

# PARENT & FAMILY Services

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## November 2018

### Family Weekend 2019

Family Weekend 2019 will take place on October 4–6. We look forward to planning another exciting weekend for you! The schedule of events and ticket information for 2019 will be available on our [Family Weekend website](#) in early June. Be sure to check out the [photo gallery](#) from this year's Family Weekend festivities, and share your Redbird pride on Twitter and Instagram with **#RedbirdFamily!**

### Fall Break

Fall break begins Saturday, November 17, 2018, and continues through Sunday, November 25, 2018. The University will be closed Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23, and will resume normal hours on Monday, November 26.

#### On-campus students

Watterson, Haynie, Wright, and Wilkins Halls will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 17. 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. Residence halls will reopen at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 25. Residents will need to check out when leaving for break. Room inspections will be conducted once all residents are checked out.

Students are expected to do the following to prepare their room when leaving for break:

- Take out all trash.
- Dispose of all perishable food, including empty bottles and cans.
- Unplug all electrical appliances.
- Unplug computers in case of power surges.
- Close and lock room windows.
- Open draperies, except first floor rooms.
- Move personal possessions in front of the windows to the desk or bed.
- Move personal belongings that are on the floor to the desk or bed. This will prevent them from being damaged in the event there are leaks or plumbing problems over break.
- Take valuables home, as the University assumes no responsibility or liability for personal property, including damage, loss, fire, water damage, theft, flooding, etc. Students desiring this kind of protection must make their own arrangements for insurance.
- Turn off room lights.
- Lock door.

For a list of all the residence halls closing procedures, visit the [University Housing Website](#).

#### Dining center hours

- Marketplace at Linkins will close on Friday, November 16, at 2 p.m. and will reopen on Sunday, November 25, at 4 p.m.
- Watterson Dining Commons will close on Friday, November 16, at 8 p.m. and will reopen on Sunday, November 25, at 4 p.m.

Regular dining hours will resume on Monday, November 26.

#### Off-campus students

Student apartments can become a target for burglary during holiday breaks. To keep your students' possessions and residence safe, share these tips with them:

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- Motivate your student to pack their car the day they go home. Leaving valuables overnight can be risky.
- Lock all doors and windows before leaving their residence.
- Keep valuables such as computers, gaming systems, or jewelry out of plain view.
- Take all valuable items with them when leaving for extended breaks.
- Keep a master list of larger, valuable items with make, model, and serial numbers, or take pictures.
- Unplug televisions, computers, gaming systems, and other appliances to protect them from power surges.

Remind your student to avoid getting ticketed by paying close attention to parking bans that occur during snowfall. Refer to the [Town of Normal website](#) for more information.

## Transportation from Bloomington-Normal

The Office of Parking and Transportation has a list of out-of-town transportation options for your student. For information on bus and train travel schedules, visit the [Parking and Transportation website](#).

## Final exam resources for your student

Finals week will be upon us quickly after the fall break. Exams are scheduled to start on Monday, December 10, through Thursday, December 13.

It's important that your student is aware of the options available to help them prepare for final exams.

- The Julia N. Visor Academic Center will offer review sessions for select courses, tutoring, and one-on-one writing assistance, beginning November 28 through December 6, to help prepare your student for final exams. For sign-ups and the dates and times of review sessions, please direct your student to the [University College website](#).
- [Health Promotion and Wellness](#) offers tips and programs to students for maintaining healthy living during times of stress.

## Renewing Illinois driver's license and purchasing vehicle license plate stickers

If your student is due for an Illinois license renewal or vehicle license plate sticker, the [Secretary of State Mobile Office](#) will be on campus Tuesday, November 27, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Spotlight Room in the Bone Student Center. Patrons are required to present proper identification at the time of service. A complete list of acceptable forms of identification is available at [CyberDrivellinois.com](#).

## Update to ISU Emergency Alerts

ISU Emergency Alerts has recently upgraded their system. In the event of an emergency, information will be shared with the campus community through the ISU Emergency Alert system. Alerting channels include ISU email addresses, text messaging, Facebook and Twitter accounts, the University homepage, campus phones, and various campus displays.

Family and community members are encouraged to enroll in the new system in order to receive **or** continue receiving alerts by texting "ISUALerts" to 67283.

Students, faculty, and staff do not need to re-enroll; however, your student can update their information in [My.IllinoisState.edu](#). For more information, visit [IllinoisState.edu/EmergencyAlert](#).