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Greetings from the Parent Engagement Office!

We're excited to welcome students back to campus this weekend. Our students proved creative and resilient last semester (from creating safe ways to get together with friends to reimagining meal time and intramurals, [see more in this photoessay](#)) and we know they return to us refreshed and with new ideas.

Now is a good opportunity for us to be in touch with some details as we all move into a new semester.

MLK Day - Our traditional two-day celebration Sunday, Jan. 17, and Monday, Jan. 18, includes worship, lectures and discussions, most of which are available for you to join. See detailed schedule at <https://emu.edu/mlk/>

Virtual Events and Communications - There are several ways to stay connected with events and information on campus.

- <https://emu.edu/now/news> [for efficient delivery, subscribe to our weekly news digest; look for the button on the right side of this webpage]
- <https://emu.edu/events/>
- [Facebook page: Eastern Mennonite University Parents](#)
- [Facebook page: Eastern Mennonite University](#)
 - [And here for Facebook Upcoming Events](#)
- [Twitter](#)

- [Instagram](#)
- [EMU YouTube Channel](#)
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Athletics - All of our teams are in action this semester.

- Next Athletic Fireside Gathering set for Jan. 27, 7 p.m.
 - Link to register: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApdO6urD8rGNU7MFF7Alqeh_8AGwMCJNGU
- [Last Athletic Fireside chat summary](#)
- Athletics Schedule - <https://www.emuroyals.com/landing/index>
- Old Dominion Athletic Conference has released a policy that no spectators are permitted at any ODAC indoor athletic event for the upcoming spring campaign. [Read more.](#)
- EMU plans to livestream games and plans are underway for spectating at outdoor events. Stay tuned to emuroyals.com as well.

Support for students - [Student Life](#) is available for all our students to Engage Community, Be Well and Find Support. This includes activities for students on the weekends, clubs to join, encouragement and counseling as well as a point of resource and more.

- We recognize the emotional and psychological impact of witnessing violence, terrorism, and racist acts even if they take place at a physical distance, for all students and particularly for our BIPOC students. If students need support or would like a space to process and explore how current events are affecting them, please remind them to contact Counseling Services at 540-432-4317 or email counselingservices@emu.edu.
- Games in small groups, outdoor winter activities at Massanutten and large virtual get-to-know-you events are all happening this weekend. **Encourage your student to get involved!**

And blessings to you as parents and caregivers as you support your child from a distance and enter a new year. Stay well.

Sincerely,

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