

Parent & Family NEWSLETTER



Fall Break

Fall break for students begins Saturday, November 23 and continues through Sunday, December 1. University offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

On-campus students

Watterson Towers, Haynie Hall, and Wright Hall will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 23. All students in these halls must vacate rooms by this time. Students may leave their personal belongings in the room; however, they must take whatever they need for the week while on break, as no student will be allowed back into these halls for any reason. These residence halls will reopen at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 1. Hewett, Manchester, and Wilkins halls remain open during fall break, along with Cardinal Court, Fell Avenue, and School Street apartments. For more information, visit the [University Housing website](#).

Spring 2025 Registration

Registration for spring 2025 classes will begin in mid-October. Students can check their assigned registration date and time by visiting the Student Center in their [My.IllinoisState.edu](#) portal. Registration dates and times are based on the number of credit hours earned (not including in-progress units).

Encourage your student to schedule an appointment with their academic advisor before their

registration date to discuss course selection for the spring semester. For more information, visit the [Office of the University Registrar](#).

Off-Campus Expo

Off-Campus Services, part of the Illinois State University Dean of Students Office, is hosting an Off-Campus Expo on Wednesday, October 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Old Main Room, Bone Student Center. This event is an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about available campus and community resources.

Winter 2024 Commencement Ceremonies

Students who have applied to graduate in December 2024 and wish to participate in their winter commencement ceremony must register through the [commencement registration portal](#) (no fee required) and [purchase a cap and gown](#) by **Friday, November 1**.

Winter 2024 commencement will take place on Saturday, December 14, at CEFCU Arena with no limit to guest attendance and no tickets required. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each ceremony will last approximately two hours.

Saturday, December 14, at CEFCU Arena

- 9 a.m.: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, Mennonite College of Nursing, and Interdisciplinary Studies
- 1 p.m.: College of Applied Science and Technology, College of Business, and Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts

For more information, visit the [commencement website](#).

Family Weekend 2025

Mark your calendar to attend Family Weekend 2025 on September 26-28. Additional information about next year's festivities will be posted on the [Family Weekend website](#) in June.

Thanks to everyone for visiting the Parent and Family Services Tent at Family Weekend 2024. The group photos taken at the tent are available in the [Family Weekend photo gallery](#).

Redbird Voter Guide

As the election approaches, it is important to emphasize the significance of civic and voter engagement among students. Encouraging your student to register and vote is a wonderful way to support their active participation in democracy.

Here are a few ways you can help:

1. **Discuss the importance:** Talk to your student about why voting matters and how their voice can shape the future.
2. **Make a plan:** Encourage them to create a plan for registration and voting, whether that involves voting early or on Election Day, determining where to register to vote, and finding their polling place.
3. **Resources:** Share helpful resources, such as the [Redbird Voter Guide](#), which provides information on registration, candidates, and voting methods.
4. **Be Supportive:** Offer to help them gather the necessary documents to register to vote.

Your encouragement can make a significant difference in whether they exercise this important civic right and duty. If you have any questions about [voting on campus](#), please contact Paige Buschman at pebusc2@IllinoisState.edu.

Students' Attorney

Does your student need legal guidance or assistance with reviewing a lease or other legal document? The Student's Attorney is available to provide Illinois State University students with expert advice from a licensed attorney.

Consultations are free of charge, but students must [schedule an appointment online](#). Meetings are available in person, via Zoom, or by phone call.

The conversation between the Students' Attorney and the student is confidential. As such, parents cannot schedule appointments for their students. The student must book their appointment online and be present during the appointment. Parents may attend the consultation as a support person if their student invites them.

Additional information can be found on the [Dean of Students Office website](#).



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