INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Friendship Family Newsletter Fall 2024



Photo of Welcome Dinner 9/28/2024

What's Happening in Downtown Appleton?

- Horrors of the Household: Oct 19, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 - Hearthstone
 Historic House
 Museum: 625 W
 Prospect Ave,
 Appleton
- Haunted Hearthstone: Sequential Killers of the Victorian Age -Part VII: Oct 19, 6 pm -9:00 p.m.
 - Hearthstone
 Historic House
 Museum: 625 W
 Prospect Ave
- An Uncanny Spell fantasy ball: Oct 25, 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM
 - The 513:513 West College Avenue

- The Heavy Heavy & Dylan LeBlanc: Oct 26
 8:00 PM
 - Gibson
 Community Music
 Hall: 211 W.
 College Ave.
- Mile of Music
 Presents: Rhythms &
 Brews: Oct 30 : 7:00
 PM 9:00 PM
 - Gibson
 Community Music
 Hall: 211 W.
 College Ave.
- The Point of Jazz Jam Session at Stone Arch Brewpub: Oct 31:
 7pm - 9pm
 - Stone Arch Brewpub: 1004 S OLDE ONEIDA ST

In this newsletter you can expect:

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FF Upcoming Events



Academic Calendar

- September 20 Friday
 - Last day to make class changes or select S/U for fall
- October 24-27 Thursday-Sunday
 - Mid-term Reading Period
- November 8- Friday
 - Last day to withdraw from fall term classes
- November 21 Thursday
 - Last day of fall term classes
- November 22-23 Friday-Saturday
 - Reading Period
- November 24-26 Sunday-Tuesday
 - Final Examinations
- November 27 Wednesday
 - Residence halls close (noon)
- December Term (D-Term) 2024
 - December 1 Sunday
 - Residence halls open (9 am)
 - December 2 Monday
 - First day of D-Term classes
 - December 2 Monday
 - Last day to make class changes or select S/U for D-Term
 - December 11- Wednesday
 - Last day to withdraw from a D-Term class
 - December 13 Friday
 - Last day of D-Term classes and final examinations
 - December 15 Sunday
 - Residence halls close (6 pm)

Athletic Calendar

- Men's Soccer
 - October 19th@ 11am vs Illinois College
 - October 26th @10:30 am vs Knox College
 - October 29th @10:30am vs Ripon College
 - Nov 2nd @11am vs Grinnell College
- Women's Soccer
 - October 19th@ 1:30pm vs Illinois
 College
 - October 20th @1pm vs Mount Mary University
 - Nov 2nd @1:30pm vs Grinell College
- Football
 - Nov 2nd @5pm vs University of Chicago
 - Nov 9th @1pm vs Knox College
- Volleyball
 - October 22nd @7pm vs Lake Forest College
 - October 24th @7pm vs Maranatha Baptist University







Blue & White Spirit Week

Get ready for an unforgettable week of spirit and celebration as Lawrence comes alive with Blue and White Homecoming Weekend! From themed dress-up days to a jam-packed weekend of events, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Spirit Week kicks off on Tuesday, October 29, with Dress Like a Viking Day—bring out your inner warrior! On Wednesday, October 30, grab a friend and join the fun with Twin Day, and don't forget your spookiest costume for Halloween on Thursday. The excitement builds on Friday, November 1, with Spirit Day, leading to the highlight of the night: the Blue & White Homecoming Dance (9 p.m. – Midnight) at Warch Campus Center, where music, dancing, and Viking pride come together.

The festivities continue into Saturday, November 2, with BLUs Central (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.), offering face painting, temporary tattoos, and more on the 3rd floor of Warch. Then, head over to the Blue & White Homecoming Tailgate (3 – 5 p.m.) at the Banta Bowl Parking Lot. Enjoy delicious food trucks, giveaways, and celebrate with the Viking community as we cheer on the team before the big football game! Don't miss the 2024 Viking Hall of Fame inductees being honored at the President's Plaza.

End your day by gathering around the warmth of the Cheer X Dance Campfire (8 – 9:30 p.m.) at Gilboy Fire Ring, sharing stories and making memories under the stars.

Halloween Around the World



Day of the Dead

Families create colorful altars, or ofrendas, with photos, favorite items, and foods to honor loved ones, often at home or gravesites. Marigolds, known as Flor de Cempazuchitl, are used to guide spirits to the ofrenda.



Day of Dracula

World Dracula Day, celebrated on May 26th, marks the anniversary of the 1897 publication of Bram Stoker's novel *Dracula* and was established in 2012 by the Whitby Dracula Society. The day can be enjoyed with Gothic-themed parties, movie screenings, or by visiting Romania, the homeland of Dracula's legend.



Pchum Ben

Pchum Ben is a
Cambodian tradition
focused on offering food
to monks and honoring
ancestors. Beyond the
festival, Cambodians pay
respects by visiting
pagodas on important
occasions like ancestor
anniversaries and
birthdays. This practice
reinforces their deep
connection to family and
spiritual traditions.



Fet Gede in Haiti

The festival, which typically takes place from November 1st to November 2nd, honours the spirits of deceased loved ones, celebrates their lives, and seeks their guidance and protection



America

On Halloween, kids dress up and go trick-ortreating, visiting houses for candies and snacks with the phrase, "Trick or treat!" If no treats are given, they may play tricks on homeowners. Jack-o'lanterns with carved faces are displayed to ward off evil spirits and welcome trick-or-treaters. Modern Halloween activities, such as watching horror movies and visiting haunted houses, blend fun with the holiday's traditional spooky roots.



We are so delighted to have several new families joining our friendship family program!

We would like to give a warm welcome to the following families:

- The Lewis Family
- The Graff Family
- The Johnson Family
- The Charais Family

We have two incredible events coming up and can't wait to see you all there!

