Fall semester for your students: challenges, opportunities and resources

Parent and Family Orientation, August 2019
August-Orientation Schedule

**Sunday**-First team meeting, Neighborhood and Commuter meetings.

**Monday**-Department introductions, advising meetings, Campus resource tour, CommUNITY.

**Tuesday**-Online resources, Summer Reading author presentation and discussion, Pavlis Honor College open advising.
August-Orientation Schedule

**Wednesday**-Registration, Technology and the Law, bills are due.

**Thursday**-Day Zero.

**Friday**-Day Zero.

**Saturday**-Afternoon on the Town.
August; challenges, opportunities and resources

- Set expectations regarding academics, communication and money.
- Orientation provides them with a lot of valuable information.
- Introduction to academics and extracurriculars.
- An opportunity to meet other students in their major.
August: challenges, opportunities and resources

- Some students feel anxious about classes starting and/or overwhelmed by their transition to Michigan Tech.
- If your student wants to be connected to Counseling Services or needs to request accommodations, O-week is a great time to get set up.
- A lot of questions and concerns can be addressed by talking to their OTL or visiting the Wahtera Center.
September

Tuesday, September 3
Classes start.

Friday, September 6
K-day recess.

Wednesday, September 11
Last day to drop w/full refund.

Sunday, September 8-114
Week of Wellness

Saturday, September 21
Parade of Nations.

Friday, September 20
Last day to drop a class without a grade on academic record.

Homecoming Week
September 22-28.

Career Fair
September 25.
September: challenges, opportunities and resources

- There are a lot of distractions in September.
- Self-management systems are critical; sleep, time management, physical well-being, etc.
- The change between high school and college becomes very real.
- Workshop series sponsored through the Dean of Student’s area is available.
- CareerFest sessions are available.
- It’s a great time to set up a learning center appointment.
October

Friday-Sunday, October 11-13
Family Weekend.

Monday, October 21
Midterm grades available at 5 pm.

Saturday, October 19
Make a Difference Day.
October: challenges, opportunities and resources

- First exams.
- Group work/large assignments to become more demanding.
- Relationships at home can change.
- “Honeymoon” stage with roommates/hallmates is ending.
- May start to question fit of their major.
Exploring Majors

- What are you going to major in at college?
- Does it mean I’m not ready for Michigan Tech if I’m not sure about my major?
- What does Michigan Tech have to offer to figure out what major is right for me?
- I’ve heard that Michigan Tech is an engineering school. What if I’m interested in something else?
- How will I know if I’ve chosen the right major?
November

Sunday, October 27- Sunday, November 10
First-year registration.

Friday, November 8
Last day to drop with a W.

Saturday, November 23- Sunday, December 1
Thanksgiving break.
November: challenges, opportunities and resources

- “Fall back” means less daylight.
- The realization that big papers/projects are due soon.
- Registration means they can adjust credit load, courses for spring.
- SA 1000: Exploring Majors is a great option for some students in spring.
- There are typically still learning center appointments available.
December

Last day of regular classes
Friday, December 13.

Finals week
Monday, December 16-Friday, December 20.

Winter Recess
Saturday, December 21-Sunday, January 12.
December: challenges, opportunities and resources

- Coming back from break is tough.
- Classes may not have gone how they wanted them to.
- The weather has changed.
- Relationships at home or school.
- Leadershape: a weeklong leadership institute is held the week before classes start.
- Offices are open the week prior to classes starting.