



Greetings Redhawk Parents!

Believe it or not, your student has nearly completed the first eight weeks of the semester! At this time, I do want to remind you about a couple of items as we close on the first half of the semester.

Mid-term grades will be reported Oct. 8-17 and will be available for your student to view through the portal on Oct. 18. I would encourage you to communicate with your student about their academic progress to ensure academic success. If you suspect your student is struggling in a course, please encourage them to speak with the professor or visit our [Learning Assistance Programs](#) office to inquire about tutorial services.

Also, [priority registration](#) for the spring 2017 semester will start at the beginning of November. Please make sure your student has contacted their advisor in order to make an advising appointment. This ensures your student can sign up for their next semester on time!

I certainly hope your student is doing well at Southeast. Please remember there are many services and resources in place to assist your student if they are struggling. Again, I want to thank you for sending your student to Southeast. I look forward to sharing more information in another newsletter before the end of the semester.

All the best,

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## UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

**Last Day to Add a Second Eight-Week Class**  
Monday, Oct. 17

**Midterm Grades Posted**

Tuesday, Oct. 18

**October Payment Due Date**

Thursday, Oct. 20

**Last Day to Audit or Take a Second Eight-Week Class as Pass/Fail**

Friday, Oct. 28

**November Payment Due Date**

Friday, Nov. 18

**Last Day to Drop a Full Semester Class**

Friday, Nov. 18

**Last Day to Drop a Second Eight-Week Class**

Friday, Nov. 18

**Thanksgiving Break**

Monday, Nov. 21 - Friday, Nov. 25

**Final Exams**

Monday, Dec. 12 - Friday, Dec. 16

**Last Day to Return Rented Textbooks**

(by 4 p.m.)

Monday, Dec. 19

See more important dates at [semo.edu/parents](http://semo.edu/parents).

**BIG CHANGES: COMPLETE THE 2017-2018 FAFSA NOW!**

Yes, you read that right. You and your student can complete the 2017-2018 FAFSA now! The 2017-2018 FAFSA application opened on Oct. 1. This is three months earlier than during previous years when you had to wait until Jan. 1. I know what you are thinking-you won't be doing your taxes for at least four more months, maybe longer. Here is where the biggest of the changes comes in.

You will be using your 2015 (2015-not a typo) tax information to complete the 2017-2018 FAFSA. I bet you already had them done by last April 15! That is why you can complete the FAFSA now.

What's up with the earlier application date and using tax information from a prior, prior tax year?

There are some good reasons for this. It will give high school seniors and their parents a few extra months to compare schools, award offers and get through the financial aid process.

For you as a parent of a student, the application process will allow both you and your son or daughter to get all your tax information required on the FAFSA right from the IRS while you are completing the FAFSA online. You can do this through the IRS Data

Retrieval Tool. While in the online FAFSA application, you can agree to be linked to the IRS website and provide the IRS with the permission to transfer your tax information directly to the FAFSA application. HOW EASY IS THAT!?

In addition to being easy, you won't have to worry about making a mistake while inputting the information yourself. AND, because the information comes directly from the IRS, the chances of the U.S. Department of Education selecting your record to be verified by the school is greatly reduced. Those of you who have gone through the verification process know that not being selected is a really good thing.

## **FEB. 1 - ANOTHER BIG CHANGE:**

Southeast's priority processing deadline is a month earlier than in the past and the state of Missouri has moved up its priority processing deadline to Feb. 1, as well. So even if you don't do the 2017-2018 FAFSA this month, complete the application by mid-January to make sure it is processed by **Feb. 1**.

And finally, don't forget to have your student complete the [Endowed Scholarship Application](#) for 2017-2018 between now and March 1. This is an annual process, just like filing the FAFSA, and there are over 700 different funds that provide our students with financial resources for their studies.

## **2017-2018 HOUSING CONTRACTS NOW AVAILABLE**

On-campus housing contracts for the 2017-2018 academic year are now available! Students who participate in the early contract submission process will have priority in-room selection. Students must have proof of meningitis vaccination or a waiver for medical/religious reasons on file to be considered eligible participants in the early contract pool. Please ask your student to check their Current Student Checklist (available on the Student SS tab in their Student Portal) to make sure this document is on file.

Remember that Southeast requires all full-time students to live on campus for two years, unless they meet an exemption requirement. Details on completing a contract, as well as the residency exemption can be found at [www.semo.edu/residencelife](http://www.semo.edu/residencelife) or by contacting the Office of Residence Life at 573-651-2274 or [residencelife@semo.edu](mailto:residencelife@semo.edu)

## **SOUTHEAST HOMECOMING**

Homecoming will take place Nov. 5.  
For a full schedule of events, visit  
[semo.edu/homecoming/](http://semo.edu/homecoming/)