

Middle Tennessee State University

Freshmen Connection

2010 Football Schedule

- October 5th vs Troy
- October 16th @ Georgia Tech
- October 23rd vs Louisiana Monroe
- November 2nd @ Arkansas State
- November 13th vs North Texas
- November 20th @ Western Kentucky
- November 27th vs Florida Atlantic
- December 4th @ Florida International

GO BLUE!!!

MTSU Homecoming 2010

Come out and join MTSU in one of our most exciting celebrations of the year-HOMECOMING!

The following events will take place to prepare us for our **Homecoming Football Game against Louisiana-Monroe** in the Johnny "Red" Floyd Football Stadium on October 23rd at 3:30pm:

Fight Song-October 20th, 7:00pm, Murphy Center- Free Admission

Horseshoe Competition- October 21st, 5:00pm, Behind Rec Center

Chili Cook-Off-October 22nd, 5:00pm, Murphy Center Lawn,

Tickets \$3 to benefit Habitat for Humanity

NPHC Step Show-October 22nd, 7:00pm, Murphy Center, Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door

Parade-October 23rd, 11:00am, Middle Tennessee Boulevard.

For more information regarding any of these homecoming activi-

ties, please contact Donald Abels, Homecoming Director for SGA, at sgahome@mtsu.edu



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Mark Your Calendar...

October 15th – Last day to drop or withdraw with a grade of “W”. After this date, classes cannot be dropped on Raider-Net.

October 16th-19th—Fall Break, no classes

November 8th-19th - Priority Registration for Spring

2011. Students should schedule an appointment with their assigned advisor, prior to Priority Registration, to discuss academic process for the semester as well as courses to take during Spring 2011.

December 3rd – Last day to withdraw from the University (all classes) and receive a “W”

or “F” as determined by the instructor.

January 13th- Spring 2011 Classes Begin



News from the University College Advising Center

MTSU now has a central location where MTSU students can get information about **free tutoring on campus**. Visit www.mtsu.edu/tutoring. If you do not see information regarding tutoring for a subject you need help in, please go to your instructor or the department for that course to seek tutoring help and information.

In addition to tutoring services, **Academic Success Series** are

one hour workshops designed for any students who needs help or wants to learn about a topic area. The following sessions are coming up:

October 5th (4:30pm)/October 6th (2:00pm)-How to Find the Right Career For You

October 26th (4:30pm)/ October 27th (2:00pm)-How to Use Your Academic Advisor

November 2nd (4:30pm)/ November 3rd (2:00pm)-How to Give a Winning Presentation

November 30th (4:30pm)/ December 1st (2:00pm)- How to Prepare for Final Exams

Come help guarantee your success at Middle Tennessee State University!



Beat WKU Blood Drive Competition

In preparation of our football game with Sun Belt rival Western Kentucky, MTSU and

WKU have started a new tradition which consists of a blood drive competition to be held on both campuses the week leading up to our annual football game (this year's game is held on Saturday, November 20th at WKU).

MTSU's drives will be held at the Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center in the gym. The dates and times are as follows:

Monday, November 15th
12pm-6pm
Tuesday, November 16th
9am-7pm
Wednesday, November 17th
12pm-6pm
Thursday, November 18th
9am-7pm

Free Red Cross T-shirts will be provided for all participants (while supplies last).

To be eligible to donate you must be healthy, at least 17 years old, and have not donated blood in the last 56 days. Please bring ID or your donor card.

Fall Courses offered by Campus Recreation

Oct. 2-10 American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course

Nov. 4-14 American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Course

Oct. 4-15 American Red Cross "Learn-to-Swim" Course

We pay student lifeguards \$8.00 per hour, and Water Safety Instructors \$11.25 per hour.

If you do not know how to swim, you can take an American Red Cross learn-to-Swim Class. There are (10) 50 minute sessions Mon. through Fri.

from 6:00 - 6:50 p.m.

If you would like a conditioning class, you can take the "Moves & Groves" class starting Oct. 4 through November 28, 2010. The class meets Mon. through Thurs. from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Forget to get your **Flu Vaccination** while at home? **NO WORRIES!** Flu Shots are available at Health Services for \$15. FluMist is available for \$20 (student rates).

Campus Rec Sponsors Outdoor Trips

Feeling Adventurous? Join Campus Recreation's MTOP on a backpacking trip to Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina. The trip is Oct. 16-19, and the cost is only \$45 for students, \$55 for faculty, staff and alumni members, and \$65 for guests. Included in the price is transportation, backpacking and camping equipment, permit and camping fees, and trip leaders. There is a limit of 8 participants so sign up quick, the deadline is Oct. 13! Want to go somewhere a little chillier?

There is also a snow skiing and snowboarding trip to Breckenridge, CO, from Dec. 18-23. Breckenridge is Colorado's premiere resort with more than 150 trails and 30 lifts and endless amounts of shopping and restaurants. Lodging will

be at Pine Ridge Condos which have fully equipped kitchens, cable TV, washer and dryer and much more. There are two options: "FLY WITH US" and "MEET US THERE." Fly with us includes transportation to and from Breckenridge as well as 5-night condominium lodging and a 4-day lift ticket. The price of this option is \$835 for students, \$850 for faculty and staff, and \$875 for guests. There are only 40 spaces for this option, sign up quick! Meet us there includes only the 5-night condominium lodging and 4-day lift ticket. Cost for this option is \$485 for students, \$510 for faculty and staff, and \$535 for guests. There is a \$200 deposit due with sign up and registration deadline is Nov. 19! Space is limited, get to the Rec and sign up today!



For more information, contact MTOP at 615-898-2104 or check the web site at www.mtsu.edu/~camprec. The Campus Recreation office is open 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Students

For students not able to go home for the beginning of the holiday season, don't worry, you are not alone! Many students simply cannot make it back until the fall semester ends, and we have you taken care of!

Any student living on-campus is invited to the Scar-

lett Commons Clubhouse for a scrumptious Thanksgiving Dinner. Sponsored by the Parent & Family Association, this dinner is provided free from 2:00pm-5:00pm to promote our students coming together and celebrating the holiday with the other members of the campus commu-

nity! Happy Turkey Day!



Career Corner



It's never too early to start networking--plan to attend the Fall Career Fair on October 13th to meet recruiters from a wide variety of industries, including healthcare, communications, aviation, education, government, transportation, and many more! The Fair will be open to students from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the Murphy Center Track, and profes-

sional dress and student ID are required. For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/career.

Want to prepare for the fair? Attend *How to Work a Career Fair*, a workshop on the art of networking at recruiting events, on October 7th. Log in

to [Lightning JobSource](http://LightningJobSource) to RSVP for this or one of many other workshops for the semester.

BLACK OUT GAME MTSU vs. Troy October 5th, 7:00pm

Come support your Blue Raiders for our annual Black Out Game. At this year's Black Out game, MTSU will take on our conference rival Troy in the Battle for the Palladium! Make sure to wear your favorite black MTSU shirt so we can blackout Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium!!!



Important Financial Aid Information

Scholarship Opportunities

MTSU offers a variety of scholarships to currently enrolled students. Three scholarships are awarded through the Financial Aid Office: Enrichment, Vision, and MT Diversity. Students may qualify if they have a GPA of at least 3.0 after the Fall 2010 semester, or if they have a GPA of at least 2.5 and meet diversity requirements. To be considered, a student must submit an online scholarship application by the December 15 deadline, must meet GPA requirements after the Fall 2010 semester, and must be enrolled in at least 6 hours each semester for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters. Please note that priority is given to students who will not receive a Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship for the award year. We recommend that you apply for the Enrichment, Vision, and MT Diversity Scholarships this fall, if you are not receiving a renewable academic scholarship; scholarship applications will be

available online in mid-October.

MTSU academic and administrative departments offer approximately 700 endowed scholarships to hundreds of students each year. Application processes and deadlines vary; many scholarships require online applications or paper applications, while others are awarded based on academic achievement or other factors and do not require an application. Most application deadlines are on or before February 15, 2011. We recommend that you apply for any scholarships offered by your academic department to students in your major.

Information about these and other scholarships is available online at <http://www.mtsu.edu/scholarships/current.shtml>. The website will be updated for the 2011-2012 year by late October.

Staying Eligible for Financial Aid

A student who is receiving financial aid

from MTSU, such as grants, loans, and most types of scholarships, must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements:

GPA: The student's GPA must meet the minimums established by the University, as indicated in the undergraduate catalog.

Completion Rate: The student must pass at least 66% of all attempted hours, and must pass at least some of the hours he or she attempts each semester. Failure to meet this requirement will result in financial aid probation, followed by suspension and the loss of financial aid eligibility for one or more terms.

Time Limits: The student may attempt up to 150% of the hours required for his or her degree program, as stated in the undergraduate catalog. Generally, this means that the student will not receive aid after he or she has attempted 180 hours.

Notification: You can view your SAP status in the financial aid section of