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CAMPUS MAP

Dates to Remember

- Thursday, Sept. 15th
Fall Parent Chat
- October 3- 14
Winterim Registration
- Friday, Oct. 21 - 23
Parents Weekend
- Wednesday, Oct. 26th
Fall Parent Chat

**BLUGOLD NUGGETS
SEPTEMBER 2011**

By this time your student is hopefully nestled into their home away from home and has completed the first week of classes. We wanted to get you a short issue at this time of the year to let you know about some important dates, services, and opportunities to connect. We want to make sure to highlight our upcoming Parent Chat where we will have students and staff available to “chat” with you and hopefully answer your questions. We hope you join us! This is a subscription service so if you’d like to share it with other family member or stop receiving just click on [subscribe](#) or [unsubscribe](#).

PARENT CHAT

Fall Parent Chats
7pm - 8:30pm
Thursday, September 15th
Wednesday, October 26th

Do you have questions about what’s happening at UW-Eau Claire? ***One place for answers is the UW-Blugold Family Connection online chat!***

We will have staff members and students available to answer your questions on everything from getting involved, campus life, academic help, and other items to help your student be successful here at UW-Eau Claire.

To register for **this weeks** Parent Chat simply click on the link below, it will bring you to the [Group Chat](#) page where you can log into the chat. You will be asked to enter a login name (this is a name you choose and is what will appear on the screen as you type a question or comment) and enter a password of your choosing. Even if you are new to chatting you are welcome to log on and you’ll be able to watch and see what other family members are asking and the answers they are getting.

[Click here to join our chat on Thursday September 15th!](#)

MONEY MATTERS



Paying Tuition – Fall Semester

If the student elected to participate in our partial payment plan, the remaining balance of their bill, plus finance charges, are due on *Friday, October 21, 2011*. Students will be emailed when their bill is available to be viewed in MyBlugold CampS.

Winterim Registration Deposit

Winterim Registration begins October 3, 2011. Winterim Session is due in full by January 3, 2012.

[Business Office](#)

Spring Registration Deposit

Spring Registration begins October 26, 2011 for graduate students and November 2, 2011 for undergraduate students. A \$100 registration deposit is required prior to registering for classes.

For more information about billing please visit the [Business Office Website](#).

NEW TRANSPORTATION TO LATE NIGHT FUN!!

This fall we're piloting a new service to students called the Saturday Night Shuttle. This ride to shopping, entertainment, and restaurants runs 6pm-2am on Saturday evenings, allowing students without cars to travel to options beyond walking distance at night (the city bus service stops at 6pm on Saturdays). Even more exciting, is that local businesses have donated prizes that are given away randomly to bus riders who are able to answer trivia questions on the ride! This service differs from other transportation options in that it travels a set route, is free to students with ID cards, and alcohol is not allowed. Check out the schedule online by clicking here or by scanning the QR code below with your smart phone.



Accessing Account and Billing Information

We have received some questions from parents on how to access your students bills. Please click on the piggy bank photo below for a more details on viewing your students billing information!



RESOURCES FOR YOUR STUDENT

Here are some cool resources that are your student should check out!

Discounted software for students: <http://wiscsoftware.wisc.edu/wisc/>

Guide to purchasing a laptop: <http://rescom.uwec.edu/orientation/NewComputerGuide2011.pdf>

Free computer cleanup check for security, spyware, or virus exploits on personal student computers:
<http://rescom.uwec.edu/index.php>

Software and technology training for students: <http://www.uwec.edu/bits/>

Free 1 GB secure storage for school documents on the H: drive: <http://storagetool.apps.uwec.edu/>

Web-based email service with 1GB storage which can sync with most mobile devices:
<http://www.uwec.edu/Help/email/mobile.htm> <http://www.uwec.edu/Help/email/Apple-Mobile-Devices.htm>

Finding open seats in labs and locations that have specific software installed: <http://spaces.uwec.edu/buildings>

All residence halls will be wireless by September 2011: <http://rescom.uwec.edu/wifipilot/index.php>

Technology equipment available to students for checkout: <http://www.uwec.edu/Library/services/laptop.htm>

Self-directed help information for software and access at UWEC: <http://www.uwec.edu/help/>

Find face-to-Face technology assistance at the LTS Help Desk in Old Library 1106: <http://www.uwec.edu/helpdesk/>

ARE YOU A HELICOPTER PARENT?



Some of you may have heard the term “helicopter parent,” which describes this generation of parents, ones who hover over their children and swoop in at the slightest bit of trouble (also called “over-parenting”). [Read more about it here, and take a short quiz to determine if you may be a “Helicopter Parent”:](#)

UW-Eau Claire’s Patti See has worked in the Academic Skills Center since 1994. She supervises tutoring programs and teaches developmental education classes for at risk students, and she also teaches in the Women’s Studies Program.

When her son started college in the fall of 2009, she kept notes about their experiences. [“Confessions of a \(Sometimes\) Helicopter Parent”](#) chronicles how this university staff member struggled to let her son make his own mistakes.

PARENTS WEEKEND

Greetings UWEC Families! The annual [UWEC Parent's Weekend](#) is close at hand. This year we invite you all to join us Friday, October 21st - Sunday, October 23rd for some [spectacular events and perennial favorites](#).

Information will be mailed out towards the end of summer. It should be another fun year for Parent’s Weekend, and we are looking forward to having you here to participate in our fun events. We hope to see you there!



For any questions about Parents Weekend please contact [Megan Wipfli](#), from Housing and Residence Life. wipflim@uwec.edu.

BLUGOLD FAMILY CONNECTION GIFTS



Looking for a way to make your student feel special, or to pick them up during a rough time? Send a gift from the [Blugold Family Connection](#).

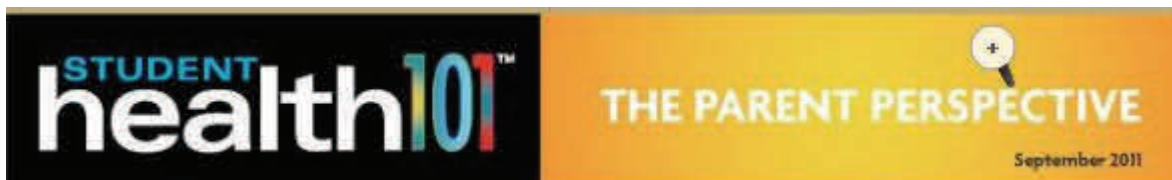
A selection of flower and balloon bouquets as well as fresh bakery items prepared right here on campus are available for delivery. We also offer other gift items, including; UWEC aluminum water bottles, UWEC teddy bears and special holiday gifts. [You can now order and pay online](#), we take care of the rest.

Delivery is made to the front desk of your student’s residence hall on your requested delivery date. Off campus students can pick their treats up in our office in Schofield Hall. For a complete list of our gift items please visit our [website](#) or contact us with any questions at family@uwec.edu

STUDENT HEALTH 101

Student Health 101 is a newsletter brought to your student each month by the Student Health Service Office. The Parent Perspective is a parent's companion to Student Health 101 newsletter. Student Health 101 is written to help your son or daughter live a healthier life.

Each issue of the Parent Perspective is a quick-to-read summary of that month's student newsletter.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

The Artists Series

THE MYSTICAL ARTS OF TIBET MANDALA SAND PAINTING

OPENING CEREMONY • MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

CLOSING CEREMONY • FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

SKYLIGHT LOUNGE OF DAVIES CENTER • NOON

The sacred art of painting with colored sand grains is a Tantric Buddhist tradition involving more than 30 hours of painstaking work. Millions of grains of sand are painstakingly laid into place on a flat platform over a period of days or weeks. The lamas will create *Manjushri Mandala* (Buddha for Wisdom) in Davies Center's Skylight Lounge. Watch the construction of the mandala or join in the creation of a community mandala throughout the week. When the painting is complete there is a closing ceremony during which the monks dismantle the mandala as a metaphor of the impermanence of life.

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Blugold Athletics

The fall sports schedule is in full swing! Visit the [Blugold Athletics webpage](#) for schedules and details! Remind your student that admission to all Blugold Sporting events are free with their student I.D.

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