OSU will be closed on Monday, September 1st for Labor Day. Have a fun and safe long weekend!

Parent Handbook
OSU's parent and family handbook is always available online at: http://issuu.com/brandosu/docs/2014-nso-familyhandbook

Tutoring Resources
Free Tutoring is just a click away. Students can find tutoring schedules and resources online at: https://lasso.okstate.edu/tutoring

Career Fairs Start in September
Three career fairs will be held in September for students interested in

Family Weekend Ticket Information
Half-priced tickets for the 9-13-14 Family Weekend football game are still available, but very limited.

Cowboy Parents members can purchase discounted tickets by following the link and using the instructions and promo code below.

Go to www.okstate.com/tickets then under the cowboy football sections select "Redeem Promo Code". On the next page towards the upper left side there is a place that says "Enter Promo Code" - enter the code there to access the discount.

The code is F4UPGZ01

This will be good for a $35 ticket to the 9-13-14 UTSA game. *Questions about tickets can be directed to the athletic ticket office at 877-ALL-4OSU

Family Weekend events are listed online at http://parents.okstate.edu/fall-family-weekend and more will be added as student living groups plan their events.
fields as varied as agriculture to engineering to business. 

All students are encouraged to attend career fairs even if it is just to see how the fairs operate and prepare for future fairs. Details about the time, location and employers attending the fairs is available at: http://www.hireosugrads.com/StudentsAlumni/

Tornado Siren Testing
Outdoor sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. (weather permitting). If unable to test on the day of scheduled testing, it will be rescheduled for the following Thursday or the next Tuesday.

Allied Arts Announces 2014-15 Season

Join your student on campus for an Allied Arts Performance. From ballet to the music of the Scottish Isles, there's a little something for everyone.

For decades the OSU Allied Arts office has brought top-notch talent to the Oklahoma State University campus. This year is no different as OSU Allied Arts has booked six premiere performances to Stillwater for its 2014-2015 season. OSU student season passes start at just $40 and general public season tickets start at just $75, making it an easy, affordable way to experience the world - without leaving campus. http://union.okstate.edu/news/osu-allied-arts-announces-2014-2015-season

Haven / Title IX Training Requirement
Oklahoma State University takes acts of sexual violence and sexual harassment seriously. In an effort to comply with the Violence Against Women Act and the Office for Civil Rights federal guidelines, all students are required to complete online training on sexual violence prevention. A hold will be placed on students' accounts, which will affect enrollment for the subsequent semester, until the training has been completed. The training can be completed online in about 40 minutes at: http://1is2many.okstate.edu/node/24

Cowboy Parents Scholarship Information
OSU's Cowboy Parents will award several $650.00 to $1000.00 scholarships to deserving students this fall semester during Fall Family Weekend. Be sure to tell your student(s) that applications for these scholarships are due 9-3-14 and are online at: http://parents.okstate.edu

Scholarship recipients will be notified and announced by 9-11-14 online at: http://parents.okstate.edu/fall-family-weekend.

Scholarship Screeners Needed
Parent volunteers are still needed to help screen and score Cowboy Parents scholarship applications. To score the applications you will need to be able to receive up to 20 scanned applications via email and score them within five to
six days. This usually requires anywhere from two to three hours on your own time.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reply to this newsletter and include the words "Scholarship Screener" in the subject line. *Complete instructions and score sheets will accompany the applications you receive via email.

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**Care Package How-Tos**

Every student loves a care package and there are a number of ways to let your student know you’re thinking of them. While I don’t recommend any single care package company over another, a quick Google search for "college care packages" will give you an extensive list of companies that can pack and ship a care package to your student. If you prefer to send a package directly from home, here are some tips.

**Use pre-paid boxes** - I love using the USPS Priority mail boxes, and the medium or large boxes are great for care packages and cost between $13.00- $16.00 to ship. Simply pick up a few boxes at the post office or mailing station and either pre-purchase the postage or print it directly from a computer. Priority boxes are also tracked so you can check online to see when your package has arrived.

**Baked goods** - Who doesn’t love homemade cookies? Well, *no one*, but it’s true that some baked goods travel better than others. If you send treats, consider sending an entire pan of brownies, bar cookies or other baked goods that *won’t crumble* - fudge is
great too! I highly recommend baking the items in a small recyclable aluminum, or nonstick metal, pan. Let the items cool completely and then cover and send the entire pan with the brownies or bars left uncut to retain their freshness.

**Pack with hometown newspapers** - Using your hometown newspaper as packing material for your care package not only reuses the newspaper, it allows your student to catch up on what's going on back home even if the story didn't make it to social media.

**Send items that are unavailable in Stillwater or are expensive for your student to buy** - Is there a hometown brand of coffee that your student loves? Do his razor refill blades cost $25.00 a box? Think of the things that your student will need or want, but that might be out of the price range for a college student. "**K-cups** can add up too if you have more than one or two cups of coffee or tea per day!

**Keep it simple** - Care packages don't have to be elaborate or expensive. Just the fact that you sent some treats and a handwritten note (maybe even send one from the family pet!) is enough to brighten your student's day.

**NOTE** Students will receive an email notification when they have a package waiting at their residence hall front desk, but it's still a good idea to call or text to tell them they need to check their mail!