

# The Crusader Link

a newsletter for mcc parents & families

Manhattan Christian College

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### Dear Eric,

A new chapter is about to begin on the MCC campus. In less than a week, student leaders will start to move back into the residence halls to prepare everything for the big move-in day on Monday, August 18. The Student Development Staff is excited that your student has decided MCC is the next place for their educational endeavors. For some of you this is the first time you have had to let your student go off by themselves and for others, you are pro at it. I want you to know that we are here for your student when they arrive on campus. If there is anything that we can do to help, please encourage your student to stop by our offices located in the Campus Center and we will be glad to help them out.

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*Student Development*

We anticipate a great year and are glad you will be a part of it! Remember that you are a part of the bigger Crusader family now--600 mothers, fathers, and guardians. You are a vital link to the educational formation of our young Christian leaders. If you have any questions or concerns to share, we encourage you to contact our office.

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## Residence Hall Move-In Day

### What to do when you arrive

Move-In Day can be very chaotic but it doesn't have to be if you can help us out. When you arrive on the MCC campus you need to do the following:



1. Please Be Patient! Remember that each residence hall has over 80 students to check in and only a few people that can actually check your student into his/her room.
2. Do not move anything into the residence hall until your student has checked in with the Residence Hall Supervisor & his/her Resident Assistant!!
3. Do not arrive until the designated check-in times! (Check out the events calendar for specific times.) We will not check in anyone early!!
4. Let your student check himself/herself in with the Residence Hall Supervisor. This allows him/her to meet the appropriate people and understand what they need to do next.

If you follow these four easy steps, things will be much smoother on move-in day. We will have student leaders, faculty, and staff members around to help move in your student's belongings as well as answer any questions you may have. This is a very exciting day and we want it to be as stressless as possible.

## Arriving On Campus

### Flow of Traffic

Due to construction on Jolliffe Hall the City of Manhattan has allowed us to close off Laramie Street (the street in the middle of campus) to help with the unloading of belongings for Johnson Hall. The Student Development staff will have signs, banners and student leaders directing you to the right place but you can help us out ahead of time too.



Everyone needs to arrive taking 14th Street to Fairchild Ave. Kenoyer Hall (KH) & Johnson Hall (JH) traffic will turn west on Fairchild Ave. and the KH traffic will turn into the main student parking lot by Kenoyer Hall. JH traffic will continue until 16th Street and turn north. JH traffic will enter Laramie Street off of 16th Street and exit off of 14th Street. This way JH traffic can park on both sides of Laramie Street to unload their belongings.

The main thing to remember is that no one will be allowed to enter Laramie Street from 14th Ave. Again we will have signs, banners and student leaders help point you in the right directions once you arrive.

## A New Chapter

### An Evolving Relationship



Just because students head off to college, it doesn't mean that they are leaving you behind. They still need you and your wisdom, your counsel and your love. They just need you in *different* ways now. For instance:

#### **They Need You to Let Go.**

It's difficult for a student to start making his/her own life at college if his "old life" keeps pulling him back. So, let go to the extent that your conversations contain a balance mixture of what's happening on campus and what's happening at home. And try not to do everything for your student--the experience of figuring some things out on his/her own can be a real strength-builder.

We also ask that all family members be off campus by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18 so your student can start the Orientation process, get acquainted with other students and begin to get settled into college life.

#### **They Need to Be Able to Make Mistakes.**

Part of exploring this newfound sense of independence involves the inevitable making of mistakes. A student who is terrified of "screwing up" in his/her parent's eyes may not take some positive risks such as tackling a new academic subject or trying out for the basketball team. Students need support as they take risks. And risks most often lead to growth.

#### **They Need to Know That You Believe in Them.**

As your student tries new things, expands his/her worldview and questions assumptions, his/her perspective may

change. Successful students are able to experiment like this because, at the root of it all, they know that someone back home believes in them--in their intelligence, their initiative and their ability to make good decisions.

## Family Weekend '08

Mark your calendars now for October 10-11 because you do not want to miss this weekend!! This is a weekend for you to visit your student, see where they are living, sit in on a class, watch the volleyball and soccer teams in action, and meet the friends, faculty, and staff who are important in the life of your student.



There will also be some great food and a very funny comedian, ventriloquist and entertainer, Taylor Mason, in action on Friday night. Taylor Mason was recently seen on *Last Comic Standing* and is guaranteed to be fun for the whole family!!

You should receive a Family Weekend brochure in the mail very soon with the schedule, pricing and registration information. If you do not receive the brochure soon, please contact the Student Development Office or check out the website at [www.mccks.edu](http://www.mccks.edu).

## Calendar of Events

### What's Happening?

You can also stay connected with all of the campus events by checking out our website at [www.mccks.edu](http://www.mccks.edu)

#### August

- 12 @ 10am--RA's Move-In
- 14 from 4-6pm--Fall Athletes Move-In
- 18 from 1-7pm--Move-In Day: Residence Halls open for everyone
- 21-MCC Classes Begin
- 25-KSU Classes Begin
- 29 @ 6pm--Men's Alumni Soccer Game

#### September

- 1-Labor Day: No School

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