

# The Norse Parent

NKU Parents Association Newsletter

## *Final Touches: Helping Your Student Feel Prepared*

It's almost here! It's August and that means time is flying! All those back-to-school dates and tasks on your calendar are no longer weeks or even days off...They're here! And so are we with some last minute tips on what you can do to ensure your student feels prepared and enthusiastic about the first day of class. Below is a list of reminders for you and your student so you can double-check that everything has been taken care of to help your student start the year strong.

### **Take Care of Business:**

- ⇒ Have your student check his or her myNKU account to be sure any schedule changes can be accounted for and all financial aid information has been reviewed.
- ⇒ Encourage your student to print his or her schedule before the first day of class. The wireless network can get busy the first day, slowing down the ability to access student schedules online.
- ⇒ Be sure to pick up pre-ordered books and purchase any last minute supplies. You can stop by the "Welcome Back" picnic to pick up pre-ordered books, receive a 25% off coupon, play some cornhole, listen to live music and grab *free* lunch from 11am—2pm outside of the NKU bookstore.
- ⇒ Purchase a parking permit online and pick it up at the Parking Services Office in the Welcome Center. Go to <http://parking.nku.edu>.

### **Move-in Day:**

- ⇒ Read over the Housing Assignment & Information Packet you received in the mail to find out your student's mailing address, check-in locations for each residence hall, a list of items included in the rooms, a list of items prohibited in the rooms, and suggestions for what to bring.
- ⇒ Freshmen move-in is from 9am—12noon on Friday, August 17th.
- ⇒ [RSVP for the New Student & Parent Convocation](#) at 3:30pm on Friday in the Bank of Kentucky Center so that you and your student can meet NKU's new president and receive an official welcome to the university. After the ceremony, enjoy a "Taste of Northern Kentucky" meal in the Student Union.
- ⇒ Stop by our Parents Association tables in Callahan Hall, University Suites, and Kentucky Hall on August 17th from 9am—12noon to get more information about the day and a cold cup of water.
- ⇒ Attend the "Welcome Back" picnic on August 17th from 11am—2pm, as mentioned above in the "Take Care of Business" section.

### **Tips for the First Day**

- ⇒ Encourage your student to leave extra early throughout the first couple weeks to allow for delays with traffic, parking, and finding their classrooms.
- ⇒ Current students recommend having the following during the first week of class:
  - A water bottle
  - Any syllabi posted on Blackboard prior to the first day of class
  - An umbrella
  - A student planner (get one FREE at Convocation on Aug. 17th!)
  - A Welcome Week schedule
  - A sweatshirt for cold classrooms
  - The AllCard student ID
  - Books for class!

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### **Important Dates:**

**All Month**  
NKU Athletics—[Click here to see a full schedule](#)

#### **August 17**

- Freshmen Move-In Day, starting at 9am
- New Student & Parent Convocation\*, 3:30pm in the Bank of Kentucky Center
- Welcome Week begins—[Click here to see the full schedule](#)

#### **August 18**

- Returning Student Move-In Day, starting at 9am

#### **August 20**

- First day of class
- Tuition is due!  
<http://bursar.nku.edu>

#### **August 24**

[FreshFusion](#), 3:00pm in the Bank of Kentucky Center

#### **August 27**

FULL Session—Last day to drop a class with 100% tuition reimbursement

**FAMILY WEEKEND UPDATES COMING SOON...**  
<http://parents.nku.edu>

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