Tuesday, November 1

Happy first day of November! Below you will find the latest news and information for Ohio State students and families.

Have a great day!

Safety Spotlight

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.

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Lyft Ride Smart at Ohio State
Lyft Ride Smart at Ohio State offers eligible students discounted rides from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. inside the university-designated service area. For those new to the program, Ohio State will contribute $6.50, per ride, and the remainder will be paid by the rider. Prices may be impacted by distance, traffic, time of day, special events and prime time surcharges.

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Safety Spotlight: Knee Strike
Use your knee and your voice to protect yourself from an attacker. OSUPD’s Detective Cassi Shaffer, one of Ohio State’s Empowerment and Self-Defense instructors, teaches a self-defense technique called “Knee Strike” in this week’s Safety Spotlight. Watch the video to learn how to use your knee as an additional line of defense during an attack.

You’re going places. Get there safely.
Stay safe, Buckeyes! Eliminate distracted behaviors by removing earbuds and being aware of your surroundings rather than your cellphone. Pedestrians should use marked crosswalks and sidewalks. Motorists should keep an eye out for pedestrians, cyclists and scooter riders. Bicycles and scooters should be ridden in the road, not on sidewalks. If you’re cycling or scooting, park in designated areas to ensure accessible pathways. Never block sidewalks, curb ramps or disability access.

Message from Student Life

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**Today: Forum on elections and American democracy**

Millions of Americans will cast their votes on Nov. 8 in the first federal election since the unprecedented events following the 2020 election. How prepared are we? If a race is contested, how should we sort through relevant information (and misinformation) to make up our own minds responsibly? How should we accept an outcome even if we don’t like it? These questions and more will be addressed at “Your Other Midterms: A Forum on Citizenship, Elections, and the Test of American Democracy” at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Nov. 1) in Saxbe Auditorium. The event, part of the Civil Discourse Project, is hosted by the Office of Academic Affairs and the Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability. It will also be livestreamed.

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**Accessible entrances, wellness spaces now available via Ohio State app**

Update your Ohio State mobile app today to start seeing accessible entrances and wellness spaces marked on the Columbus campus map. Teams across the university worked together to update the map with locations for accessible entrances, lactation rooms, wellness rooms and sanctuary spaces. Tapping into these marked locations brings up photos and extra information on access. Read more about the work behind this update on the IT@OSU website.

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**NetJets forges new partnership with Hospitality Management**

NetJets, the world's largest private aviation company, established an endowed scholarship fund at Ohio State this year, pledged to provide paid student internships and much more. The partnership is with the Hospitality Management program in the College of Education and Human Ecology. On a recent tour of the company’s world headquarters here in Columbus, hospitality students and their faculty gained an in-depth view of how NetJets' associates deliver exceptional customer service to its "Owners," their term for those who each buy a share of a jet’s time.
OSUPD hosts mock crime scene
Caution tape and evidence tags made a mock scenario come to life for Ohio State journalism students. OSUPD hosted *The Lantern* class reporters for a mock crime scene to simulate breaking news. Students were tasked with gathering information, confirming facts and writing on deadline. University Police host students each semester to support Ohio State’s academic mission. Watch how the day unfolded outside Blankenship Hall.

Grants and funding

Ohio State expands child care support for parenting students
Parenting students at Ohio State’s regional campuses in Mansfield and Newark are now eligible for spots in a federally subsidized child care program. The expanded $2 million, four-year Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) grant, awarded to the university’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion, helps low-income parenting students stay in school and graduate.

International Research and Scholarship Grant
Proposals are sought from undergraduate students for a wide range of international projects that can be implemented on campus and around the globe. International Research and Scholarship Grant projects can address critical issues in regional context; advance disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary methods; implement collaborative/inclusive research scholarship and exchange in diverse settings; explore area studies; and research global education that enhances equity, and racial justice, to engage the state, the nation and the world. Deadline is Nov. 18.
Health and wellness

**Monkeypox vaccines now available**
Student Life Student Health Services will be offering the Monkeypox vaccine to eligible students on Nov. 7 and Nov. 14 and can be scheduled through My BuckMD or by calling 614-292-4321. Additional appointments will be available in December. Eligibility criteria and more information are available on the Student Health Services website.

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**Mental health: ask for help**
People often withdraw and isolate themselves when they are struggling. If depression, anxiety or emotional distress is interfering with your student's concentration or functioning, do not suffer alone. It is a strength to recognize when help is needed. Students should talk to someone they trust or find an Ohio State counselling resource so they can help your student understand what is happening and help them move forward with specific strategies.

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Opportunities

**Compost your pumpkin this fall**
Don't throw your pumpkins in the trash. Reduce your carbon footprint and return nutrients to the soil by composting them. Drop off your pumpkin or gourd at any one of Facilities Operations and Development’s (FOD) green compost container locations. Whole pumpkins are accepted. Have other food waste? Learn more online about composting options at Ohio State.

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Getting around campus

Major CABS service changes
CABS is committed to providing the best service possible to all its loyal riders. In response to customer feedback, and after learning of a change in nearby construction phasing, CABS is pleased to return additional routes and stops this fall. Beginning Nov. 14, CABS resumes service along Cannon Drive, including a stop at Mid-Towers. Major changes include the return of Campus Loop South (CLS), expanded stops for Campus Connector (CC) and increased frequency of Buckeye Express (BE). Review new routes and service times online.

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Win a reserved parking space for the rest of the semester
CampusParc is currently giving away one reserved parking space for the rest of the academic year. To enter the giveaway, participants must have an active permit, follow CampusParc on Twitter or Instagram and tag a friend on the post about the giveaway. The winner will get to select any space of their choice within their designated permit zone.

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Upcoming events

| Nov. 6 | 1 Day for the K.I.A. Fall 5K |