The end of the quarter is fast approaching and with it comes the chore of students packing up their belongings and heading home for the holidays. Fall quarter finals are December 4-7, 2012, after which many of our students will be making the long drive home to spend some much needed quality time with their families. The residence halls will be closing December 8, 2012 at noon. However students are asked to check out no later than 24 hours after their last final exam. Campus dining halls will close after breakfast service on Saturday, December 8 and will re-open at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 1.

Students who are returning winter quarter to the same room do not need to schedule a check out time. A closing checklist, which will be hung on every resident’s door, needs to be completed, signed and dated prior to students leaving for break. While students are not required to take all their belongings home with them over break, it is recommended that they not leave valuables in their rooms as a safety precaution. Please take everything needed during the break as students are not allowed into the residence halls, including Wahle and Stephens Whitney.

Students who are not returning to their same room winter quarter or those who are withdrawing from the university, need to make arrangements with their resident advisor to check out within 48 hours of their desired departure time. The locks on the exterior doors will be changed at 12:00 pm on Saturday the 8th.

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**Monday, December 31, 2012**
University Housing and Residence Life Offices will be **closed**.
Most other campus offices are open.

**Tuesday, January 1, 2013**
University Housing and Residence Life offices will be **open** from 8-5.
All other Campus Office are closed.
Finals Week Care Packages

Help your student survive final exam week. There are many things you can do to boost spirits and energy. Many parents will send a text message to their students on their way to their exam while other send care packages. The Residence Hall Association sponsored care packages are no longer available for purchase, however there is still time to create your own homemade care package. Those care packages that were ordered will be delivered the week of November 29th.

The proceeds are then used to support programming within the residence halls.

What Can I do to Help?

It would be great if you ask your student if they reviewed the MAP-Works report. If they have not please encourage them to do so. If they have, ask what they agreed with and what they have learned. This may be a good opportunity for them to open up about some challenges they are facing.

The MAP-Works assessment closed several weeks ago. The 1108 students that completed the survey each received extensive personalized reports. However, only 400 students have taken advantage of these reports. Included in the reports are:

- Areas of strength and areas of concern
- How to be more successful at Central
- What campus resources are available to help

Key CWU staff have also reviewed the information and are making individually tailored efforts to aid your student in their transition.
Shopping: Ware Fare

*Thursday, November 29th—Saturday, December 1st*
*Thursday & Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.*
*Saturat, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*
*SURC*

Oh by gosh, by golly—it's time for Mistletoe and Holly! And what better way to ring it in than with CWU's annual juried holiday arts and crafts festival? For three days, Northwest artists converge on the Student Union, filling it with the sights and sounds of the season. CWU musicians add a festive touch as shoppers browse more than 50 booths of handcrafted items, fine art and delectable eats. Many student clubs and organizations use Ware Fair as a fundraising opportunity.

**Contact:** Ware Fair coordinator • 509-963-3315 • warefair@cwu.edu • www.cwu.edu/~campuslife

Giving: Annual Giving Tree

*December 1, 2011 to December 3, 2012*
*Upstairs in the Civic Engagement Center*
*SURC*

Winter is coming, which means it is time for the annual Giving Tree and Stocking Stuffers events. The Center for Leadership and Community Engagement is asking Central Washington University students to donate gifts for children who deserve more during the holidays, and we are also looking for willing people to help coordinate this program. Winter is the season to give, give, give!

**Contact:** Center for Leadership and Community Engagement • 509-963-1643 • takeaction@cwu.edu • www.takeactioncwu.com
Service: Holiday Extravaganza & Operation ELF

**Holiday Extravaganza - Tabling Volunteer—Saturday December 1st**

The Don and Verna Duncan Civic Engagement Center is seeking volunteers to assist in recruiting volunteers for over 40 craft tables for Holiday Extravaganza. Volunteers are welcome to come into the Center in SURC 256B between the hours of 10:00 am - 2:00 pm during the week of Monday, November 28th - Friday, December 2nd. All materials will be provided for you.

**Contact:** 509-963-1643, takeaction@cwu.edu, www.takeactioncwu.com

**Operation ELF—Saturday December 8th**

Come volunteer for Operation ELF. Operation ELF was created to provide support for student families by providing a holiday celebration for them and their families. In addition to a delicious holiday buffet dinner, activities include a ride on CWU’s alumni vintage fire truck, a visit and pictures with Santa, a gift (for children signed up through the online registration by Dec. 4), games and crafts, live music and dancing.

**Contact:** Center for Diversity and Social Justice 509.963.2127 www.cwu.edu/~ecenter

**The Nutcracker**

When: Friday, December 7th, 2012, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 8th 2012, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 9th, 2012, 2 p.m.

Where: McConnell Auditorium

Price: $14 General Admission
       $11 Senior/Student
       $7 CWU Student

It is Christmas Eve; the younger children are in wonder of the sparkling decorations and the enchantment of the evening. Once the children have been put to bed, imaginations begin to envision a fanciful wonderland of dance and enchantment unfolds in a magnificent dream of everything that is magic about the holidays. A joint production with Ellensburg’s Central Washington Dance Ensemble, the CWU Orchesis Dance Company, and Central Theatre Ensemble

http://www.cwu.edu/~wildcattickets/
Withdrawing From the University

Withdrawing from Central Washington University is a big decision and we want to offer our assistance in helping you make that choice. Students should exhaust all avenues within the University, including financial aid, academic advising, housing and the registrar’s office. Please call University Housing with any questions you may have about your student continuing their college career at CWU.

If your student determines that withdrawing is in their best interest, here are a few things to remember before they leave. Students need to make arrangements with their resident advisor, 48 hours in advance, to check out of their room. They also need to turn in a contract cancellation form to University Housing in Button Hall prior to their departure from campus. Failure to complete these requirements will result in additional fees. They should also visit the registrar to ensure a smooth academic withdrawal. Some students withdraw through the registrar without notifying housing, however we want to encourage students to also check out properly with University Housing to avoid unnecessary charges.

Where Does Mail Go During Winter Break?

During winter break, December 8—January 1, mail will not be delivered to the residence halls. Mail will not be forwarded to break addresses if it comes to CWU. Please remind your students to have all important items mailed directly to their break address. Regular mail processes will commence on Wednesday the 3rd after the residence halls re-open.

We encourage you to see the October newsletter with any questions on how to mail a package to your student while they are living on campus. All of the CWU Parent and Family Program newsletters are archived at:

http://www.cwu.edu/housing/parents.html
Family Weekend
May 10-12, 2013
Family Weekend is scheduled for the weekend of May 10, 2013. More details about the schedule of events for the weekend will become available at a later date. Watch upcoming newsletters for full details.

Health 101:November
Student Health 101 is a monthly health and wellness magazine for CWU students and their families. Each issue contains valuable information that will help your student make better decisions and can help you gain a better understanding of the health and wellness challenges that face today’s students. If you subscribe, you’ll receive a monthly e-mail with the latest issue of the family-only Parent Perspective, along with the Student Health 101 issue that your student will receive. Go to http://readsh101.com/cwu-pp.html to read the November issue and to subscribe.

The November issue has some great articles including:
• From zzzzzzz’s to A’s How Sleep Affects Learning
• Love your body
• Is a Friendship Taking Over Your Life?
• Staying Active NO MATTER the Weather
• Smoking and Stress Break the Link
• On Your Honor—How to Achieve Academic Integrity

Resident Assistant
2013-2014 Applications
Student Staff applications for the 2013-2014 academic year are available online (www.cwu.edu/housing/employment.html). If your student has considered a position in the residence halls now is time to further research their options. We will have interest sessions schedule in the next few months or current staff members are a great resource as well.
Some things stay the same...

This section will review common areas of confusion or concern. Please refer to archived newsletters for additional information.

http://www.cwu.edu/housing/parents

MAIL DELIVERY

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CWU ALERT SYSTEM

Sign up to receive the alert updates at: www.cwu.edu/alert/alertupdatesystem.html

As an alternative, interested parties may monitor the CWU Emergency Closures page at: www.cwu.edu/~web/closures.php.

Your son or daughter may also subscribe to an alert system: www.cwu.edu/alert/index.html