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April 8, 2020

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For the most recent information concerning Academic Classes and Alternate Delivery, please check the StFX website here.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE UPDATES

StFX STORE - Used Textbook Buyback Information

The StFX Store will hold a delayed Used Textbook Buyback to ensure students have an opportunity to participate. As soon as the StFX Store is open to the public, we will begin running this program, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Used Textbook Buyback will continue until the Friday before classes begin in September. We look forward to seeing you.
OUT-OF-PROVINCE OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT MOVES

StFX has raised concerns with the Province, the Town and County of Antigonish, and the RCMP regarding out-of-province students and moving logistics, and offers the following clarification.

Students from out-of-province wishing to collect their property from their local apartment and return home, may do so if they go directly to their apartment, do not stop at local businesses, do not interact with others, maintain a two metre physical distance from others, load the vehicle they are using and leave. For those who are driving extended distances and wish to stay overnight isolated in that apartment, they can, then must depart immediately the following morning. The RCMP has advised that personal safety should be prioritized over driving excessive hours thus creating a road safety hazard.

For out-of-province students wanting to move property from one apartment to another, they must come to their existing apartment and self-isolate for 14 days prior to the moving date, not going to local stores or houses of community members.

In both cases, students should contact their landlords to work out logistical arrangements. Landlords with multiple tenants in the same building should work with tenants to ensure social distancing.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE

With social distancing in place, we know that many campus services normally available to support you are no longer available in the form you’re used to. However, we have been working to ensure that you do have access to tutoring from home as final exams approach.

As of today, access to the StFX Tutoring service is available virtually through the Nimbus Tutoring App. You can book with tutors for online sessions that you are able to conduct through your mobile phone or a desktop portal.

To get started, download the Nimbus Tutoring app by following one the links below:

Desktop:  https://nimbusapp.ca/get-the-app/
iPhone:  https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/nimbus/id1435620212?mt=8
Android:

FOOD SERVICES

Please take note of Morrison Hall operating hours over the Easter holiday weekend:

Friday, April 10th to Sunday, April 12th
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 13th - Regular hours resume

StFX LIBRARY

The library has launched a new Virtual Reference Desk Service that is staffed by our librarians every afternoon Monday - Friday.

We have also created new video tutorials to help students find and use library resources and tools. Librarians are also available to do 1-on-1 virtual meetings to assist students. See our website for more information or email us at library@stfx.ca.

HUMAN RIGHTS and EQUITY

Self-isolation can help reduce the spread of COVID-19, but for those subjected to intimate partner or family violence, staying home can be unsafe. Self-isolation also increases our reliance on digital platforms, which may lead to cyber-bullying and harassment. Being part of the Xaverian community means we uphold the principle of mutual respect for the rights, responsibilities, dignity, and well-being of yourself and others. These expectations do not change as we transition to virtual spaces and classrooms. StFX does not tolerate violence, harassment or discrimination in any form.

CLICK HERE for some strategies for safety and support during these difficult times.

Members of the Xaverian community who feel they are the target of harassment and discrimination can contact Megan Fogarty, Human Rights and Equity Advisor at mfogarty@stfx.ca or 902-318-1586. Human rights advising, early intervention and investigation services remain available via email, telephone or other virtual system as appropriate.
SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION and RESPONSE

Sexual Violence Prevention & Response Advocate Heather Blackburn is available to provide information and support to anyone experiencing sexual, intimate partner or family violence. You can reach her at hblackbu@stfx.ca or 902-867-5601.

Community Supports:
- The Naomi Society – available to provide services by phone Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at 902-863-3807
- The Antigonish Women’s Resource and Sexual Assault Services Association service and supports over the phone, Mon- Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 902-863-6221
- Transition Houses of NS 24/7 crisis line 1-855-225-0220

StFX CHAPLAINCY

The Chapel bells will continue to ring!
They will ring as a sign of hope, peace, and community.

Though we are unable to gather for prayer and worship, we can still celebrate together. If you are in need of some direction for how to celebrate Holy Week from Home this year, this may help. Each day, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, has four sections: gather, reflect, pray and act. It is simple and prayerful and it can be done with your family members or on your own.

If you are feeling alone, worried, or confused, feel free to email University Chaplain Laurel (Muffy) McIntyre at mmcintyr@stfx.ca with your contact information and I would be happy to give you a call or send a message of encouragement.

OFFICE of INTERNATIONALIZATION

International students may be eligible to receive Canada Emergency Response Benefits (CERB) if they have stopped or will stop working due to reasons related to COVID-19. Applications are being accepted this week, beginning April 6th. Refer to the Government of Canada website for detailed eligibility criteria, and application instructions.
Students who wish to contact Service Canada for assistance with CERB applications, renewing SIN numbers, or other matters, are asking to submit a request through the Service Request form.
The next **online information session** for StFX international students will be held on Friday, April 10th, at 11:00 am. Students will be able to connect with the team from the International Office to ask questions, and receive updates on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, StFX resources being provided online, and receiving support during the COVID-19 campus closure. International students are asked to check their StFX email for a notice from International Student Advisor Donald Rasmussen, which contains the link to Friday's online session.

**STUDENTS’ UNION**

The **Student Food Resource Centre** remains open Wednesdays and Fridays 1-4 p.m. with lots of perishables available.

The **Emergency Grant Program** is still available. On a yearly basis, the StFX Students’ Union provides funding through our Emergency Grant Program for students who experience such a financial burden that they can no longer complete their studies. This includes, but not limited to, unexpected medical bills, loss of transportation, educational tools, risk of eviction, and extreme food insecurity. The emergency grant program is not for debt payments, tuition payments, or travel. Applicants can apply for funding at any time throughout the academic year by [CLICKING HERE](#). All applications are evaluated on a case by case basis as stated in the Students’ Union by-laws.

**ONLINE EVENTS**

**Results from Senior Class Election for 2021**

Ally Hancock & Sean Devanderschueren were elected as the 2021 Senior Class Co-Presidents

Luke Kell will be the Morning Senior Class Speaker for 2020
Taylor Kennah will be the Afternoon Senior Class Speaker for 2020

**StFX PSYCHOLOGY – Participants sought for COVID-19 Diary Study**

How are you coping with and responding to COVID-19?

Researchers at St. Francis Xavier University and Indiana University are seeking participants for an **online survey** about how people are coping during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are particularly interested in hearing from students!
Participation involves completing an online questionnaire as well as an optional 2-4 week daily diary study. At the end of the study, you’ll get to keep a copy of your daily entries.

All participants will be entered into weekly prize draws as well as a grand prize draw to win Amazon gift cards. The study is open to anyone 18 years of age or older and able to access and complete online surveys in the English language. Please consider taking part, for more information and to access the survey, CLICK HERE.

Researchers: Dr. Karen L. Blair (StFX University/KLB Research), and Dr. Debby Herbinick (Indiana University)

HELPFUL STUDENT RESOURCES

CANADA COVID-19 APP

Download the Canada COVID-19 app on iOS and Android to receive the latest information on COVID-19 and a way to check your symptoms.

COVID-19 LINKS

StFX University Resources: https://www.stfx.ca/coronavirus

If members of the campus community have questions/concerns that are not covered within our FAQs, please email Comments&Questions@stfx.ca. This email will be monitored 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Province of Nova Scotia Resources: https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/