

# Tiger International

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## Calendar

### Thursday, November 1

Encore "Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana" @ 7:30pm, Beach/Schmidt

### Saturday, November 3

Tiger Day

FHSU football @ 2pm

### Saturday, November 10

International Fair @ 10am, The Mall

### Monday, November 12

Proclamation Signing @ 9am

### Wednesday, November 14

Encore "Cirque-Works Birdhouse Factory" @ 7:30pm, Beach/Schmidt

### November 19-23

Fall Break and Thanksgiving Vacation

### Monday, November 26

Class Resumes

## From The Advisors Desk...

Happy Fall!!! The fall semester is quickly passing by. There is a great deal of important information in this newsletter, so I would ask that you take a few minutes to read through it all. First, **THANK YOU** to all the students who helped with the Oktoberfest fundraiser and walked in the Homecoming parade. **Congratulations** on winning the "Homecoming Pride Award" for your walking group entry!!! This is always a busy weekend, and I appreciate you taking the time to help make this a successful weekend! The money from this event goes to support the ISU student activities and socials.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

#### IMMIGRATION INFORMATION – OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING

Are you graduating this December 2007 semester? If you are and want to apply for optional practical training, please stop by the International Student Office **as soon as possible** and pick up the paperwork. Practical training applications can take 60–90 days to be completed and returned from the processing center in Lincoln, Nebraska. **Remember, you cannot start a job until you receive this work authorization AND you must apply BEFORE you graduate.**

#### TRAVELING ABROAD OR GOING HOME FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

F-1, F-2 and J-1 students must have an endorsed (signed) I-20 or DS-2019 if leaving the U.S. and returning. If you have changed status, **OR** if your visa has expired, you must get a new visa before re-entering the U.S. To get a new visa you will need a new I-20 and some additional documents to take to the Embassy.

**Please allow three (3) working days for us to issue a new I-20 for you.**

#### CHECK YOUR PASSPORT

If your passport is expiring, you must get a new one, even if you will not be traveling outside the United States! Come in and see Marnie, Karen or myself if you need information on how to get a new passport.

#### International Education Week – November 12-16, 2007

We have planned a number of events and activities to celebrate International Education Week. This will also include the International Fair at The Mall on Saturday, November 10th. This is a great opportunity to promote the importance of international education, and **YOU** as international students on campus and in our community. I hope you will plan to take part in many of the activities.

Lastly, if you are feeling a little stressed, don't be surprised. This is the time of the year when students begin to experience culture shock, and/or adjustment issues. If you are not doing as well as you had hoped in classes, are having difficulty with relationships, disliking the food, experiencing trouble with English, feeling homesick or ill, or maybe you feel like you do not have a close friend you can really talk to, stop by the International Office and let us know. Any of these things can cause sadness, depression or overall negative feelings. Living in a different culture is very challenging. Culture shock, and emotional ups and downs that go with it, are a normal part of living in a new country and sometimes are hard to avoid. Things **WILL get better**, but adjustment takes time. *We are here to help and support you, let us know what we can do! Have a great November!!*

Carol

## **TB SKIN TEST**

Don't forget to get your TB skin test done before the end of the fall semester if you are a new student. If you do not take care of this as soon as possible, you will not be able to enroll for the spring semester. If you have any questions, please stop by the International Student Office.

## **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 new SEVIS tracking system requires us to keep this information current at all times.

## **DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY**

Entries for the DV-2009 Diversity Visa Lottery must be submitted electronically between Saturday, October 3, 2007 and December 2, 2007. Applicants may access the electronic Diversity Visa Entry form at [www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/visanews/index.html](http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/visanews/index.html) during the 60 day registration period beginning October 3. Paper entries will not be accepted.

## **EARLY REGISTRATION**

If you have not already picked your classes for the spring 2008, you should get started now. Please use TigerTracks to pre-register for classes. You need to log in 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.

## **INTERNATIONAL FAIR**

Once again, the International Student Union would like to invite you to be a part of our most valuable event of the year. The 2007 International Fair will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2007 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at The Mall in Hays. If you would like to have a table display, or participate in the stage performance, please pick up an application from Marnie or Saki in Sheridan Hall 208. After we receive all the applications, we will have a meeting for all groups or individuals who will participate in the International Fair. We plan to discuss the details at the meeting. Applications are due in the office by Friday November 2, 2007, at 4:30pm.

## **PROCLAMATION SIGNING**

The Mayor of Hays and Dr. Edward Hammond will be signing a Proclamation for International Education Week 2007. This event will take place on Monday, November 12, 2007 at 9:00am in the Dreiling Lobby (Sheridan Hall). WE ENCOURAGE ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO ATTEND this event to show support for International Education Week and internationalization at FHSU. A reception will follow this event including refreshments.

## THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING AND ITS CELEBRATIONS

### The Greeks:

The ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses. Their goddess of corn (actually all grains) was Demeter who was honored at the festival of Thesmophoria held each autumn. On the first day of the festival, married women (possibility connecting childbearing and the raising of crops) would build leafy shelters and furnish them with couches made with plants. On the second day, they fasted. On the third day, a feast was held and offerings to the goddess Demeter were made-gifts of seed corn, cakes, fruits, and pigs. It was hoped that Demeter's gratitude would grant them a good harvest.

### The Romans:

The Romans also celebrated a harvest festival called Cerelia, which honored Ceres their goddess of corn (from which the word cereal comes). The festival was held each year on October 4th and offerings of the first fruits of the harvest and pigs were offered to Ceres. Their celebration include music, parades, games and sports, and a thanksgiving feast.

## INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

The office of International Student Services will be having its annual International Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 6:00pm in Chuck's Place, Wiest Hall. This activity is to celebrate Thanksgiving with the international students and faculty. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish like a salad, vegetable, rice or dessert item if you can. Food will be served at 6:30pm.

## Fall Break/Thanksgiving Vacation

There will be **no classes** November 19-23, 2007 for Fall Break and in observance of Thanksgiving. If you can, I encourage you to travel and visit friends, or family elsewhere in Kansas or the U.S. You might want to do some shopping or sightseeing outside of Hays. Whatever you do, take at least a short break from studying. Most students need to take their minds off of school before entering the last part of the semester, and all of the pressure that comes with final exams. Take time to relax and take a break!

If you plan to stay in Hays over the break there is an opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving with the Hays community. A community Thanksgiving dinner will be held at The Armory (on Main St. across from the Aquatic park) on Thursday, November 22 at 12:00pm (Noon).

## STUDENT RESIDENTIAL LIFE

If you live in one of the residence halls and signed a contract for one semester, you must be checked out of your room by Friday, December 14, 2007 by 6:00pm. If you are unsure if you have a one semester contract, please check with Student Residential Life in Agnew Hall. If you want to continue to stay in the Residence Hall, you must sign a new contract for the spring 2008 semester and pay another \$35 application fee BEFORE the fall break. This will allow you to stay in the residence hall over the Christmas break and you must make arrangements with your RA.

If you live in the residence hall and have a two semester (one year) contract, you may stay over the Christmas break as long as you make arrangements with your RA.

Anyone who currently lives in the Residence Hall may stay in the hall over the fall break by making arrangements with your RA. If you have any questions regarding housing, please contact Marnie in Student Affairs or Leanna in the residential life office.

## Writing Your Address

I am providing an example of the way the United States Postal Service requires people to address envelopes. If you live on campus DO NOT PUT 600 Park St before or after the hall name. The address is always written with the street number first then E or W, then the street name, then St. or Rd. or Ave. if there is one, and then Apt and apartment number. Here are examples:

(Residence Hall)

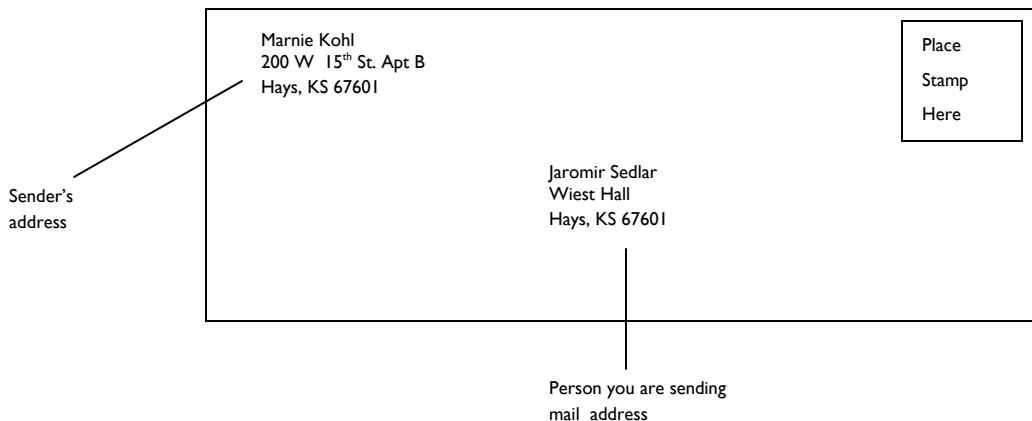
Marnie Kohl  
Wiest Hall Rm 308  
Hays, KS 67601

(Stadium Place)

Marnie Kohl  
300 Lews Dr. Apt A101  
Hays, KS 67601

(off campus)

Marnie Kohl  
402 W. Dorrance  
Hays, KS 67601



## ACCESS VAN PROCEDURE—Telephone number 628-1052—\$1.00 per trip

The Access van drivers would like to have 24 hour notice. So if you know you want to go somewhere, please schedule that in advance. Otherwise if you can not schedule a pickup they cannot guarantee that they can pick you up at the exact time but will try to pick you up close to the time you want. **MAXIMUM CAPACITY IN THE ACCESS VAN IS 8 PASSENGERS FOR EACH VAN.**

When you call, give them the following information:

Your name

The location to be picked up from

Where you want to go

Paying by cash or ticket

Schedule your return home trip also

How many people need to be picked up

## **IMPORTANT – FALL BREAK INFORMATION!!**

Fall Break at FHSU is right around the corner. For those of you new to FHSU this semester, fall break is a week long break from classes, homework, and tests. 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 –**

Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18 - CLOSED  
 Monday, Nov. 19 and Tuesday, Nov. 20 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Wednesday, Nov. 21 – 8:00 am – Noon (12:00 p.m.)  
 Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 – CLOSED  
 Saturday, Nov. 24 – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, Nov. 25 – 1:00 pm – Midnight (12:00 am)

### **Wellness Center**

Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18 – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Monday, Nov. 19 and Tuesday, Nov. 20 – 6:30 am – 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday, Nov. 21 – 6:30 am – 6:00 pm  
 Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 – CLOSED  
 Saturday, Nov. 24 and Sunday, Nov. 25 – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

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

#### **McMindes Cafeteria**

Saturday, Nov. 17 – Sunday, Nov. 24 – CLOSED – No Food Service

#### **Union Station & Mondos Subs**

Saturday, Nov. 17 – Sunday, Nov. 24 - CLOSED – No Food Service

#### **Union Grab 'N Go**

Monday, Nov. 19, Tuesday, Nov. 20, & Wednesday, Nov. 21 – 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
 Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 – CLOSED

### **Tiger Transport –**

Tiger Transport WILL be running its regular schedule during Fall Break. You can ride Tiger Transport downtown to the library or 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, Nov. 16	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, Nov. 17	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 21	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Friday, Nov. 23	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, Nov. 24	10:00 am – 3:00 pm

## **Thanksgiving Meals**

### **International Student Services Thanksgiving Dinner**

ALL international students are invited to attend the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be held at 6:00 pm on Sunday, Nov. 18 in Chuck's Place at Wiest Hall. A traditional thanksgiving meal will be served with Turkey, Ham, potatoes, vegetables, bread & dessert. Come visit with friends and celebrate this American holiday.

### **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

A Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thurs. Nov. 22 at Noon (12:00 p.m.). International students who will be in Hays on Thanksgiving are encouraged to attend! The dinner will be held at the Armory on Main Street, South of the Hays Aquatic Park. The Armory is within walking distance of FHSU.

## **Other 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**

Tiger Transport will be operating during Fall 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.

### **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)

## **Fall Break Trips**

The International Student Services Office is coordinating two local trips for students who will be in Hays during Fall Break. Please email Karen at [kmccullo@fhsu.edu](mailto:kmccullo@fhsu.edu) if you are interested in going on these trips. This will help us plan for transportation.

### **– Monday, Nov. 19 – FHSU University Dairy Tour**

Meet in front of Sheridan Hall at 1:30 p.m. We will be taking a tour of the university dairy farm, watching a cow-milking demonstration, and learning about how livestock play an important role in our community.

### **-Tuesday, Nov. 20 – History of Area Tour**

Meet in front of Sheridan Hall at 1:30 p.m. We will be meeting Francis Schippers at the Cathedral on the Plains in Victoria. Francis will be giving us a history of Hays and Ellis County. Francis will also give us a tour of the beautiful cathedral church.

## **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 Fall Break, our office will be open regular hours, Monday, Nov. 19 – Wed. Nov. 21. Our office will be CLOSED on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23. 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.

## **Men's & Women's Basketball at FHSU**

Both the men & women's basketball teams will have home games during Fall Break. The games are on Monday, Nov. 19 and Wednesday, Nov. 21. The women play at 5:30 p.m. and the men at 7:30 p.m. As an FHSU student, you can get into the games for free. Take your Tiger Card to the ticket window and they will give you a ticket to enter.

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				1 Encore "Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana" @7:30pm	2	3 Tiger Day FHSU football vs. Southwest Baptist @2pm
4	5	6	7	8	9 Community Connections @ 4:00 pm	10 International Fair @10am, The Mall
11	12 Proclamation Signing @9am	<b>International Education Week</b>			16	17
18 International Thanksgiving Dinner @6:00pm, Chuck's Place	<b>Fall Break and Thanksgiving Vacation</b>			22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26 Class resume	27	28	29	30	

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