Families of SWOSU Students:

Your student has nearly completed the fall semester. I am sure they have made great friends, experienced the highs and lows of tests and projects, and have documented it all (or a lot of it) via social networking sites! In this edition, we have included information about the Health and Counseling Services, dropping a class, Thanksgiving break and the text alert system.

We are glad your student is a part of the SWOSU family. Thank you for trusting us with your most valuable possession. Let us know if we can help in any way.

New Student Orientation
orientation@swosu.edu
580.774.3233

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Student Health Services
What services does this office provide and how can it help my student?

The office is located in the Wellness Center. There is not a charge to see the university nurse. A charge of $5.00 only applies for a physician visit made with a local physician contracted with SWOSU. The nurse can make the referral. Immunizations received at Student Health Services are charged separately. Cold and flu season is upon us. Student Health Services is offering flu shots for only $15. Appointments are recommended, but not required.

If your student is sick and is afraid of missing classes, the Dean of Students may contact your student’s instructors to inform them of the illness. However, the student must provide the Dean with appropriate documentation. For all of the details and what is needed go http://www.swosu.edu/administration/shs/absences.asp

Counseling Services
Is your student homesick or feeling stressed out about midterm exams or big projects? A visit to the campus Counseling Services may help.

SWOSU’s Counseling Services provides personal, academic counseling and group counseling for students. This office often provides the missing piece of the puzzle for students who are at high risk for leaving SWOSU. They support, encourage and try to instill hope in every student who comes into the office.

They work with most students on an individual basis, provide an assessment and do what is possible to help the student according to their needs. Each connection that a student establishes will increase their chances for retention. For more information call 580.774.3776 or email scs@swosu.edu.

Last day to drop a class with a “W” is Friday
Dropping a class after November 4 will receive a passing or failing grade

November 4 is the last day to drop classes with a guaranteed “W” and the last day to add CAI classes (Computer Assisted Instruction). If your student needs to drop a class and if they drop it by this date, they will receive a “W” (withdrawal) on their transcript. If they drop it after the date, they will receive a “W/P” (withdrawal passing) or “W/F” (withdrawal failing). A “W” grade does not affect the GPA. However, the “WF” grade IS figured into the GPA as if it were an “F” grade.

The only classes that may be added to the fall schedule are CIA classes. The courses are taught by arrangement and each CAI class is one credit hour. The classes teach different computer programs like Word, Excel, InDesign and others.

Thanksgiving break scheduled for later this month
Campus will be closed beginning on Wednesday, November 23

SWOSU will be closed for Thanksgiving break November 23-27. Classes will resume on Monday, November 28.
In case of bad weather, the decision to close campus will be publicized on the Oklahoma City news stations and on the local radio station in Weatherford. Also, if your student is signed up for the SWOSU Alert, they will receive a text message about campus closings and other campus alerts. Students may sign up for the service and list one other number (they could list yours). For more information about SWOSU Alert go to http://www.swosu.edu/resources/alert.asp.