



Parents Connection

Message from the Dean of Student Life



Dear Harvard College Parents and Guardians,

Winter Break is a time for unwinding, contemplation, and reconnection with friends and loved-ones. Some students get restless near the end of their time away and look forward to some low-key activities on campus without juggling classes and other term-time demands.

Wintersession provides an occasion to return to campus a little early for student-initiated and College-led programming. The vision of Wintersession has evolved to include an array of programs that broaden life skills; develop team-building capacities; and make time for aesthetic exploration. This year we will offer students the opportunity to engage “life’s big questions,” as we pilot programs on personal transformation led by some of Harvard’s most renowned and innovative thinkers on reflection, self-understanding, identity, purpose, activism, and leadership.

Your student should have a conversation with their adviser, proctor, tutor, or dean about Winter Break and what is the best plan for them. You will find more information about Wintersession and Winter Break in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Stephen Lassonde *Dean of
Student Life*

Plan Ahead!



Parents Webinar

October 29 at 2 p.m. EST

Join Harvard College Dean Rakesh Khurana and Dean of Freshmen Tom Dingman for the first in a series of College webinars for parents. This first webinar is aimed at parents of freshmen, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to learn more about their student's first semester, whether they are able to attend Freshmen Parents Weekend or not. Dean Khurana and Dean Dingman will take time to answer questions sent to deankhurana@fas.harvard.edu in advance of the event.

MORE INFORMATION

In Case You Missed It ...

The Harvard Gazette is the official news source of Harvard University. [Subscribe to the Daily Gazette.](#)

Access, America

Paralyzed from the waist down and using a wheelchair, Harvard College sophomore Kunho Kim crossed this country on a mission last summer. His goal: to make the open road more accessible. [Read more](#)

From Hogwarts to Harvard

At Harvard, just about anything is possible – including a game of Quidditch. The mythical sport featured in the Harry Potter novels is brought to life by College undergraduates. [Read more](#)

Get Involved

Freshman Parents Weekend »

If you would like to attend Freshman Parents Weekend (November 7-8), there is still time to [register](#) and take advantage of this opportunity to engage with Harvard faculty, staff and fellow parents.

Wintersession »

As mentioned by Dean Lassonde above, your students are already making plans for Winter Break. For more information and important dates, please visit the College's [Wintersession website](#).

The Game »

The 131st installment of the Harvard-Yale football game will be played (November at historic Harvard Stadium this year. Come [be a part](#) of this great tradition.

Did You Know?

The new [Harvard Art Museums](#) opens November 16, bringing together for the first time the collections of the Fogg, Busch-Reisinger, and Arthur M. Sackler museums in a single, state-of-the-art facility. The internationally-renowned collections include 250,000 objects dating from antiquity to the present, and with the newly renovated space, serve as [a foundation for research and teaching](#).



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Virtual Tour of Harvard

Ever want to stroll through Harvard Yard but unable to make it to Cambridge? Want to see what your student experiences every day? Then take this virtual tour of Harvard. This exciting, new interactive tool brings the Harvard experience to everyone.

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Resources

Financial Aid: (617) 495-1551

Harvard University Health Services (24 hour): (617) 495-5711

HUHS Counseling and Mental Health Services: (617) 495-2042

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Registrar: (617) 495-1543

Housing and Residential Life: (617) 496-2774

Harvard College Parents Fund: (617) 496-3819

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