Today marks one month until the first day of classes! Since many students are gone for the summer, they need to be sure to check their MIX e-mail accounts frequently for important updates for the start of the term. Parents, you can help students stay on track by noting the reminders below on emergency contact updates, billing and financial aid, as well as preliminary move-in details for both freshmen and upperclassmen students, among others. As we get closer to August, we will be sharing more details on Move-in Weekend and some exciting new Welcome Week activities!

Since the end of spring term, we have opened the new on-campus Mountaineer Pharmacy adjacent to Student Health, Greyhound has announced service to Morgantown, and we’ve also welcomed our WV Black Bears Minor League team to town at the new Monongalia County Ballpark, that doubles as our WVU Ballpark. Games extend into September, so check out a game if you get a chance: http://atmilb.com/1LrC1BW. It’s been a busy and fun summer so far! Read on for details on all of these topics and more. In this edition:

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Move-in: What to bring, What to leave

ON CAMPUS: As students begin to pack and prepare for residence hall Move-in Day on Friday, August 14, the list of "what to bring and what to leave" is often helpful for consideration. The link to this and other details for move in can be found here: http://bit.ly/1gFwrk7.

OFF CAMPUS: For students moving off-campus, the Guide for Off-Campus Living and other resources found through our Off-Campus Housing Office offer helpful tips, suggestions and resources such as contact info for utilities and rental insurance and other move in day tips: http://bit.ly/1CHdeZi.

First Year Seminar for Families and Guests Refresher

Several parents have asked about sharing information and videos from the First-Year Seminar for Families and Guest session at New Student Orientation with your student or another parent who may have been unable to join us on campus. If you’d like to review these or share them, they can be found online here for your review: http://bit.ly/1OcFDa0.

INCOMING STUDENTS: pre-semester requirements

Incoming students should be receiving information via MIX and in the mail about the new Common Read, the new online Transit Financial Wellness module, and online required AlcoholEdu for Students program. Some of these require portions to be completed prior to returning to campus this fall so students should check them out today! Another helpful pre-semester checklist for new students can be found here: http://bit.ly/1VbFhWx.

Parents, there is also a log on for you to check out the optional AlcoholEdu for Parents module that is now live. If you wish to check it out, you can find more information here: http://bit.ly/1nYf79I.

Bills and payment plan details

We have heard from some parents who are having difficulty finding the fall bill. The invoice itself is not e-mailed but rather a billing notice was sent to the student’s MIX e-mail address on July 6. This (and other billing notifications) will direct students to log on through their MIX/STAR account (log in through MIX, then click on the STAR tab) to view/pay the bill.

As a reminder: 60% of the fall balance is due by Friday, August 7. Students still owing more than 60% will be removed from their classes on Monday, August 10 and will have to rebuild their fall schedules. Need assistance? Consider payment plans such as 60/40 plan or monthly TuitionPay: http://bit.ly/1rXSm7r. Questions: osa@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-4006.
Financial Aid Reminders

Want to assure timely distribution of aid? Be sure to complete loan entrance counseling and sign any promissory notes. For more on these and other financial aid requirements visit http://bit.ly/1rBjqrc. Questions: finaid@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-5242.

Parent/Guest Portal Access– Don’t let your students leave home without it

Parents, remember that students can set up online records access for you via the Parent/Guest Portal: http://bit.ly/1l9XiAm. Even though some parents might have access with their students’ MIX log on information now, future MIX password changes can disrupt this. Once set up by your student, the Parent/Guest Portal access will allow you to log on via your own passwords to view records to which your student has granted you access including billing, grades (midterm/final), financial aid, etc.

Insurance Waiver

The student health insurance waiver deadline is approaching! If your student does not have an approved student health insurance waiver on file by the deadline of August 3rd, and is registered for at least 6 credit hours for the fall semester as a domestic student or 1 credit hour as an international student, they will be automatically enrolled in the WVU Aetna student health insurance plan at a cost of $724 per semester. Visit http://bit.ly/1l9XdfW to access the waiver and for additional information about the WVU Aetna plan. Questions: sio@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-6815.

Dining Plan Purchases and Changes Now Available Online

New in 2015, Dining Plans purchases are available online through the Mountaineer Card website. Off-campus students may visit http://bit.ly/1rrdX5R to sign up and purchase a Dining Plan for fall of 2015. It's par for the course that students call home to ask for money, but with a Dining Plan, you'll have the peace of mind to know that when they do call, it won't be because they are hungry! Visit http://bit.ly/1pB4hn6 for more information. Also, if your student is considering changing their dining plan, those changes may also be made online. For more on this process: http://bit.ly/1poio1L. Remember- the deadline for a student to change their Dining Plan is Tuesday, September 8th, at 3pm!

Remind Students to Update Emergency Contacts

Parents, please remind your students to assure they have their updated cell phone number on file for the purpose of the WVU Emergency Alert System. Students will be automatically enrolled by August 12 with the cell phone number they have on file. Students should:

- Click on the STAR tab, then click into STAR on the link.
- Click on the “Update Mailing Address, Parent/Permanent Address or Cell Phone.”
- Under the “Cell Phone” section click either the “Current” or “Primary” link.
- Scroll down the screen to the “Primary Phone Number for This Address” section and enter the cell phone in the boxes provided below.
- When finished, click “Submit”

**Student football tickets**

We have had some questions from parents of incoming students regarding how their students can obtain football tickets. Students will hear more about football tickets when they arrive from their residence hall staff (if living on campus) as well as via their MIX account. Tickets are free to students but they must request these weekly before each of the games. More on the process can be found here: [http://bit.ly/1nXkqTX](http://bit.ly/1nXkqTX).

**Accessibility Services MindFit now accepting applications**

MindFit Academic Enhancement provides semester-long tutoring for students with a documented learning disability, AD/HD, autism spectrum disorder, or other condition that may impact academic performance. Students must be registered with the Office of Accessibility Services. MindFit supports students in maintaining their focus, accomplishing their educational goals, and making education accessible to those who learn differently while providing support in study skills, time management, goal-setting, problem solving, and self-monitoring skills, as well as content tutoring. This program is fee-for-service. For more information, please visit our website at [http://bit.ly/1CHdoQq](http://bit.ly/1CHdoQq) or contact Jenny Findlay at 304-293-9232.

**WVU Technology 101**

Curious about technology, hardware or software requirements, computer and printing access on campus, or buying discounts? This website from Information Technology Services make all this information available in one place for students and families: [http://bit.ly/1JnCu3F](http://bit.ly/1JnCu3F).

**Student Legal Services to offer evening walk-in hours this fall**

Student Legal Services (SLS) provides all West Virginia University students legal advice and assistance. Student Legal Services can help review leases and give students tips and tools to make sure they are protected before a dispute arises and/or help with housing related issues that arise during a lease term. SLS also assists students with a wide range of other legal services, including expungements, contract review, family law, consumer cases and offer free notary services. SLS provides advice-only in criminal cases and provide educational presentations to student groups regarding student’s legal rights and responsibilities. [http://bit.ly/1DUWwCr](http://bit.ly/1DUWwCr)

Conveniently located in the basement of E. Moore Hall across from the Mountainlair, students can call 304-293-4897 to make an appointment. Beginning this Fall, they will also be offering walk-in hours on Monday and Wednesday evening from 4:45pm-7:00 pm to accommodate students who need immediate assistance or those who cannot be seen during normal business hours.
Greyhound launches service in Morgantown
Earlier this summer, Greyhound, the largest provider of intercity bus transportation, announced the launch of service in Morgantown: [http://bit.ly/1HE9zbi](http://bit.ly/1HE9zbi). More on this and other transportation to and from as well as around Morgantown can be found here: [http://bit.ly/1yaMoRz](http://bit.ly/1yaMoRz).

Mountaineer Pharmacy now open on campus

Over the summer, WVU welcomed Mountaineer Pharmacy to the Health Education Building located adjacent to WVU Student Health Service. Mountaineer Pharmacy now offers students convenient access to full-service pharmacy: [http://bit.ly/1Grdsye](http://bit.ly/1Grdsye)

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