

**2011-2012**  
**CALENDAR**  
just for parents



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PARENTS LEAGUE

CHALLENGES

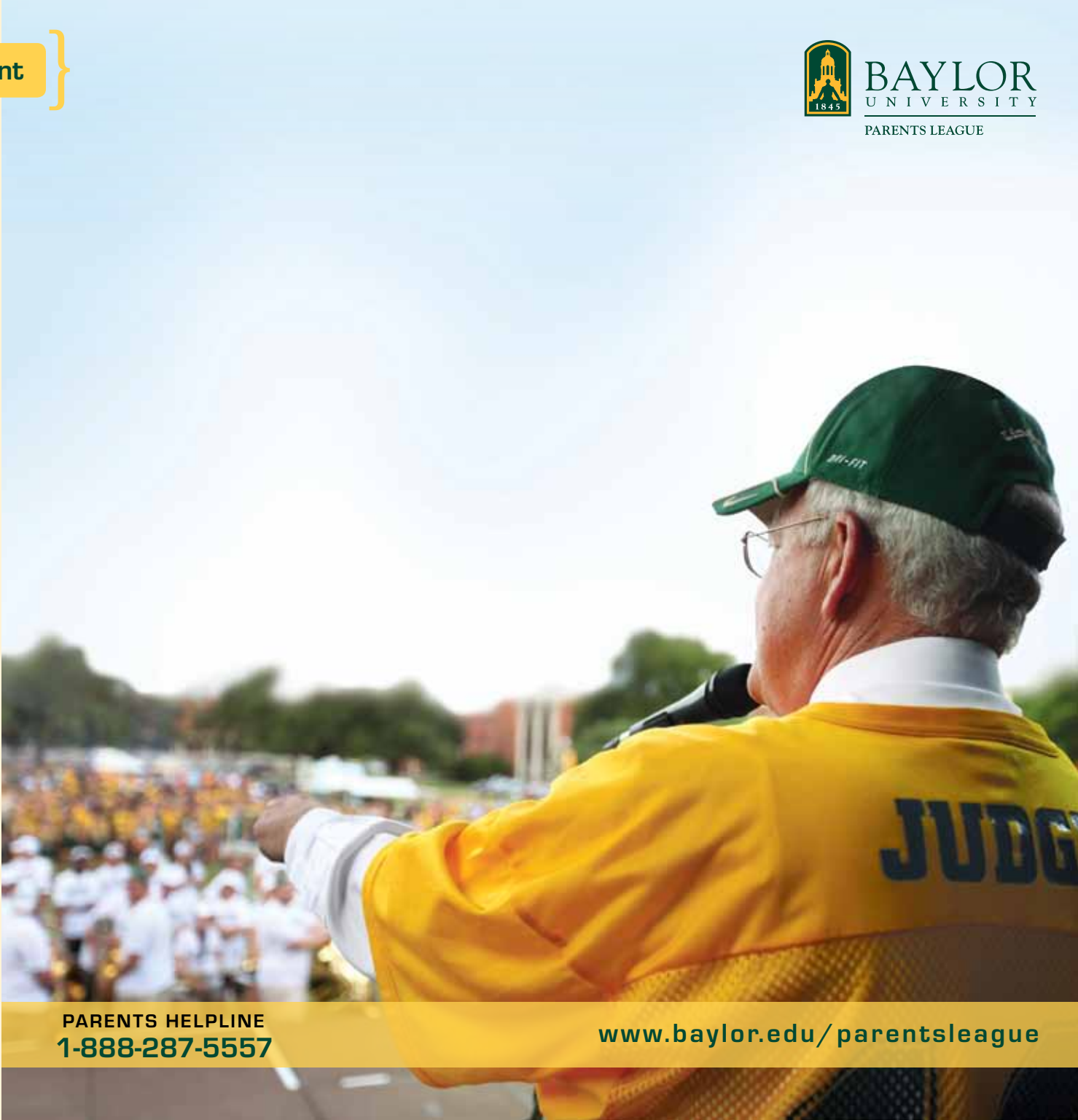
**Time-Management.** Before the stress of coursework sets in, encourage your student to sit down with a semester calendar and record every major test and assignment. Your student may find that he or she has two major tests and a paper due on one day! This head start will help your student avoid additional stress down the road.

**Making Friends.** Staying connected on campus opens the door for developing friendships. Encourage your student to initiate communication with roommates to strengthen the relationships and seek advice from community leaders if needed.

OPPORTUNITIES

**Late Night at the SLC.** Music, food, dodgeball and tons of student organizations. Late Night at the McLane Student Life Center is a highlight of the fall semester. Various clubs and organizations will be present so students can meet new people and find ways to get involved on campus.

**Meeting Professors.** It's never too early to talk to professors. Students can make use of faculty office hours by stopping by to introduce themselves. The students can establish rapport and clarify expectations for the course.



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HIGHLIGHTS

ACADEMICS

- 13 Summer Commencement
- 18 President's Picnic
- 22 Fall class session begins
- 22-26 BearWeb opens for registration and schedule changes (100% refund)
- 30 Last day to register or add a class (75% refund)
- 31 Fall monthly bill due

STUDENT LIFE

- 17 Student Move-In (for all Living-Learning Program participants)
- 18 Student Move-In
- 18-21 Welcome Week—Residence Halls open
- 26 Late Night at the SLC

ATHLETICS

[www.baylorbears.com](http://www.baylorbears.com)

AUGUST2011						
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**WELCOME WEEK** is the official beginning of life as a Baylor Bear for some, and for others the opportunity to teach new students rich traditions. Welcome Week is celebrated the week before classes begin.

Encourage Your Student

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**Homesick?** Whether it is your student's first time away from home or not, adjusting to campus life can be challenging. If your student begins to feel homesick, sending a care package can help. Also, try to make plans to attend Parents Weekend and experience life with your Baylor Bear firsthand. Learn more at [www.baylor.edu/parentsweekend](http://www.baylor.edu/parentsweekend).

**Quiz Time Already?** September typically introduces the first round of assignments and tests. Regardless of your student's grades, he or she will be able to get a feel for what the professors are looking for and their grading style. Encourage your student to reevaluate his or her study habits for the courses that may need improvement.

OPPORTUNITIES

**Spiritual Growth.** *Be The Change* is an annual student-led missions conference designed to offer the Baylor community an intentional look at how God is working around the globe. With insightful keynote speakers and breakout sessions, it is a great place for students to reconnect with their faith and community.

**Hire A Bear Career Fair.** Whether your student is new to Baylor or a veteran Bear, the career fair has something to offer everyone. Meeting with reputable employers can help upperclassmen find full-time positions and give underclassmen the opportunity to seek out future employers or internships.



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ACADEMICS

- 5 Labor Day Holiday (no classes)
- 19 Last Day to drop without a grade being assigned (25% refund)
- 30 Monthly bill due

STUDENT LIFE

- 1 Traditions Rally
- 8 Panhellenic Orientation
- 9 Howdy Dance
- 9-10 Freshman Retreat
- 15 STEM Job Fair (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math)
- 21 Freshman Follies
- 23 After Dark
- 23-24 Parents Weekend
- 28 *Be the Change* Missions Conference
- 29 Hire A Bear Career Fair
- 29 Acoustic Café
- 30 Island Party

ATHLETICS

- 2 Baylor Football hosts TCU
- 17 Baylor Football hosts SFA
- 24 Baylor Football hosts Rice

SEPTEMBER  
2011

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**Get Ahead of the Game.** Required classes, part-time jobs, clubs and the general demands of college life make structuring a class schedule seem like rocket science. Fortunately, academic advisors are available to help students identify which courses line up with their academic goals. Encourage your student to talk to his or her academic advisor early in the semester to identify courses and time slots that will produce the best schedule.

**To Skip or Not to Skip.** Between Steppin’ Out, cook-offs and Battle of the Bands, your student may be wondering how anyone finds time for class. Encourage your student to resist the temptation to skip classes because attendance isn’t just required, it is also directly correlated to better academic performance.

OPPORTUNITIES

**On-campus Homework Specialist.** If initial grades are less than commendable, students can find free tutoring for most courses at the Paul L. Foster Success Center. For those struggling with papers, Carroll Science Hall has a Writing Center that offers personal tutoring in all areas of writing, such as research papers, lab reports and ESL assignments.

**Communication.** Texting, talking, web cams and picture messages: With all of the new ways to stay in contact, keep your student informed of events at home. An e-mail or letter from home is a nice surprise and allows your student to feel connected to the family.



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ACADEMICS

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- 31 Monthly bill due

STUDENT LIFE

- 1 Fall Premiere
- 21 Bed Races and Chili Cook Off
- 27-29 Fright Night
- 29 Steppin’ Out

ATHLETICS

- 1 Baylor Football at Kansas State
- 8 Baylor Football hosts Iowa State
- 15 Baylor Football at Texas A&M
- 29 Baylor Football at Oklahoma State

OCTOBER  
2011

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## **PARENTS WEEKEND** SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2011

Experience the Baylor community in person and gain a firsthand perspective of what Baylor is all about. Baylor's Parents Weekend is two fun-filled days in September dedicated entirely to you, our Baylor parents. Enjoy the opportunity to visit your Bear while exploring the history, traditions and special Baylor spirit that make our University so unique. From touring campus facilities and meeting faculty to attending a talent show and football game, you are sure to enjoy this time-honored tradition that's all about you!

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