Tuesday, August 29

Good day, Buckeyes! Below you will find the latest news and information for Ohio State students and families. Just a couple additional points for this week:

As a reminder, classes will not be held and most university offices will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. Many dining locations on campus have adjusted their hours of operation for the upcoming Labor Day weekend. For a list of campus dining locations and their hours of operation this weekend, please visit the [Dining Services website](http://DiningServicesWebsite).

Additionally, if your student is living on campus this year, don't forget to complete the Move-In Satisfaction Survey by this Friday, September 1. We are constantly evaluating our Move-In process to make it the best possible experience for students and their families. Please provide your feedback so we can help improve future Move-In days at Ohio State. You can complete the survey here: [go.osu.edu/familymovein23](http://go.osu.edu/familymovein23)

Have a great week!

Message from Student Life
Almost every student has gotten the warning of the dreaded freshman fifteen before they even step foot on a college campus. You may have seen it talked about in movies or on the cover of your favorite magazines. You most likely even have heard about it from your friends and family. The matter of the fact is the freshman fifteen is also simply just a myth. Numerous studies have found the average weight gain is far lower than fifteen pounds. In fact, many students do not see a change in their weight or may even lose some weight during the first year at college.

Read more »

Leadership Announcement

Walter “Ted” Carter Jr. appointed Ohio State president
The Ohio State University Board of Trustees unanimously appointed Walter “Ted” Carter Jr. as the next president. Carter, who serves as president of the University of Nebraska System, is well known for strategic ingenuity and a highly collaborative leadership style honed over almost 40 years in higher education and the United States Navy. He will begin his tenure as Ohio State’s 17th president on January 1, 2024. The board also announced that Peter Mohler will serve as acting president, coordinating closely with Carter, through the end of the calendar year.

Read more »
Headline news

Updates, reminders for start of academic year
The university recently shared important updates and reminders to help ensure a successful start to the semester. Topics include civil discourse, community safety, mental health and well-being, getting around campus and more.

Read more »

‘Refreshed spaces’ greet students upon return to campus
As students prepare for the start of Ohio State’s 2023-24 academic year, the work of the university’s Facilities Operations and Development (FOD) has never stopped.

Read more »
Contact »

Reporting Estimated Financial Assistance Provided to Students policy open for university-wide feedback
The Office of Academic Affairs welcomes your feedback on a proposed new university policy focused on reporting scholarships, grants and other financial assistance provided to students. This policy is open for university-wide feedback through Sept. 11 on the University Policies website. Visit the “Policies Under Review” tab to view an overview of the policy and the proposed policy in full.

Read more »
Contact »

Ohio State launches hip-hop studies program
For Jason Rawls, a Columbus native, teaching at Ohio State is an honor. He is one of two assistant professors joining the university’s School of Music this fall. Along with Stevie “Dr. View” Johnson, Rawls will lead the hip-hop studies program, one of the first in the country.
Now at Ohio State: Moms2B

Does it actually take a village to raise a child?

Turns out, it does. Infant mortality is a heartbreaking subject and in this episode of Now at Ohio State, we look at one of the solutions: Ohio State’s Moms2B program. This Ohio State program helps babies reach their first birthdays. Hear how it happens from a mother who successfully completed the program and the doctor who runs it.

Read more »
Contact »

Religious accommodations update

Ohio State has had a longstanding practice of making reasonable academic accommodations for students’ religious beliefs and practices in accordance with applicable law. This year, the university has slightly updated its practice to align with state legislation enacted this spring. Under this new provision, students must be in early communication with their instructors regarding any known accommodation requests for religious beliefs and practices, providing notice of specific dates for which they request alternative accommodations within 14 days after the first instructional day of the course.

Read more »
Contact »

Composting program in Ohio State residence hall

Beginning this fall, all resident rooms in the Smith-Steeb residence hall at Ohio State will have small composting bins. That’s 10 floors and around 1,000 students, all taking part in a pilot program to test automatic enrollment in the university’s composting program.

Read more »

Beautiful and terrifying, awe moves us outside ourselves

One elusive emotion reveals that individuals aren’t the center of the universe. Then, it makes us feel
calmer, happier and more connected. Hear six stories of awe by Education and Human Ecology faculty and staff, and how recognizing the sublime motivates their everyday living. Listen to the Inspire Podcast.

Read more »

Contact »

Safety Spotlight

Register to receive Buckeye Alerts
If your cell phone number is already in Workday (for faculty/staff) or BuckeyeLink (for students), then you are automatically registered for the Buckeye Alert text messaging system. Faculty, staff and students have the ability to register up to two additional cell phone numbers to receive text message notifications. These additional phone numbers can belong to parents, spouses or anyone else they wish to include in the text message notifications. In addition, you may also opt-in to receive notifications from multiple Ohio State campuses.

Read more »

Off-Campus Community Crime Map
The Community Crime Map consists of statistics from the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and shows off-campus crime reports. Ohio State has pre-programmed the map to a one-mile radius to include the crime reports from the most recent 7-day period. The default crime categories are predetermined by LexisNexis. Users also can set up customized email alerts. Stay informed of crime reports in your student's neighborhood by visiting the Community Crime Map.

Read more »
Safety resources available for students, campus community
Ohio State works around the clock to enhance safety through patrols, lights, cameras and other technology. Resources for the campus community include the [Community Crime Map](#), a [discounted Lyft Ride Smart program](#), and more. While many of our safety communications are open to parents, faculty and staff, some are targeted to students only. This includes text messages, phone app notifications, emails from the Office of Student Life, Department of Public Safety and other units, signage posted on campus, social media posts and advertisements, newsletters targeted toward students and more.

---

Health and wellness

Carry Naloxone. Save a Life!
The "Carry Naloxone. Save a Life" training provides participants with information on how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose, administer the opioid overdose reversal drug, Naloxone, and educate the importance of harm reduction and its concepts. The training is designed for students, staff and faculty who are interested in possibly saving a life, in case of an emergency.

[Read more »](#)
[Contact »](#)

Singing chaplain brings comfort, healing to patients in Harding Hospital mental health facility

When Rev. Chris Ciampa interviewed to be the chaplain at the Wexner Medical Center’s Harding Hospital, the first question was: "Do you play guitar?" Now he leads groups for patients on topics of faith and values and resilience, and carries on the tradition of healing through music established three decades ago at Harding Hospital.

[Read more »](#)
[Contact »](#)

---

Celebrate Recovery Month at Ohio State
Recovery Month at Ohio State is a university-wide collaboration to celebrate recovery in September. Events will celebrate the transformative power of recovery, highlight the achievements of those who have reclaimed their lives from mental health and/or substance use disorders and promote the message that recovery IS possible.

Read more »
Contact »

Getting around campus

COTA stops along 11th Ave., service changes
Beginning Sept. 4, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) routes 8, 22 and 31 will use the Campus Area Bus Service (CABS) stops along 11th Avenue at Siebert Hall as well as at 11th and Worthington. COTA is adding a new eastbound bus stop on 12th Avenue, just east of College Road. Remaining COTA stops located along 12th Avenue between College Road and Neil Avenue will be closed permanently. The change was made in coordination with Ohio State to align transfers between COTA and CABS stops and reduce vehicular traffic through a heavy pedestrian corridor. COTA is also increasing service on Ohio State area transit lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 22, 31 and 102.

Read more »

Labor Day Holiday CABS Service
CABS will run reduced service on Sept. 4. The Campus Connector route and paratransit will operate on the weekend schedule and CABS On-Demand will provide regular service. All other routes will not run during this time.

Read more »

Research news, grants and funding
Want to increase resiliency in kids? Teach creativity

Courses/Training

• From Debate to Dialogue: Conversation Strategies for Building Connection Across Difference
• Owning Your College Experience: Using Prioritization and the 80/20 Rule
• Get a Head Start with Libraries’ First Year Success Series Sessions

Events and opportunities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Open</td>
<td>Class is in session: Understanding classes, instructors and office hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug. 21 - Sept. 1</td>
<td>Semester of Service applications open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug. 23</td>
<td>Join the English Conversation Program to meet new people</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sept. 6</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Science Café: Big Data for Biodiversity
Science