



*These newsletters are sent to the families of current Elon students throughout the year by the Office of Parent Engagement.*

### Finishing the Fall Semester

As you know, fall semester exams will happen remotely from Nov. 30 - Dec. 4. Here is some advice from the Koenigsberger Learning Center that you can give your student to help them finish the semester successfully.

Before the exam begins:

1. Calm your mind and body: Get yourself into your exam mode, relaxed but prepared.
2. Eat something: Enough to keep your blood sugar steady but not enough that you feel sluggish.
3. Give yourself time: Enough to get mentally and physically ready and not feel rushed.
4. Think through how you will answer the following: How will I choose an answer when I can't make an educated guess? What will I do when I encounter an item I am not sure of? What will I do if I am running out of time?

As you prepare to start:

1. Check your computer ahead of time: Make sure Wi-Fi connection is available and that the computer is working and you don't have any access problems.
2. Set up for success: Find a good, quiet spot to test and make sure you have turned off all distractions. Get what you need and have at the ready: Computer, power cord, scrap paper and writing utensil if needed.
3. Make sure you understand test guidelines: Check time and date. How long do you have to complete the exam? What do you do after it is complete?
4. Practice good time management: Don't stay on one question too long. Set a timer to alert you 10 minutes prior to the deadline so you know how much time you have remaining.
5. Technical problems: Take screenshots and notify the instructor right away.
6. Check your work: Check and recheck your work before submission.

After the exam is over:

1. Reflect on what went well during the exam and on what areas of the exam were most challenging. Make a plan to review information that you found challenging.
2. When possible, give yourself a break after an exam. Do something relaxing before you begin studying for your next exam.
3. Do your best to avoid obsessing over individual questions: Remind yourself that the exam is done and you performed to the best of your abilities.

### Family Fall 2020



Thank you to everyone who has participated in [Family Fall 2020: More Than a Weekend](#). We have had over **15,000** virtual participants and viewers of our videos!

Fortunately, it's not too late to participate. [We have archived many of our events here](#).

You can also purchase a [Family Fun Pack](#), which includes an Elon garden flag, window clings, bookmarks, postcards and more!

## End of Semester Travel

It is important for students to safely prepare to depart and travel at the end of the semester. Prior to departure, students should be hyper-vigilant in their safety practices regarding face masks, physical distancing and gathering with others.

Additionally, [optional pre-departure testing](#) will be available at no cost to students, staff and faculty.

Be sure to check out our [full list of best practices](#).

## Residence Halls - Winter Break

University residence halls (not apartments) will close for Winter Break on Nov. 25 at 10 a.m., and will reopen on Jan. 11. In addition, most dining facilities will not be open during break periods.

Students who need to stay late or return early must complete a request. For more information, please [visit our website](#).

## Academic Calendar

Winter term classes will begin on Jan. 13 and end on Feb. 2. The Spring semester will run from Feb. 8 - May 19, with the traditional Spring Break replaced by several shorter breaks. Visit our website for the full [Academic Calendar](#).

All students, faculty and staff will be required to be tested on campus for COVID-19 when they return after the December break. There will be no charge for these tests. Students who are not on campus for Winter Term will be tested prior to the start of Spring Semester. Details of all of those testing processes will be communicated via email before the end of the semester.

## Festival of Holiday Lights

This year, one of Elon's most beloved traditions will take place earlier than its traditional December date so students may enjoy the festivities before leaving for break. Due to the possibility of inclement weather on the original date of Nov. 12, the Festival of Holiday Lights will once again light up campus on Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The entire Elon campus is invited to walk the beautifully lit pathways and enjoy the transition of seasons together.

For the seventh year, Elon will honor generous donors within the Elon community by placing their names on the luminarias that light up campus. More than a beautiful display of holiday warmth, it symbolizes the thousands of donors who choose to pay it forward and light the way for future generations.

Thank you for your generous support of Elon students and programs. We look forward to honoring thousands of our Elon luminaries!



## Moseley Center Deliveries

The Moseley Center Front Desk will not accept deliveries (flowers, bakery items, etc.) from Nov. 24, 2020 through January 13, 2021. Please contact the Moseley Front Desk at (336) 278-7215 with questions.

## Upcoming Events

See the [2020-21 academic calendar](#) and the university's cultural calendar for upcoming event dates. You can also see a [full listing of on-campus events](#) on the new [Today at Elon website](#).

**Below, we've highlighted Elon events that may be of interest to you and your student:**

Festival of Holiday Lights: Nov. 17

Fall Classes End: Nov. 23

Reading Day: Nov. 24

Final Examinations (Remote): Nov. 30 – Dec. 4

Winter Break: Dec. 5 – Jan. 12

Winter Term classes begin: Jan. 13

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday: Jan. 18

Winter Term exams: Feb. 3

Spring Semester classes begin: Feb. 8



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