

Staying Connected

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Parent & Family Weekend is Just Around the Corner!

As we head into October, it is time to start thinking about John Carroll's Parent & Family Weekend 2008!

This year's event will take place **October 25 & 26**. A busy schedule has been planned with theater and music performances, the ever-popular Lolly the Trolley tours through Cleveland, in addition to a handful of fall sports teams hosting rivals from other Ohio Athletic Conference institutions.

You should have received (or will receive

soon) the postcard which will provide you with the web address where you can find the Parent & Family Weekend registration materials, which you can simply download and mail in to the provided address.

The website for the 2008 Parent & Family Weekend registration materials is www.jcu.edu/parents/parentsweekend/index

We hope to reconnect with you on campus during this fun event...see you there!



A JCU family enjoying the brunch at Parent & Family Weekend 2007

Homecoming 2008... Rocked Through the Years!

JCU students and alumni recently had the chance to take part in a week of fun and engaging activities as part of Homecoming Week. Some of the highlights included the arrival of VH1's "Best Week Ever Tour", a midnight breakfast, and a pep rally/bonfire, where JCU's new mascot was

unveiled...it's a wolf (a nod to the wolves on the family crest for St. Ignatius)! A contest is underway to name the mascot as well.

The cap to the week of activities was the popular Homecoming Dance, which was held this year at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in downtown Cleveland. Over

600 students attended the dance, which continues to be a favorite tradition of John Carroll students. Their next big opportunity to take the dance floor will be the December's Winter Formal, which takes place during the weekend of Christmas Carroll Eve events.



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Notes from the Dean of Student Development

Dear parents and others who support our John Carroll students,

We're nearing the end of the six-week mark for our first-year students, which research tells us is an important milestone for undergraduates. The Foundations teams that I described to you in the last letter met again with all of the first-year floors to encourage students to connect to the various resources on campus. In addition to discussing where various aids are for academic support, we also strongly encouraged them to attend the Student Involvement Fair on Friday, September 12. Our hope for the first-year students at this point is that they are balancing successfully the numerous demands on their time as

well as exercising "self-authorship" by contributing their talents to the campus community through student organizations and other forms of involvement.

These first weeks of college are critical because research tells us that students often decide to stay or leave school at this juncture. Being connected to the campus is important for both commuter and resident students if they are to have the most fulfilling experiences possible. The next time that you talk to your student, I encourage you to ask them about what they're getting involved with on campus. You may also ask them how they are finding the balancing of studies, activities, and work. They need your encouragement

to solve problems for themselves rather than depending on you to do it for them. Problem-solving and self-advocacy are two very important skills for students to learn during their college careers.

These are great days – even if sometimes intimidating – for our first-year students. It's our goal to support them in their transition to adulthood over the next four years, and we want their beginnings to be as successful as possible.

Sincerely,

Fr. James Prehn, SJ

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FALL SEMESTER DATES AND EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 6** Foundations meetings
Last day for Ohio voter registration cards to be postmarked to vote in the November election
- 11** SUPB's Oktoberfest
- 13** Admissions Open House for prospective students
- 17** Fall Break
- 21** Last day to pre-register for Parent & Family Weekend
- 25/26** Parent & Family Weekend
- 25** Admissions Open House for prospective students
- 27** Applications due for Spring Break & May Immersion experiences
- 29** Post-graduate Volunteer Fair

NOVEMBER

- 4** Election day!
- 10** Priority course registration begins for Spring semester 2009
- 14-16** Campus Ministry's Manresa retreat
- 20** School of Americas Protest in Ft. Benning, Georgia
- 25** Last day to drop a class
Thanksgiving Break begins after last class (residence halls close at 7pm)

DECEMBER

- 1** Foundation meetings
- 12** Winter Formal
- 13** Christmas Carroll Eve
- 19** Winter break begins after last exam (residence halls close at 7pm)

