



BULLDOG FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Classes Start Soon!

Welcome back returning parents and welcome new parents! The Bulldog Family & Friends Newsletter is a monthly e-newsletter produced by the office of Student Affairs to provide parents with important news, deadlines, and general information. This newsletter is available to all students, parents, family members, and friends and serves to supplement the student and family guide located on the Ferris State University Parents website which has numerous resources available to you and your student. Be sure to check the website regularly for additional information. As you read through the information, please let us know of any suggestions for future newsletters at parents@ferris.edu

Start, Drop and Go – Move-in day?

We often get questions – what is the day going to be like? First know that there will be more than 2,000 new students moving into Ferris State University residence halls on August 22 & 23, which makes check-in exciting and very hectic. Student and staff volunteers will be on hand to assist with unloading cars and parking. Here are links to some important Housing resources:

- o [Move-In Day](#)
- o [Housing FAQ](#)
- o [Bulldog Beginnings](#)

Reminders:

BULLDOG FAMILY & FRIENDS WEEKEND



IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 22 & 23	Housing Move-In
Aug. 26	First Day of Classes
Aug. 27	Student Employment Fair
Aug. 29	Founder's Day
Sept. 2	Labor Day
Sept. 4	Bulldog Bonanza
Sept. 28	Homecoming
Oct. 21	Mid-Term Grades
Oct. 25 & 26	BFF Weekend
Oct. 30	Spring Registration
Nov. 27-30	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 9-13	Examination Week
Dec. 14	Commencement & Holiday Break
Jan. 9	Registration
Jan. 13	First Day of Spring Classes

HELPFUL HINTS WITH THE PARENT

PROCESS?

Each of the items listed below are separate; being signed up for one does not give you access to all. Here's a more detailed description about each and how to make sure you are signed up:

BILLING DETAILS

The first bill for fall semester was produced on July 25. The next bill will be produced on September 5. If the first bill was not accurate – for example, perhaps your student has been awarded a scholarship that was not added to his or her financial aid award notice on the July 25th date – not to worry. If you log into your student's E-bill and then select "Recent Activity", you will be able to view any changes to the bill or accepted financial aid award that have occurred since the bill was produced.

E-BILL ACCESS

E-bills are only sent electronically – we do not mail paper bills. Initially E-bills are sent only to the student. Students may add up to 6 "authorized users" to their E-bill account. Authorized users will also receive a copy of the students E-bill and will have access to view account balances, pending financial aid, access to make payments, etc. If you have not been set up as an authorized user, your student may log into MyFSU, student tab, MyAccount icon, E-bill icon, "Authorized Users". Your student will need the e-mail address of the

authorized user they wish to add to their E-bill account. The newly authorized user will receive two separate emails – one with a user ID and one with a password.

FERPA AUTHORIZATION

The Family Education and Right to Privacy Act (FERPA) protects student information. The only way that the University can speak to you regarding specific information for your student – such as grades, academic or schedule information, billing or financial aid detail – is if your student specifically lists you on a FERPA AUTHORIZATION FORM and indicates the type of information that we can release to you. This form can only be submitted in person. It cannot be faxed, e-mailed or mailed. If your student did not complete and turn in a FERPA Authorization at orientation, he or she may do so in person at the Timme Center for Student Services when they arrive on campus. Please note that there is no parent portal that will give you direct access to the information listed on the FERPA release. Being listed allows the University to provide the information listed if you contact us to inquire.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

It is a good idea for your student to list you as an emergency contact. Being listed as an emergency contact is solely used in the event of an emergency allowing the University to contact you. It does not authorize you to access any information about your student.

CONNECT WITH US!

In addition to the Bulldog Family & Friends Newsletter, there are a number of ways for parents to stay connected with Ferris and be updated on what's happening on campus.



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