

# Tiger International

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2007



## From The Advisors Desk . . .

### Seasons Greetings!!!!

**Thank You** to everyone who helped with, or participated in International Education Week and the International Fair in November, it was a great success!!

This is a very busy time of the year with the semester coming to an end and preparations for the upcoming vacation time. Take special care if you are traveling during the Holiday. Road conditions can change quickly and become quite dangerous. With the added holiday traffic, take special care to drive defensively. Always pack warm clothing, some snack food, a blanket, flashlight and water. If you have a cellular phone take that and any emergency numbers you might need as well. When possible, check the weather reports before you leave. You can access weather information at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com).

For those students who intend to travel out side the U.S. during the Holidays, make sure you have the following before you leave:

- Current passport and visa
- Signed I-20 or DS-2019
- Any documents to obtain a new visa, (if needed)

Please plan to arrive at the airport **AT LEAST 3** hours before any international flight you are taking. With the added security at the airport, you want to allow plenty of time to get through these expanded checks. Check with the airline you are flying to see what restrictions on luggage may apply.

Please don't wait until the last minute to get your I-20 signed. It is best to allow three (3) working days for our office to process the paperwork. All requests should be in our office before December 13<sup>th</sup>. I will be out of the office from December 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> and for the Christmas break December 20 until January 3rd.

Additional reminders:

1. Don't forget to turn off or unplug unnecessary electrical items.
2. Keep all your important personal items in a safe place.
3. If you are renting a car, you should purchase car insurance through the rental agency.
4. Finally, don't forget to lock your doors before you leave.

The University will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 2nd. If you need any help during the remainder of the winter vacation, you can come by the International Student Services Office during the normal office hours starting January 2nd, or if it is an emergency call the international after hours number (785) 259-0005.

Good luck with your final exams!! I hope you all have very **Happy Holiday Season!** Have a safe, fun and relaxing break!!!

Carol

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## Calendar

### Monday, December 3

Women's basketball @5:30pm

Men's basketball @7:30pm

### Saturday, December 8

Men's basketball @7pm

### December 8, 10-13

Finals

### Friday, December 14

Semester ends

Men's basketball @7pm

### Thursday, December 20

Men's basketball @7pm

### December 24-January 2

University Closed

### Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day

## EARLY REGISTRATION

If you have not already picked your classes for spring 2008, you should get started now. Please use TigerTracks to pre-register for classes. You need to log in to TigerTracks and go to "Online Services" tab to find TigerEnroll. Then you need to fill out the course worksheet through TigerEnroll to get approval for the classes from your academic advisor. If you would like to talk about your classes, you should contact your academic advisor. Early registration has already started for upper classmen. Please refer to the University calendar for your date based on classification (graduate, senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman) and family name. If you have any questions about when you can enroll or who your academic advisor is, please do not hesitate to contact the International Student Services Office. As a reminder, you can only enroll in one (1) virtual college course to count toward your full-time enrollment.

## TB SKIN TESTS & MENINGITIS VACINATION

On a related note to the above information on Enrollment. IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD THE TB SKIN TEST or taken care of the MENINGITIS VACINATION or WAIVER, A HOLD HAS BEEN PLACED ON YOUR ENROLLMENT, AND YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO FINALIZE (pay your fees) your classes for the spring semester!!! Even though you may have been allowed to pre-enroll in spring classes, you WILL NOT be allowed to finalize your enrollment, and could LOSE THE CLASSES YOU PICKED for the spring semester. The end of the semester is fast approaching, and you will need to get to the Student Health Office before you leave for the holiday break.

## ADDRESS UPDATES

All international students should inform the International Student Office (Sheridan Hall Room 208) of any address or phone number changes. **It is very important that we have your current information at all times.** The SEVIS tracking system requires us to keep this information current at all times. Please stop by the International Office with any questions you might have regarding this. For those students who plan to move off campus at semester, you must notify Marnie of your new address & phone number.

## FINALS WEEK

Good luck and best wishes for a very successfully finals week. We realize this is a period of anxiety, hard work, and stress, but we have confidence that each of you will do well. GOOD LUCK!!

## CHRISTMAS PAST AT HISTORIC FORT HAYS

Experience Christmas the way it was celebrated in the old west. There is Christmas caroling in the guard house, camp fires set up, refreshments in the Officers quarters, and only luminaries lightning your way around. This event is FREE and is a great way to see a part of the Historic Old West. It takes place on December 7 & 8 from 7-9pm starting at the Historic Fort Visitor's Center.

## FROSTFEST PARADE

This is a lighted parade that takes place downtown on Main Street. The parade starts at 5:30pm on Sunday, December 9, 2007. **This is a unique kind of parade since everything is the parade has to be lighted. It is very pretty to see at night.**

## EXPIRING DOCUMENTS

Please make sure you check your I-20 & DS-2019 to make sure they are not expiring. These documents cannot expire or you will be out of status. If your document is expiring, please bring it to the International Office so an extension can be done.

## **BRIDGES COUNSELORS**

We would like to highlight our BRIDGES Counselors and share a little bit of their lives and what they are involved in on the FHSU campus:

Hi, everyone! My name is Wen (Amber) Ou, I come from Nanning, Guangxi province which is located in south China. Since it is the south edge of subtropical zone, it produces a lot of kinds of fruits, the green-trees and multi-colored flowers would cover the whole city for the whole year. It is beautiful.

Currently at FHSU, I am pursuing a Master's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. After one year of study in the U.S., I now realize that life is about overcoming obstacles. I strive to complete every task well, to learn many different cultures, and to adapt to local life. It has been an excellent learning experience to me. In spare time, I would like to do some exercise in the gym for keeping health and relaxing. Now, I am very pleased to be a BRIDGES Counselor, and I hope to be a friend with everyone. If you need help, welcome to contact with me, I will try my best to help you.

My name is Yang Yang, My English name is King. I come from the East part of China. This is my second year studying at FHSU and I am a graduate student majoring in Communication. I like traveling and playing basketball. I'm very interested in different cultures and I hope I can make more friends.

My name is Beth Bills and I am a senior here at Fort Hays State University. I plan to graduate in Speech-Language Pathology in May. This year has been quite interesting as I have begun balancing clinicals and classes. One of my most valued experiences here at Fort Hays has been the opportunity to meet so many different people. I lived in the dorms for a couple years and had the chance to live one on one within the cultures of the people who lived down the hall. Even now that I live off campus I have still been blessed with the opportunity to have friends that have enriched my own view of the culture that surrounds me. I know I have attended college for much more than just academic opportunity. For that, I am very thankful.

My Name is Chelsey Fisher. I was born in Hays and have lived here my whole life. I am a senior here at FHSU graduating in May with a degree in Communication emphasizing in Advertising and Public Relations. Besides working as a BRIDGES counselor, I also work in the Alumni Association here on campus and for the Downtown Hays Development Corporation. When I'm not busy working or studying, I usually stay busy with my extra curricular activities. I am currently serving as the President of Communication and am also a part of the Big Brother Big Sisters program here in Ellis County. In my spare time I enjoy just simply relaxing, spending time with my family and friends.

## **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK & INTERNATIONAL FAIR**

We want to THANK everyone who attended and helped support the activities of the International Education Week! We had a great week, and our success should motivate us to keep doing great things! Also, everyone who helped out with the International Fair at The Mall THANK YOU! It was a great time and we hope you also had a great time getting to visit with people who stopped at your booth. The stage/style show was excellent! You all looked great and did a great job!

## **IMPORTANT– WINTER BREAK INFORMATION!!**

Winter Break at FHSU is right around the corner. For those of you new to FHSU this semester, winter break is a period of about a month when classes are not in session. Many students chose to travel during this break time. If you are planning on staying in Hays, below is the schedule for on-campus services such as Forsyth Library, the Wellness Center and food service. Information about Tiger Transport, restaurants within walking distance of campus, and on-campus events are also below.

### **Forsyth Library –**

**The library is CLOSED these dates:**

Sat. Dec. 15 – Sun. Dec. 16  
 Sat. Dec. 22 – Tues. Jan. 1  
 Sat. Jan. 5 – Sun. Jan. 6  
 Sat. Jan. 12 – Sun. Jan. 13

**The library is OPEN these dates:**

Mon. Dec. 17 – Fri. Dec. 21 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
 Wed. Jan. 2 – Fri. Jan. 4 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
 Mon. Jan. 7 – Fri. Jan. 11 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
 Mon. Jan. 14 - Tues. Jan. 15 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### **On-Campus Food Service**

Information about on-campus food service hours during break will be emailed out.

### **Tiger Transport –**

Tiger Transport WILL be running its regular schedule during Winter Break. You can ride Tiger Transport downtown to the library where you can get off and walk to any of the shops downtown to eat, shop and relax. You can also take Tiger Transport to The Mall & Wal-Mart. You can shop, eat or watch a movie.

**Tiger Transport Schedule:**

Friday, Dec. 14, 21, 28 & Jan. 4 & 11	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, Dec. 15, 22, 29 & Jan. 5 & 12	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 19, 26, & Jan. 2 & 9	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### **Meals**

**Restaurants within Walking Distance**

The following page is a listing of restaurants that are within walking distance of FHSU. We have also included a map to help you locate these eating establishments.

**Tiger Transport & the Access Van**

Tiger Transport will be operating during Winter Break. You can ride Tiger Transport to either Downtown Hays, The Mall or Wal-Mart and eat or buy food to prepare in your apartment or in your residence hall. When Tiger Transport is not running, call Access Van at 628-1052 and schedule a pick-up time. Remember, Access Van will be running holiday hours on Mon, Dec. 24, Mon, Dec. 31, and Tues. Jan 1. If you schedule pickup times for these dates, please be aware that they may not be operating on normal hours. Access will not be running at all on Tues. Dec. 25.

**Delivery**

This is a listing of restaurants that you call (we have provided telephone numbers for you) with your order (what you would like to eat) and they will bring your meal to your residence hall room or apartment when it is ready. When you are placing your order over the telephone, the restaurant employee will tell you how much your meal is going to cost so you can have your money ready when they bring you your meal. Also, remember to give the restaurant employee your address so they can deliver your meal to you! It is a very convenient way to eat because you do not need to leave your apartment. We have also provided web addresses to most of the restaurants to you can view their menu online and have your order ready when you call them.

## Restaurants with Delivery in Hays

### Chinese

China Garden – 628-2280

Chinese Food Express – 628-9999

### Pizza

Domino's Pizza – 625-2311 -- [www.dominos.com](http://www.dominos.com)

Lomato's Pizza– 623-2888

Papa John's – 621-7272 -- [www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.com)

Pizza Hut – 628-1777 -- [www.pizzahut.com](http://www.pizzahut.com)

### Mexican

Taco Grande – 625-1413

Taco Shop – 625-7114 -- [www.tacoshop.net](http://www.tacoshop.net)

## Winter Break Trips

The International Student Services Office is coordinating two local trips for students who will be in Hays during Winter Break. Please email Karen at [kmccullo@fhsu.edu](mailto:kmccullo@fhsu.edu) if you are interested in going on these trips. You should have received information about these trips through email.

## Int'l Student Services Office Emergency Phone Number

If you have an emergency after regular International Student Service office hours, please call this number: 785-259-0005. This number should only be used for emergency purposes.

During Winter Break, our office and all other offices on campus will be open regular hours, Monday, Dec. 19 – Friday, Dec. 21. **Our office will be CLOSED on Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1.** Our office and other offices on campus will re-open with regular office hours on Wednesday, January 3. Again, if you have an emergency and need to reach someone from the International Student Services Office, when the office is not open, please call our after-hours phone number.

## Library Hours—Beginning in December

Sun. Dec. 2	1:00 pm - 2:00 am
Mon. Dec. 3 - Thurs. Dec. 6	7:30 am - 2:00 am
Fri. Dec. 7	7:30 am - 7:00 pm
Sat. Dec. 8	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sun. Dec. 9	1:00 pm - 2:00 am
	**6:00 pm - Free pizza and drink to first 200 students with Tiger ID Card**
Mon. Dec. 10 - Wed. Dec. 12	7:30 am - 2:00 am
Thurs. Dec. 13	7:30 am - 9:00 pm
Fri. Dec. 14	7:30 am - 5:00 pm

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9 FrostFest Parade @ 5:30pm on Main St.	FINALS WEEK				14 Semester ends Men's basketball @ 7pm	15
16	17	18	19	20 Men's basketball @7 pm	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29 Women's basket- ball @7pm
30	31	University is Closed!!!				

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We're on the Web!  
[www.fhsu.edu/international](http://www.fhsu.edu/international)