

Staying Connected

The newsletter for parents and families of JCU students

John Carroll University

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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 2009!

This year's event will take place **October 23 - 25**. A busy schedule has been planned with theater and music performances, the ever-popular Lolly the Trolley tour through Cleveland, mass, and the annual Casino Night!

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.

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

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Helping your student through potential roommate issues

In the first few weeks of school, it is not uncommon for a student who encounters a roommate challenge to turn to the major source of support they have always had, namely, you. You may get a phone call or text from your son or daughter complaining about a roommate who is "impossible to live with." As parents, it is natural to want to fix the problem for your son or daughter. If this happens, the Office of Residence Life offers the following advice to parents:

* Talk about the situation with your son or daughter and help them to explore possible solutions to the problem.

* Remember that you are hearing only one perspective of the roommate conflict. Remind your son or daughter of this as well.

* Ask if your son or daughter has talked to the roommate about the issues they are

having. Many times the roommate is unaware that a problem exists or is just as anxious to discuss the problem as your son or daughter is. Many roommate conflicts are due to and solved by communication.

* Remember, your student should be in the middle of most communications, dealing directly with John Carroll and directly with you. Avoid the unnecessary triangles.



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* Ask if he or she has taken advantage of their Resident Assistant (RA) in helping solving the conflict. The RA is trained to help mediate conflicts and has experience in solving roommate problems.

* Do not rush in and “save the day” for your son or daughter. Now is the time to trust that your years of influence will make a difference. Be concerned, but let them work things out.

* Know that the Office of Residence Life staff will work hard to ensure that

your son or daughter has a safe and enjoyable place to live. However, sometimes there are conflicts that roommates must confront maturely, discuss openly and honestly, and be willing to make and accept realistic compromises. There can be many lessons learned from living with someone and sometimes they are not always the easiest lessons to learn. We expect students to learn as much from living in the halls on campus as they do from classes.

In general, the best way you can help your son or daughter adjust to college life is to offer your love, support, understanding and encouragement. It is important to trust that your son or daughter will continue to learn and grow in their ability to act independently to solve their own problems, learn from their mistakes, and accept increasingly higher levels of responsibility.

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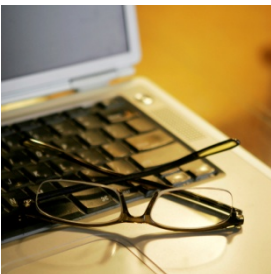
JCU Web4Parent is Here!

John Carroll University is pleased to introduce Web4Parent. Web4Parent gives freshmen and sophomore students the ability to allow their parent(s) to view the student's JCU education records on BannerWeb, if the student authorizes access to those records. Students control what information can be accessed and who can access it. Students can go to BannerWeb and allow their parent(s) to view all or some of the following information: the student account and/or financial aid information; grades; students' class schedules; and the current address, phone, and email information. Students will also be able to remove access they have previously authorized if they choose to do so. Once students have completed the authorization process we will mail a letter to their parents to provide that person with his or her own unique Banner User ID and PIN along with instructions for using Web4Parent.

If you are interested in Web4Parent, here are the instructions for students to activate this feature:

- Go to BannerWeb at <https://web4.jcu.edu:4459>
- Enter *Secure Area* with their Banner User ID and PIN
- Click on *Parent Access Menu*
- Click on *Authorize Student Information*
- Select a parent from the drop down menu (if they wish to authorize more than one parent to view their information they must process an authorization for each)
- Click in the box next to each type of information for which they wish to authorize access
- Click on the *Submit* button at the bottom of the screen to save their changes
- Exit the system completely when they are finished

We hope Web4Parent will enhance the JCU experience for both you and your student(s).



Fun is going into overtime at Homecoming 2009!

As fall hits, John Carroll University is getting ready to celebrate Homecoming Activities. We welcome you to all of our events and hope that you will encourage your children to attend! Here is a look at our events, and as always, more information can be found on our website at www.jcu.edu/homecoming :

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Bonfire and Pep Rally

Quad @ 9p

We start off the festivities with a pep rally and bonfire to cheer the football team on to a victory against Marietta on Saturday. This event is free for students.



Thursday, October 8, 2009

An Evening With Josh Kelley

Kulas Auditorium @ 8p

Keep the spirit up as we welcome Josh Kelley and his band as they entertain us through the evening with his hits such as "Amazing" and "Only You." Tickets are \$5 and can be sold to students in the Student Center Atrium and will also be available at the door.

Friday, October 9, 2009

Carroll's Own Family Feud

Kulas Auditorium @ 8p

Students have the chance to win great prizes as we present our own take on the game show Family Feud. Groups of students will have the opportunity to sign up to play in the game show during the weeks leading up to Homecoming. This event is free for students.

Late Night Breakfast

Schott Dining Hall @ 11p (or directly following the Game Show)

After the game show, students have the chance to enjoy a late night breakfast in the dining hall and participate in Bingo for prizes. This event is free for students.

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Footprints for Fatima

South Belvoir Boulevard @ 8a

Walk or run in this fundraiser to benefit the Fatima Food Drive. For more information please visit the website at www.jcu.edu/footprints .

Street Fair

South Belvoir Boulevard @ 11a

Join students, alumni, family, and community members at this campus block party complete with inflatable games, food, games, and entertainment. Families and children are welcome at this event. Students will also have the option to use a meal swipe for their meal while they enjoy the fun out on the street.

Varsity Football game against Marietta College

Don Shula Stadium @ 2p

We keep the spirit going as we cheer on the Blue Streaks to a victory against Marietta College. Be sure to get to your seat at 1:45pm for the announcement of the Homecoming Court, King, and Queen.

Homecoming Dance

Cleveland Browns Stadium @ 8p

Advance ticket purchase is required for this event that is sure to sell out. The Cleveland Browns Stadium hosts this year's dance where students can enjoy a light dinner while enjoying the view of the city as well as the field.

Sunday, October 11

Alumni Mass and Breakfast

St. Francis Chapel @ 10:00a

All are invited to attend Mass in the Chapel followed by a brunch in the Schott Dining Hall.





Notes from the Dean of Students

Dr. Sherri Crahen

Greetings from John Carroll! I hope that your students are getting settled into their classes now that they have been on campus for a few weeks. I thought that it might be helpful for me to share an email that we sent to students on September 4, 2009. As I'm sure you are aware, many colleges and universities have had significant numbers of students who are presumed to have the H1N1 virus. Below is information we sent to students, and we thought that parents would find this information to be helpful as well. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

To John Carroll University Students:

We are writing to update you on the university's actions regarding the H1N1 flu virus. As you may be aware, the H1N1 virus has already appeared on many college campuses. At John Carroll, two students presumed to have the H1N1 flu have been seen at the Student Health Center and are recovering. We expect to see more cases in the coming weeks.

Reports on this strain of flu suggest the majority of individuals with H1N1 recover within one week's time. We ask students with flu-like symptoms to contact the Student Health Center (Murphy Hall lower level, 216-397-4349) for initial screening and treatment options. We are aware that students who have flu-like symptoms may be very reluctant to miss class. Please take note that students afflicted with the flu should not attend class. We have asked faculty to work with students who miss class because of the flu and to give students the opportunity to make up work they may have missed. We hope to prevent a significant outbreak of the H1N1 virus at John Carroll University. We recognize that many students' hometowns are relatively close to campus and that students who have flu-like symptoms will be most comfortable recuperating at home. For students with symptoms who are unable to go home, we are opening a Recovery Center in Murphy Hall, using a floor of unoccupied residence hall rooms which are located in close proximity to the Student Health Center. Meals will be delivered and staff from the Student Health Center and EMS volunteers will provide care to students. Students in the Recovery Center will have access to the internet, phones and cable television. The Recovery Center will provide a quiet area for students to rest and recuperate so that we can limit exposure to the H1N1 virus and reduce its spread on campus.

As a reminder, below are a few things that you can do to help:

- Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Spread of this H1N1 virus is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing by people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. Alcohol-based hand cleaners containing a minimum concentration of 60% alcohol also are effective.
- Practice respiratory etiquette by covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth; germs are spread this way.
- Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. A fever is a temperature taken with a thermometer that is equal to or greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius. Look for possible signs of fever: the person feels very warm, has a flushed appearance, or is sweating or shivering.
- Individuals who have the flu or flu-like illness should stay home or in an isolated area for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius) or signs of a fever (has chills, feels very warm, has a flushed appearance or are sweating). This should be determined without the use of fever-reducing medications (any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen).

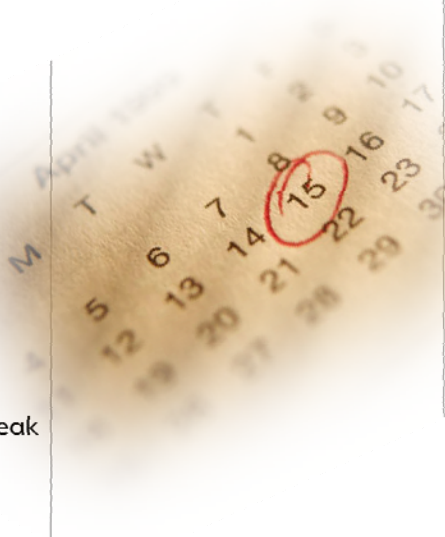
For more information about flu in our community and what our institution is doing, visit <http://www.jcu.edu/flu> This website contains valuable information regarding our H1N1 planning and prevention, and has links to the CDC, WHO and other organizations monitoring the H1N1 outbreak.

We will notify you by email, the JCU website, and JCU alert of any changes to our institution's plans to prevent the spread of flu on our campus.

Fall Semester Dates and Events

OCTOBER

- 5** Last day for Ohio voter registration cards to be postmarked to vote in the November election
- 7-11** Homecoming
- 8** *Enrique's Journey* author Sonia Nazario speaks on campus
- 10** Boler School of Business Open House for prospective students
- 13** Applications due for Spring Break & May Immersion experiences
- 16** Fall Break
- 20** Last day to pre-register for Parent & Family Weekend
- 23-25** Parent & Family Weekend
- 23** Spring course registration begins



NOVEMBER

- 3** Election day!
 - 7** Admission Open House
 - 13-15** Campus Ministry's Manresa retreat
 - 24** Last day to drop a class
Thanksgiving Break begins after last class (residence halls close at 7pm)
- ## DECEMBER
- 4** Winter Formal
 - 12** Christmas Carroll Eve
 - 18** Winter break begins after last exam (residence halls close at 7pm)

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR NEW STUDENT HAS A STAFF MENTOR?

This fall, the Office of Orientation & Leadership Programs launched a new mentoring program for all of our incoming first-year students. Ninety faculty, staff, and administrators have volunteered their time to mentor a small group of new students and to help them manage their transitions to college so that they can each have a successful first year at John Carroll.

The mentors send a "Tip Sheet" to their first-year student mentees each week that has important information about what's happening on campus as well as providing some advice for getting off to a great start in their college careers. In addition, each mentor contacts their students to invite them to small group meetings with other students to answer any questions they might have and develop relationships and networks to help them adjust to life at John Carroll. In addition, the mentors have also been contacting each of their students to set up 1-on-1 meetings to check in and see how the students are doing on an individual basis.

There is one way that you can be helpful – ask your student if he or she has met with their mentor yet this semester. Ideally, this has happened since mentors have been making contact with their students since the start of the school year. If they have not seen their mentor, please encourage them to respond to the e-mails they are receiving in their John Carroll e-mail accounts and set up an appointment to meet with a staff member who cares about their success on campus. THANK YOU!