calendar

- December 5: Redefined day, students attend their Friday classes
- December 6: Redefined day, students attend their Thursday classes
- December 7: Last day of fall semester classes; Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in December
- December 8: Reading Day, no classes
- December 9: Fall semester final examinations begin
- December 14: Fall semester final examinations end
- December 15: Grades due for all degree candidates
- December 16: Commencement and Commissioning
- December 19: Final grades for all students due
Finals & Academic Success

- Students can refer to the Registrar's office and their class syllabus for finals schedule

- [http://registrar.tamu.edu/Courses,-Registration,-Scheduling/Final-Exam-Schedule](http://registrar.tamu.edu/Courses,-Registration,-Scheduling/Final-Exam-Schedule)
Study Tips & Resources

- Academic Success Center
  - successcenter.tamu.edu

- Writing Center
  - writingcenter.tamu.edu

- Student Counseling
  - scs.tamu.edu
What Can You Do?

• Support and Encourage!
  – Care Packages
  – Notes (texts, e-mails, phone calls, etc.)

*** Don’t be upset/concerned if they don’t respond!
Final Grades

- Final Grades are due on December 19th

- Before parents/guardians can access their student's information online, their student must set up Parent/Guardian Access in the Howdy web portal. [http://howdy.tamu.edu](http://howdy.tamu.edu) allows parents/guardians to access your academic records, tax forms, financial aid and other services.

- Parents/Guardians should never log in with their student's NetID and password. Student accounts are locked when suspicious activity, such as concurrent logins from two locations, is detected. Students can set up parent/guardian access to their billing account, academic records, financial aid, tax forms and other services.
Residence Hall Check Out

- All students should be out of the halls 24 hours after the last exam, but no later than 5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15th.

- Students returning to the halls for the spring semester must follow the express check out process covered in their closing hall meetings and prepare their room accordingly given their style of hall. Failure to do so may result in an assessment of charges.

- Halls will reopen on Thursday, January 12th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.
Don’t forget these tips before you leave Aggieland for Winter Break

- Pay all bills before leaving.
- If your student desires to have mail forwarded while gone, fill out a change of address card a few weeks before leaving or contact the post office to have them hold mail, which they will do for up to 30 days.
- Notify apartment manager of absence during the winter break.
- Discuss plans for the break with roommate and agree on what needs to be done before leaving.
- Take your valuables home with you (laptops, Xbox, PlayStation, flat screens, etc.).
- Take pictures of the serial numbers on your valuables with your phone camera so you have them with you if you need to report something stolen. Also make sure you know makes/models of all your items!
- Secure/Store away items usually kept outside such as lawn mowers, BBQ grills, furniture, and bicycles.
- For security purposes, put lights on a timer while gone and alternate them to mimic actual usage.
- Windows - shut them, latch them, lock them, and close all blinds.
- Report any suspicious activity to your police department. If you see something, say something!
  - College Station Police Department: 979.764.3600
  - Bryan Police Department: 979.361.3888
  - University Police Department: 979.845.2345

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Be a Good Neighbor
Tips for Winter Break

• Discuss expectations for the visit. If you are planning an event in which you expect your student to participate, let them know ahead of time when it’s scheduled and how long it will take.

• Talk to your student about “home rules” and what adjustments you can make now that they are in college.
Tips for Winter Break

• Visits can be an adjustment to everyone, especially other children at home who have just adjusted to a sibling being away.

• Don’t let yourself be taken advantage of by catering to your student. Acknowledging independence can free families of taking care of every need, such as laundry, cooking meals, etc.
Tips for Winter Break

• Be prepared that your student may choose to make alternative plans during their break. Some students choose to stay in College Station, or plan trips with their friends. Make sure you ask your student their plans so you aren’t surprised!
January 2016 Calendar

• January 16th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Faculty & Staff Holiday - University Closed

• January 17th: First Day of Spring 2017 Classes

• January 23rd: Last day for adding/dropping classes
Spring Semester

- Student Involvement
- Employment
Save the date!

Save the date for Family Weekend April 7-9th!
Familyweekend.tamu.edu
New Student & Family Programs

- Family Newsletter, Webchats, Social Media
- Aggiefamilies.tamu.edu
- 979.845.5826
- aggiefamilies@tamu.edu
Questions?