Welcome Parents to Mount St. Joseph UNIVERSITY! Our students are back from mid-semester break and are getting ready for exams and Spring Semester registration.

**REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER**
Beginning this month, students will register for spring semester. They have received an e-mail with specific dates and times for advising and registration. Students must meet with their academic advisors prior to registration. Advising began October 27th. Student accounts must be paid in full before a student can register for spring semester. Students who have a balance on their student account would have received an e-mail indicating there is a 'registration hold' and that they should contact Student Administrative Services.

Following is the registration schedule:

November 10 – Honors Program Students at 9:00 a.m.
November 11 – Seniors at 6:00 a.m.
November 13 – Juniors at 6:00 a.m.
November 18 – Sophomores at 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.
November 20 – Freshmen at 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

**PAYMENT FOR SPRING SEMESTER**
Online bills will be sent electronically on December 1\(^{st}\) with spring semester payment due by December 12\(^{th}\).

*Has your student registered with our Student Account Center to view his or her bill? Also, has your student invited you to register to be able to access this information?*
We introduced a new online system for student billing, which provides convenience and easy access for our students and parents to manage their student accounts. Together with Tuition Management Systems (TMS), we integrated the newest technology with our current student billing system. This electronic system has replaced the hard copy billing statements and confirmation mailings that were being used. Some of the exciting new features we now offer include:

- **Account Summary Data** - available 24/7
- **Account Activity** – also available 24/7
- **Statements** – view student account statement and options to pay: including enrolling in a payment plan, or making payment by check, EFT, or credit card
- **Ability to Share Account Access** – students can give access to anyone of their choice, including their parent(s), to view and help manage their account
- **Direct Access** – through mjs.afford.com for authorized participants

An e-mail was sent to students from ‘msj.afford.com’ with a temporary password and a link to register with the Student Account Center. If your student cannot locate the e-mail, contact the Student Account Center directly at 1-800-264-6017 (M – F: 8am -10pm ET, Saturday: 9am – 3pm). They will e-mail a new temporary password to the student.

**SEMESTER EXAMS**
- First semester exam week is December 8-11. Students can check their exam schedule at: https://mymount.msj.edu/ICS/Mount_Community/Mount_Groups/Registrars_Office/Public_Page.jnz?portlet=Handouts - click on Exam Schedule S115.

**SEMESTER GRADES**
Students can access first semester grades online at: https://mymount.msj.edu/ICS/MSJAcademics > click on ‘my courses’ > click on ‘view final grade report’.

**DECEMBER GRADUATION**
December Graduation is right around the corner. Commencement ceremonies for these students will be held on Thursday, December 11, on our University campus.

Graduating students received preliminary information related to commencement events including a request to confirm their participation. We want to make sure parents are aware of the schedule:

- Commencement Ceremony: Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the University Theater.
- Reception immediately following the ceremony in the Theater Lobby and Gallery.
- Each graduate will receive (10) tickets.

For questions or more information please contact the Student Affairs office at 513-244-4239.

**GIFT IDEAS**
With Christmas and graduation, now is a great time to think about purchasing a gift for your student from our Mount bookstore. The bookstore has all the NEW APPAREL FOR MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY along with Mount alumni apparel and an assortment of beautiful wooden diploma frames. For easy shopping visit www.msj.bkstr.com
**FAFSA RENEWAL REMINDER**

FAFSA renewal time starts January 1, 2015! If your student filed a FAFSA for this school year, he or she will need to complete the **2015-2016 FAFSA RENEWAL** online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) as soon as possible. They will need to provide information from your 2014 tax return. Estimates can be used if you are helping them complete the FAFSA prior to completing your taxes. The student will get a reminder from the U.S. Education Department to review any estimated data after the April 15th tax-filing deadline and to make any necessary corrections. We strongly encourage students to file the FAFSA by our priority deadline of **March 1**. Our federal school code is **003033**.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

For our first-time freshmen who have academic scholarships, please note that grades are not reviewed until the end of the school year. Once final grades are available in May, if the **cumulative GPA** is 3.0 or higher, the scholarship will be renewed automatically for next year. If a student has not earned a 3.0 cumulative GPA, please **don’t panic**. He or she will still receive the scholarship, but on a **probationary** basis, for fall 2015. If the student earns at least a 3.0 in his or her full-time fall coursework, then he or she will receive the scholarship for the spring semester as well. (The probationary period allows the student an additional semester to demonstrate his/her ability to perform college coursework at the 3.0 level) Please encourage your student to talk to a staff member in the Conlan Center, if there are any questions or concerns regarding scholarships or other financial aid.

**EDUCATION AT WORK…. A NEW LOCATION ON OUR CAMPUS!**

We are pleased to announce that Education at Work has a new location on the Mount’s campus. Through our partnership with Education at Work, a local non-profit organization, jobs are available for our students right here on our Delhi campus. EAW operates call centers for large businesses staffed by local college students and they are dedicated to helping college students get the foundational job skills and education needed to compete for 21st century jobs as they earn both a paycheck and tuition assistance funds. Student employees must be enrolled in at least one college class. Based on their GPA and course load, they can earn up to an additional $6,000 annually toward their college tuition costs. Further details can be found at [www.education-at-work.org](http://www.education-at-work.org).

**HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE MOUNT’S TOP PROGRAM?**

TOP (Talent Opportunity Program) is a bold commitment to graduates who are knowledgeable, ethical and prepared to achieve. TOP is an innovative program designed to add elevated career service opportunities to our full-time students throughout their college years. Students who enroll – for free – can expect to gain superior skills important to today’s workplace: critical thinking, complex problem-solving, written and oral communications, and applied knowledge in real-world settings. Check out our website for details: [http://www.msj.edu/academics/talent-opportunity-program-top/](http://www.msj.edu/academics/talent-opportunity-program-top/)

**THE MOUNT HAS A WEB PAGE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR PARENTS:**

We have launched a new page on our website with information we think parents may want and/or need. Please browse it, bookmark it, and watch for new content: [www.msj.edu/parents](http://www.msj.edu/parents).

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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CONTACT INFORMATION
If you have any questions or need assistance with filing the FAFSA, one of our representatives may be able to help with a quick answer by phone at 513-244-4418; toll free at 800-654-9314; or via e-mail (contacts listed below). If you prefer, individual appointments can be made by calling our office. We look forward to working with you and your student.

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