



notes from the nest

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IMPORTANT DATES

- November 21-23 — Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 10 — Reading Day + Finals Frenzy
- December 10 — Christmas Service (see below)
- December 11-14 — Final Exams
- December 14 — Residential Halls Close at 6pm
- December 14 — Spring Registration Closes
- December 21—January 3 — MMC Offices Closed
- January 3 — Last Day to Appeal for Spring Readmission
- January 5 — Residential Halls Reopen at 5pm
- January 7 — RedHawk Ready Day
- January 8 — First Day of Spring Classes

A MESSAGE FROM *the Provost*

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to you and your student! We are almost at the finish line of a great Fall 2018 Semester!

The holiday season is upon us: November and December on campus are lovely— with decorations, Christmas programs, religious services, choral performances, community service, athletic games, and EXAMS. Right now, the encouragement your students need from you is to keep working hard, seek help if they need it, go to the Student Resource Center for tutoring, and participate in Finals Frenzy, an all-day academic review session day and midnight breakfast on Monday (Reading Day), December 10th.

“What can I do to help?” That is the mantra from every staff and faculty member, all of whom stand by to assist. All kinds of issues bubble up at the end of the semester; for questions or concerns, email me (jcheatham@martinmethodist.edu) or the Registrar’s office (ccapps@martinmethodist.edu). If we can’t answer you, we will know who can. We consider it a pleasure and an honor to serve your student.

Here’s to a blessed holiday season and good wishes to bring us all back safely in January!

-Judy Blankenship Cheatham, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Martin Methodist College



SPRING REGISTRATION



Course registration for Spring 2019 is officially open! While many of our students have already created their schedules for the spring, it’s always a good idea to check in with your student to make sure that she/he is on track!

In order to be able to register, all students must first meet with their advisor. Not sure who that is? Have your student give our Registrar’s Office a call at 931-363-9809.

Some students may also find that they have a hold on their account and are unable to register. In that case, have your student call the Business Office immediately to get their account settled. The Business Office can be reached at 931-363-9817 and is open 8-4:30 on weekdays.

We also invite you to visit [this webpage](#) to help decode the MMC schedule!

STAYING THE COURSE

As finals season approaches and grades begin to come out, many of our students find themselves disappointed.

“I thought I was doing better.”

“An F will ruin my GPA.”

“What do I do now?”



We hear these kinds of sentiments all the time, and while we know that a low grade can be really unsettling for students and their families, we also know that this is **completely normal!** The transition from high school to college is almost always a rocky one as students get used to the new challenges and expectations that come with college. So the question is, how can we help? At Martin Methodist, we are always trying to reinforce two things to our students who are struggling, and we hope that you’ll join us in sending these messages to your student:

1. Setbacks will happen. No person ever got through college (or life for that matter) without anything going wrong! It’s okay to have a bad grade. It’s okay to not be best friends with your roommate. It’s okay to feel frustrated or disappointed, so let’s plan for that! Expect that, at some point, you will make a mistake, miss a deadline, make a bad grade. Those things don’t mean you are unqualified for college or unfit to be here—they just mean that you are human.
2. Setbacks are temporary. One failed class, one disagreement with a friend, one season of missing home does not mean that it will always be this way. You will bounce back. You will persevere and graduate. You just have to stay the course—ask for help, visit the Student Resource Center, talk to your professors. Challenges occur, but they will pass, and every staff and faculty member at Martin Methodist is here to assist you!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



You and your family are invited to join the us in recalling stories of hope, love, peace, and joy while celebrating the birth of Jesus!

Songs, Sonnets, and Carols: A Christmas Concert by the Concert Choir — **Sunday, December 2 at 4pm** at First United Methodist Church, located on West Jefferson Street in Pulaski.

Christmas Worship Service and Candlelight Vigil — **Monday, December 10 at 7pm** at the Church of the Messiah, located on the corner of Madison and 3rd street in Pulaski.

PLANNING AHEAD

It’s never too early to start planning for the 2019-2020 academic year!

The 2019 FAFSA form to apply for financial aid (grants, work-study, and loans) is already live, and you can begin working on it today at www.studentaid.ed.gov.

If your student is struggling (academically or personally) or is unsure about their future plans, encourage them to reach out to the Director of Student Engagement at scrichardson@martinmethodist.edu for help.



HOW YOU CAN *pray* FOR MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE

- Pray for **students** as they begin the busy and challenging season of final exams. Pray that each one feels the peace of God’s presence and takes comfort in the loving community at Martin Methodist.
- Pray for **families** as we enter the Christmas holidays. Pray that each family experiences the joy that comes with this celebratory season, and that God protects each of us as we travel, shop, worship, and celebrate with one another.
- Pray for **faculty, staff, and administration** who guide and support our students in their academic, social, and spiritual lives. Pray that their work continues to bring them pride and satisfaction, and that they enter every interaction with students with grace and the love of Christ.

DID YOU KNOW

that

MMC’s average ACT score this fall is

21

which is higher than the state average & a good indicator of the solid academic quality on our campus!

ON CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Academic Affairs — 931-363-9810
- Financial Aid — 931-424-7376
- MMC Clinic — 931-424-7338
- MMC Counseling — 931-424-7338
- Business Office — 931-363-9817
- Registrar — 931-363-9809
- Spiritual Life — 931-363-9825
- Residential Life — 931-424-7363
- Student Engagement — 931-424-4073

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