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PARENT AND FAMILY CALENDAR

Dear Crusader Parents and Families,
On behalf of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, I would like to welcome you to the Crusader family. As a family member of a Crusader, you are now an extended member of our family. We hope that you will visit often and experience what it means to be a part of this community.

I know there are many choices when it comes to education, and I am thrilled that your son or daughter has chosen UMHB to further his or her education. Thank you for trusting us with your student. I assure you, we take the responsibility very seriously.

Our goal is to offer the finest in Christian higher education. We have faculty and staff who care about our students and are dedicated to ensuring that they are prepared for leadership, service, and faith-informed discernment in a global society. Academic excellence, personal attention, broad-based scholarship, and a commitment to a Baptist vision for education distinguish our Christ-centered learning community.

It is my hope that your student comes to love UMHB and feels that they have found a home away from home. Welcome to the UMHB family. Go Cru!



*Randy O'Rear
President*



Checklist for New Families

- Make sure your student lists you as their emergency contact through their myCampus account. They can also opt in for emergency notifications via text.
- Review the New Cru Orientation online course content with your student via myCourses (accessed through your student's OneLogin).
- Set-up who will be responsible for tuition, payment, etc.
- Be sure to review move-in guidelines sent via email by Residence Life in July. Knowing these details will make for a smooth process on move-in day.
- Book your hotel for Family Weekend: **September 18-19, 2026.**





JULY

Move-In:

Confirm your family's travel plans and your move-in date, time, and procedure. Your student can coordinate with their roommate(s) to decide what to bring. Remind your student to pack light; they can buy or bring more stuff later. Reminder: label all boxes with student's room #.

Tips for staying in touch:

Talk to your student ahead of time about how and when you will communicate. Let them suggest a day of the week and time for a regular call or video chat. By making a communication plan, you'll be sure to touch base regularly while still giving your student space to adjust to a new routine.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 Summer 2 Classes Begin	1	2	3 Independence Day Observed (Campus Closed)	4 Independence Day Holiday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Summer 2 Classes End	28	29	30	31	1



AUG

Keeping peace with roommates:

Encourage your student to talk to their roommate(s) early to establish expectations about cleaning, guests, noise, etc. Communication and compromise will prevent minor conflicts from turning into bigger ones. It's also helpful for students to know the RA (Resident Assistant) and RD (Resident Director). RAs and RDs are there to help!

Finding a place on campus:

Joining teams and organizations, meeting neighbors, or getting a campus job are all great ways for students to make friends and build community. They can pursue existing interests or try something new. In general, engaged students feel more connected to the campus community - and get better grades, too!

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5 Move In Day University Housing Opens	6 Registration Open	7	8
Welcome Week						
9	10 First Day of Classes	11	12 Convocation at 11:00am	13 Last Day to Add/Drop A-Term Classes with 100% Tuition Refund Part-Time Job Fair	14	15
Welcome Week						
16	17	18	19	20	21 Last Day to Drop with a W for A-Term Classes	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



SEPT

Adjusting to college-level work:

College academics are a lot harder than high school and your student may struggle at times. Encourage your student to get involved in residence hall and campus activities to help them feel more connected. Students can contact the Center for Academic Excellence for support and resources.

How to help a homesick student:

Remember that settling into a new community takes time, and homesickness is normal. Be a sounding board for your student but don't feel you have to "fix" things for them. Sometimes, students just need to vent after a hard day. Encourage your student to try residence hall and campus activities. For more serious situations, Counseling Services offers free appointments.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Nursing Job Fair	2	3	4 Last Day to Drop with a W for Full Term Classes	5
6	7 Labor Day (Regular Class Day)	8	9	10	11 Last Day to Drop (WP/WF) for A-Term Classes	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Ring Ceremony	19
					Family Weekend	
20	21	22	23	24	25 Last Day of A-Term Classes	26
		Mission Emphasis Week				
27	28 First Day of B-Term Classes	29	30	1	2	3



OCT

Time to renew financial aid:

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens October 1st. Students renewing aid, or applying for the first time, must complete the form each year. If your student needs help filling it out, encourage them to visit the Financial Aid office in Sanderford Administrative Complex for assistance.

Your student's academic advisor:

Students are required to meet with their academic advisor each semester before registering for the next semester's classes. In addition to course recommendations, advisors can help students set long-term academic goals and stay on track for an on-time graduation. Your student should make the most of this important relationship!

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Last Day to Add/Drop B-Term Classes FAFSA Opens for 2026-2027	2	3
4	5 Housing Intent Begins for Spring	6	7	8	9 Last Day to Drop with W for B-Term Classes Stunt Night & Pep Rally	10
Fall Break			Homecoming Week			
11	12	13	14	15 Graduation Applications Due for Commencement Education Job Fair	16	17
18	19 Registration Begins for Spring	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Housing Selection Begins for Spring	27	28	29 Freshman Registration for Spring	30 Last Day to Drop (WP/WF) for Full-Term Classes	31 Miss Mary Hardin-Baylor Pageant



NOV

Finding a healthy routine:

Have regular conversations with your student about health and wellness. Sleep is important, and many students get too much or not enough. Regular exercise is also essential for strong physical and mental health and for managing stress. Remind your student to pile on the veggies in the dining hall, keep healthy snacks on hand, and steer clear of too much fast food and caffeine.

Preparing for finals:

Encourage your student to look ahead at the final exam schedule and to make a study plan that begins two weeks before finals. Creating a plan and starting early will help relieve some stress before exams. Also, encourage them to visit the Center for Academic Excellence in the Mabee Student Success Building for tutoring support and study tips.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Senior Etiquette Dinner	4	5	6	7
First Generation College Student Celebration Week						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Last Day of Classes Finals for B-Term & Evening Classes	19 Pancake Supper	20	21
Final Exams for Full-Term Classes				Final Exams for Full-Term Classes		
22	23	24	25 Residence Halls Close at 12:00pm (noon)	26	27	28
Final Exams for Full-Term Classes			Thanksgiving Holiday			
29	30 Winter Term Begins	1	2	3	4	



DEC

Catching up:

As happy as you may be to have your student home for a few weeks, it's common for families to make adjustments to reintegrate their college student back into the household. Remembering that students have followed new habits and routines during their time away can make those adjustments easier!

Student Finances:

The budget your family set in August might be out of control by December. Encourage your student to review spending habits and make adjustments before next semester. Financial Aid can provide access to resources to help with budgeting.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4 Commencement 1:00pm	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Last Day of Winter Term	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
Christmas Holiday						
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Christmas Holiday						



JAN

A fresh start:

The first semester of college can be more academically demanding than students expect. Remind your student that the second semester can be a time to reset. Encourage them to set goals, take action, and check-in with their advisor to stay on the right track.

Safety:

Safety is one of the greatest concerns parents have for students. Regular reminders can help students remember to secure belongings, avoid leaving items unattended, and lock doors. If you or your student have safety questions or concerns, University Police can help.

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January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Christmas Holiday						
3	4	5	6	7 Registration Open	8	9 Residence Halls Open at 12:00pm (noon)
10	11 First Day of All Classes	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 MLK, Jr. Holiday	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Nursing Job Fair	27 Spring Organization Fair	28	29	30
31						



Happy Birthday



FEB

Student Relationships:

College relationships are a marker for a successful adjustment. While your student may stay connected with high school friends, it's important for them to connect and build relationships at UMHB as well. Encourage your student to get involved and stick around campus on weekends.

Time Management:

College students are busy. Your student might have learned this the hard way during their first semester. Taking control of their schedule by balancing academics and social life is important. Encourage your student to visit the Center for Academic Excellence in the Mabee Student Success Building for help with time management skills.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3 Charter Day	4	5	6
7	8 Housing Intent for Fall Begins	9 Business Job Fair	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Crusader Knights
28	1	2	3	4	5	6



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Spring Break:

Spring Break is a time for students to unplug and recharge before the end of the semester. While most people picture parties and vacations, Spring Break can also include mission trips, spending time with family, or getting ahead on school work. Talk with your student about health and safety, and encourage them to be safe and responsible whatever their plans are.

Looking ahead:

Your student's first year of college is almost complete. Meeting with academic advisors each semester allows students to talk about upcoming classes and to explore career opportunities after they graduate. Encourage your student to start these discussions now and to stop by Career Services in the Mabee Student Success Building for additional resources.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 Education Job Fair	2	3	4	5	6
	Revival					
7	8	9	10	11	12 Residence Halls Close for Spring Break	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Spring Break					
21 Residence Halls Open	22 Housing Selection for Fall Begins	23	24 Easter Pageant	25	26	27
					Good Friday Holiday	
28 Easter Sunday	29	30	31	1	2	3



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Motivation:

Spring is in the air, which means lots of events are happening on campus. While these events are for students to enjoy, they can make it hard to stay academically focused. Encourage your student to participate in events and also create a plan to finish the semester strong by making time for studying.

Listen:

April can be a time of stress for students as they approach finals and the end of the semester. Talk to your student, and clarify what they need from you as a family member. Sometimes they need someone to listen, and other times they need advice. A care package mailed to your student can help relieve stress and encourage them while studying for and taking final exams.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Play Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Last Day of Class	1



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Summer Plans:

If your student is not employed during the summer, taking a class or two might be a good option. Students may have feelings of anxiety about going home for the summer and losing a new-found sense of freedom. It is important to discuss what life will be like with them back in the house and agree on set expectations.

Now What?

Your student just completed their first academic year as a college student. It's time to celebrate! Congratulate your student on their hard work. Encourage them to enjoy time to relax and reset before another school year begins.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Pancake Supper	4	5	6	7 Housing Closes at 12:00pm (noon)	8 Commencement 7:30pm
Final Exams						
9	10 Minimester Begins	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Minimester Ends	29
30	Memorial Day Holiday 31					



JUNE

Missing UMHB:

Try not to take it personally if your student misses UMHB. Just as they missed you when they came to college, they will also miss new friends while they are home. Don't be surprised if you get visitors during the summer or if your student wants to visit a friend.

Continued support:

Be prepared to support your student through the next academic year. Some students experience the "sophomore slump", marked by reduced motivation and declining academic performance. The "newness" of college has worn off and reality hits, leaving students feeling as if UMHB is not as supportive as in the first year even though the curriculum seems to be harder. Preparing for this transition before the beginning of the next semester can positively impact your student and start their year on the right track.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Summer I Begins	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Summer I Ends	29	30	1	2	3

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|----|--|----|-----------------------------------|
| 28 | Alumni Center | 53 | President's Home |
| 62 | Andersen Field House | 30 | Presser Hall |
| 1 | Baugh Performance Hall | 34 | Quad |
| 25 | Baugh Visual Arts Center | 44 | Recreation Courts |
| 36 | Bawcom Student Union | 61 | Red Murff Baseball Field |
| 47 | Beall Hall | 33 | Renschel Hall |
| 13 | Brindley Auditorium | 17 | Sanderford Administrative Complex |
| 20 | Burt Hall | 59 | Soccer Fields |
| 29 | Campus Store | 58 | Soccer & Tennis Field House |
| 10 | Clements Building | 35 | Stribling Hall |
| 26 | College View Apartments | 23 | Student Memorial |
| 56 | Conner Golf Performance Center | 55 | "The Mac" Golf Practice Course |
| 3 | Cru Community Clinic | 15 | Townsend Memorial Library |
| 27 | Crusader Stadium | 19 | Walton Chapel |
| 63 | Cummings Field House | 12 | Weir Lecture Hall |
| 7 | Curtis Mansion | 14 | Wells Science Hall |
| 6 | Davidson Building | 50 | Williams Service Center |
| 60 | Dee Dillon Softball Field | 4 | York House |
| 51 | Engineering Design Lab | 13 | York Science Center |
| 52 | Farris Hall | 32 | York Sesquicentennial Plaza |
| 1 | Fikes Chamber Hall | | |
| 64 | Football Practice Fields | | |
| 36 | Fowler Board Room | | |
| 41 | Frazier Hall | | |
| 38 | Garner Hall | | |
| 49 | Gettys Hall | | |
| 40 | Hardy Hall | | |
| 5 | Heard Hall | | |
| 54 | Jane and Mac Hickerson Crusader Golf Club | | |
| 30 | Hughes Recital Hall | | |
| 49 | Independence Village | | |
| 42 | Johnson Hall | | |
| 57 | Li Tennis Courts | | |
| 9 | Lord Conference Center | | |
| 24 | Lord Hall | | |
| 16 | Luther Memorial & Bell Tower | | |
| 31 | Mabee Market | | |
| 31 | Mabee Student Success Center | | |
| 38 | Mabee-Farris Recreation Gymnasium | | |
| 2 | Manning Chapel | | |
| 8 | Marek-Smith Center for Teacher Preparation | | |
| 37 | Mayborn Campus Center | | |
| 1 | Mayborn Performing Arts Center | | |
| 46 | McClinton Family Intramural Fields | | |
| 45 | McClinton Family Recreation Center | | |
| 36 | McLane Great Hall | | |
| 43 | McLane Hall | | |
| 2 | Meyer Christian Studies Center | | |
| 12 | Meyer Nursing Education Center | | |
| 22 | Millennium Oaks Park | | |
| 11 | Moon Building | | |
| 28 | Museum | | |
| 9 | Parker Academic Center | | |
| 18 | Parker Prayer Garden | | |
| 21 | Potter Gazebo | | |

