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### December Commuter Events

**Monday, December 14 through Thursday, December 17:** Final exams week breakfast in the lounge. Stop by in the mornings all week long for doughnuts, fruit, muffins, and juice to assist you during your challenging week!

If you have an idea for spring semester events, please let Brian or Morgan know: brian.walker@mail.wvu.edu; morgan.sharpless@mail.wvu.edu; or write something on our Facebook wall.

### Important December/January Dates to Remember

- **Friday, December 11:** Last day of classes.
- **Monday, December 14 through Saturday, December 19:** Finals Week.
- **Monday, January 11:** First day of spring classes

### Time to Order Our T-Shirts

The votes are in and the winning design is……

Congratulations to Adrienne Stutler for designing the winning t-shirt!

**T-Shirts are only $10!!!!**

If you would like to order a shirt please return the order form along with your PAYMENT to Brian or Morgan in E. Moore Hall no later than December 18. Order forms can be found on our website, Facebook pages, and in the lounge.

*We are ONLY accepting checks as a form of payment*

Please make checks payable to: West Virginia University

**CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

If you have any questions please email: Morgan.sharpless@mail.wvu.edu

### Reminder:

If you have a lock on one of the lockers in the Commuter Lounge please REMOVE it before the holiday break.

You will be permitted to put locks on the lockers again on the first day of classes. Thank you.

### Have a fun and safe break!
How to Calculate your GPA

Multiply the grade value of the course (A = 4, B= 3, C= 2, D= 1, F= 0) by the semester hours for that course. The product of this multiplication will be the grade points.

Divide the total number of grade points by the total GPA hours.

Example: You took five 3-credit courses, giving you 15 total credit hours. Your grades were: A, C, C, B, A

4 (A)*3 = 12  
2 (C)*3 = 6  
2 (C)*3 = 6  
3 (B) *3 = 9  
4 (A)*3 =12  
Total Grade Points: 45  
45/15 (Credit Hours)= 3.0 GPA

Received a D or F?

If you earned a D or F this semester, don’t stress out too much. You are eligible to D/F repeat that course, meaning you get a second chance to improve your grade. You only have ONE more chance to improve the course grade. When you D/F repeat, the new grade you receive will count, even if you do worse. The original grade will still show up on your academic transcript but will NOT count toward your GPA. You can D/F repeat until you have earned 60 hours of credits. Also, it is best to D/F repeat a course the semester after you first took the course.

Is Your GPA Below 2.0?

Academic Probation Day is designed for first-year students who have below a 2.0 GPA after the fall semester. The program will help students get back on track toward graduation and avoid academic suspension. There will be four workshops. Students will be notified in writing during the semester break on which workshop to attend, which will take place on January 10.

Your Practical Guide to Final Exams

Tips for Multiple Choice Exams
• Read and answer the question before looking at the answers listed.
• Don’t keep changing answers; your first choice is often the right one.
• If you see at least two correct statements, then “all of the above” is probably the answer.
• A positive choice is more likely to be correct than a negative one.
• Usually the choice with the most information is the correct answer.
• Eliminate answers you know aren’t correct.
• If you are unsure about a question skip it, and come back to it later.

Essay Exam Tips
• Read directions carefully. Answer the question you are supposed to answer.
• If you don’t understand what you are being asked, ask the professor for clarification.
• Write down everything asked of you and more. The more relevant detail you include, the higher your grade will be.
• Budget your time.
• If asked for facts, don’t give your opinion.
• Be as neat as possible. Neat paper=higher grade.
• If you aren’t exactly sure about something, use approximations.
• Never leave an essay question blank. At least attempt to answer the question even if you are unsure. Some credit is better than none!
Almost Time for Skiing

From January 13 through February 24, the Rec Center offers a **WISP Locals Day Ski Shuttle**. Every Wednesday at 3:30 PM, the Rec Center takes a van to WISP. There will be 8 to 12 spots available. You can sign up early to reserve your spot. The cost of the shuttle is only $7.50.

The Rec Center also provides ski and snowboard rentals for the evening: $9.50 for skis and $9.00 for a snowboard.

**WISP Local Day Lift Tickets are $15**

Total cost of your evening outdoor adventure would be about $31.50

For more information call:
304-293-2203 or 304-293-5076

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To those of you that are freshmen: **Congratulations**, you made it through your first semester of college! To everyone else, you are one semester closer towards graduation!

If you didn’t earn the grades you hoped for this semester, don’t get discouraged. Learn from your mistakes. Think back about your study habits and how many times you missed class. Try to make a change for the better this semester!

**Here are some helpful tips for beginning the spring semester:**

- Start the spring semester off right by attending all of your classes.
- Once you receive your syllabus, write in ALL exam dates and due dates for papers or projects.
- Make a friend in each one of your classes. You never know if you’ll have to miss class one day and need to borrow notes.
- Set goals to avoid getting behind, such as reading before every class or finishing papers ahead of time.
- Take at least one **fun** class. Try a P.E. class (bowling, ultimate frisbee, golf) or even pottery!
- Don’t be afraid to speak up and ask questions.
- Most importantly, don’t get stressed out. Make time for yourself. Have fun. College is the best time of your life!

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Don’t forget about us!

The winter months are LONG and BORING since there isn’t much to do. Make sure you continue to check out our website and Facebook group after break! We got plenty of fun events in store for next semester.

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**Check This Out**

http://www.well.wvu.edu/

Check out WellWVU’s website for information about a variety of topics from, stress and time management, nutrition, alcohol education, and even work out plans! The website has **interactive quizzes** for every topic. You can test how well your memory is and even find out what type of listener you are!
## Finals Week Schedule
(in military time)

### Monday, December 14

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| 0800 to 2000| All sections of Math 126C  
Students must sign up for time with their instructor. |
| 0800 to 1000| All classes meeting at 0900 or 0930……………… MWF |
| 1100 to 1300| All sections of Math 126 A and Math 155 |
| 1500 to 1700| All classes meeting at 0800 or 0830……………… TR |
| 1900 to 2100| All sections of Physics 101, 102, 111, 112* |
| 1800 to 1900| Communication Studies 100, Section 1* |
| 1900 to 2000| Communication Studies 100, Section 2* |
| 2000 to 2100| Communication Studies 100, Section 3* |

### Tuesday, December 15

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| 0800 to 2000| All sections of Math 126B  
Students must sign up for time with their instructor. |
| 0800 to 1000| All classes meeting at 1530 or 1600……………… TR |
| 1100 to 1300| All classes meeting at 1500 or 1530……………… MWF |
| 1500 to 1700| All classes meeting at 1200 or 1230……………… MWF |
| 1900 to 2100| All sections of Chemistry 110, 115, 116 |

### Wednesday, December 16

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| 0800 to 2000| All sections of Math 150  
Students must sign up for time with their instructor. |
| 0800 to 1000| All classes meeting at 1400 or 1430……………… TR |
| 1100 to 1300| All classes meeting at 0930 or 1000……………… TR |
| 1500 to 1700| All classes meeting at 1300 or 1330……………… MWF |
| 1900 to 2100| All sections of MAE 242  
All sections of French, German & Spanish 100, 101, 102, 203, 204 & 200, and Italian 101, 102, 203 & 204 |

### Thursday, December 17

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| 0800 to 2000| All sections of Math 121  
Students must sign up for time with their instructor. |
| 0800 to 1000| All classes meeting at 1100 or 1130……………… MWF |
| 1100 to 1300| All classes meeting at 0800 or 0830……………… MWF |
| 1500 to 1700| All classes meeting at 1230 or 1300……………… TR |
| 1900 to 2100| All classes meeting at 1600 or 1630……………… MWF |
| 1900 to 2100| All sections of MAE 241 & 243  
All sections of Astronomy 106* |
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