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Upcoming Dates

September 4 Labor Day (No Classes)

September 5 LEP 101 Night

September 6 Mustang Success Night

September 22-24 Family Weekend

September 25

DUE DATE FOR FALL. If on an

SMSU Payment Plan \$30 charge

will apply, and 1/2 of account

balance must be paid

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Greetings from SMSU:

Hello, First-Year Mustang Parents/Guardians!

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the end of summer. As our Mustangs settle in for a new academic year at SMSU, I thought I would share some information with you through our monthly newsletter on available resources and support.

For our new students who are adjusting to life on campus, they may begin to experience some additional stress or anxiety from being away from home for the first time. As we enter the third week of the semester, your student may have an increased amount of quizzes to study for, papers to write, or presentations to prep. Here at SMSU, we have many resources to ensure our students are supported. In this newsletter, I have highlighted a few of those resources that your student may find beneficial at this time.

As always, the success of your student is our mission! If you have any questions or concerns about your student's overall experience at SMSU, please contact me directly at (507) 537-7290 or Brittany.Krull@SMSU.edu.

Go Mustangs!

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For a complete list of resources and support at SMSU, check out our "Resource Guide for Mustang Success." To access, visit

www.smsu.edu/go/success

Success Strategy: Strike a Balance

The first semester of college is full of many opportunities for students to expand their horizons, but it can be difficult to learn how to manage growing studies and a growing social life. In order to stay healthy physically and mentally, students should work to create balance in their new environment. The following tips make finding that balance more manageable:

Budget your Time: Make sure to allot enough time in your schedule for all of your classes, studying, and work. After you lay out all of your necessary commitments, you can see how much free time you truly have for joining clubs and socializing.



Set Actionable Goals: Setting goals helps students prioritize for the year. If they want that 4.0 GPA, they will need to spend more time studying. If their goal is to meet one friend per semester, they will want to be more active on campus. Every time they meet their goal, they should celebrate by treating themselves with something like ice cream.

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