

October/November Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents:

This month's newsletter will highlight some of the College's upcoming programs, activities and services for your information.

Family Weekend – October 23-24, 2009

All family members are welcome to attend this year's Family Weekend program, with a special invitation to the family members of our newest students. On Friday you can attend a class, visit with faculty and staff at the *FYE Reception* and rock out at the *Lip Sync and Dance Contest*. On Saturday, browse the bookstore for more TCNJ memorabilia, take a family picture and compete for some terrific prizes in the *Cook-Off*. And don't forget to check out the *Parent to Parent* session for wise advice from the parents of upperclass students or the *Study Abroad* session if you're wondering about the academic or fiscal implications are for students who plan on international study. (See www.tcnj.edu/~sa/parents/ and click on "Learn More" for details.)

If you haven't already sent in your pre-registration form and are worried about it arriving on time through the mail, you may want to have your student drop it off at the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA) office in Brower Student Center 214 but don't hesitate to continue to use the online registration process for the Sibling Sleepover and Cook-Off Contest through October 22nd – these can be found at www.tcnj.edu/~sa/parents/familyday.html. Make sure to stop by the Family Weekend Registration table upon your arrival to get a copy of the most current schedule. If you have any questions, contact the VPSA Office at 609-771-2201.

Our faculty, administration and staff are all eager to welcome you back to campus and your student is looking forward to hosting you!

Campus Calendar

There is always so much going on here at TCNJ - view what we have to offer by clicking on "Calendars" on the College's homepage. In October Hillel hosted a celebration of Sukkot; the Rat has scheduled special entertainment every Friday night; Spirit Week has begun and TCNJ Musical Theater's "Broadway Night 2009" cabaret will be held in the Library Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on the 23rd and 2:00 & 8:00 p.m. on the 24th, \$5 admission fee – something else to do over Family Weekend! It is a rare activity (such as a major concert sold-out to students) that isn't open to parents and family members so please check calendar information frequently and come celebrate campus life with us.

Residence Hall Thanks giving Break Calendar

Residence halls will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25th and reopen at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 29th. All residents will receive information about this process via email and first year students will get additional guidance from their Community Advisor.

Academic Activity

In many classes midterm exams have already been given while in others they are yet to be held. If your student is experiencing personal or academic distress related to these, a number of excellent resources are available. Personal counseling is available at Counseling and Psychological Services (Eickhoff Hall 107, x2247) and academic support can be found at the Tutoring Center (Forcina Hall 145, x3325) or the Center for Academic Success (Forcina Hall 142, x3452). Registration for the spring term will occur from November 3-13th. Students are strongly encouraged to prepare for this process by consulting with their academic advisor and utilizing the online program planner module in PAWS.

H1N1 Information

Look for the latest information on H1N1 by clicking on “Flu Info” on our homepage. Over 1500 members of the campus community were vaccinated for the seasonal flu earlier this month and we offered the H1N1 vaccine in FluMist form on October 14th. Two more vaccination clinics are scheduled for October 20th and 22nd, with both FluMist and the injectable vaccine offered at no cost. The Center for Disease Control is strongly encouraging everyone from 6 months to 24 years of age to be vaccinated for H1N1 so we recommend you discuss this with your student – see www.flu.gov for more information. Our Director of Student Health Services, a former president of the New Jersey College Health Association, will be discussing H1N1 and campus initiatives during Family Weekend, so be sure to attend this informative session. As always, one of the best ways your student can stay healthy is to wash his/her hands thoroughly and often, so hopefully all your early-childhood training with them is kicking in.

Parent and Family Association Executive Board

The executive board will hold its first meeting of the year at noon on Saturday, October 24th in Brower Student Center 210. This group meets just three times a year and provides the College with the parent perspective on institutional programs and planning, coordinates outreach to other interested or current parents, and fundraises for special projects. Members receive free tickets to home athletic events and gifts from the College Bookstore. For more information or to join the executive board, please contact me at mmanetas@tcnj.edu or call 609-771-2201.

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