Daylight-Saving Time—Spring Forward this Weekend

Daylight-Saving Time is the practice of adjusting clocks so that there is more natural daylight in the evenings. Governments often support this program as it is seen as a way to conserve energy by reducing the amount of artificial light utilized during evening hours.

In the U.S. this year, spring daylight-saving will occur this Sunday, March 9 at 2 am. Clocks should be adjusted forward one hour so that 2 am becomes 3 am and you lose one hour of the day on Sunday. Fall daylight-saving will occur on Sunday, November 2 at 2 am. Clocks will be adjusted back one hour so that 2 am becomes 1 am and you gain an extra hour on that Sunday. You may find the phrase, "Spring forward, and 'Fall' back," helpful to remember how to adjust your clocks based on the season.

How to Get an Income Tax Refund

Many international students do receive a refund of federal and state taxes which were withheld from their paychecks, especially in their first year of employment. In order to receive the refund, you MUST file a timely application with the Internal Revenue Service (federal) and NYS Department of Taxation. Students always ask: "How do you do this?"

The Slutzker Center suggests that you attend one of two tax seminars which will be held in March JUST FOR YOU!!! The first seminar will be offered on this upcoming Monday, March 10 from 3-5 p.m. in Crouse Hinds Hall, Room 010. What a great way to accomplish this obligation—when you have no classes and are hanging around Syracuse all break anyway!!

There will be a second tax seminar on Monday March 24 - click here for Additional information... The Slutzker Center has extensive information at this link on our website. Don't delay—file today!

Free Spring Break Bus Service for SU Students

The Student Association will be providing a free bus service for Syracuse University students to the Regional Transportation Center for those traveling via bus and railway, and then will continue service to Hancock International Airport. The service will originate from the Schine Student Center beginning Thursday, March 6 from 4 p.m. - 10 p.m., and will continue through Friday, March 7 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The shuttle will also pick students up on Saturday, March 8 from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Questions? Email sa@syr.edu

SU Shuttle Schedule for Spring Break

Syracuse University shuttle service will be operating on an abbreviated schedule for Monday, March 10 through Sunday, March 16. There is no service scheduled for Sunday, March 9 and Saturday, March 15 and regular service resumes on Monday, March 17. Bus schedules have been posted at all shelter locations and on the Parking and Transit Services website at http://parking.syr.edu. Printed schedules are available at Bird Library, the Parking and Transit Services Office at 208 Skytop, at both the Goldstein and Schine Student Centers and at Public Safety in the basement of Sims Hall.

Schine Box Office Spring Break Hours

The Schine Box Office will close at 5 p.m. on March 7. The Schine Box Office will be closed from March 10 until March 16. Normal hours will resume on March 17.

Ukrainian-Style St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day Ukrainian-Style with great Ukrainian food and drink specials.

Day: Saturday, March 15, 2008
Time: 12 p.m.- 6 p.m.
More information

An International Soiree

"An International Soiree“ with the theme “Joining hands around the world: joining together, connecting one another” will be held on Thursday, April 17th at approximately 7p.m. Student-Athletes Across Borders, the international student-athlete group, is hosting this international culture night in Manley Field House.
We believe this event will be a great accomplishment for the athletic department to show the university and our community the great diversity of our student-athletes. We will open the event to the general public and will have other student groups from campus out to help us. The event will include food from around the world, cultural entertainment, games and an area where we hope all our international student athletes will display aspects of their country and culture at tables for our guests.

My request of you, as coaches, is to encourage your international student athletes to participate in this event. We need volunteers to be at a table for only about two hours this night to share their culture. Also, we are looking for any other student-athletes who would like to volunteer to help us with set-up and take-down and various other tasks throughout the evening.

In addition, since this event is designed to be education, we would ask that you encourage all your student-athletes to come out to the event as guests, so they may learn about their team-mates’ and peers’ different cultures. It may be advantageous to have this event count toward some study hours for that particular week and it will be a great team event to participate in. There will also be team points awarded for the 'Cuse Champs Challenge for all student-athletes who volunteer or come out to visit the event.

If any student-athletes are interested in volunteering, please contact SAAB at syracuse_saab@hotmail.com by March 14th. Thank you very much for your time,

Jillian Drouin
Class ’08
Women’s Track and Field
SAAB & SAAC President

Science Fair Volunteers Needed

Edward Smith Elementary School is looking for parents and community members to help with the Science Fair, which will take place Tuesday, April 1st. Volunteers are needed to help in two capacities:

1) Project Mentors
Mentors will help individual students develop their exhibits, making sure that students understand and demonstrate the scientific principles involved in their project. We would like mentors to meet with students for about an hour each week, starting immediately. The time of these meetings is flexible and could be during the school day, including during lunch, or before or after school.

2) Science Fair Judges
The judges will evaluate student projects on an individual basis on the day of the Fair. Judges will listen to a student’s presentation, ask questions, and discuss issues presented in the project. Judges also will complete an evaluation sheet, which teachers will use to give feedback to the student. Judges will be needed for two shifts: 9:15 a.m.–Noon, 12:30– 2:45 p.m. You can choose to work one or both shifts. Breakfast and lunch are provided to judges.

If you are able to help or have questions, please contact Stephanie Bartling at sbartlin@twcny.rr.com or 478-8856.

MayFest Performance Applications are now available!

If you and your ethnic/cultural group are interested in performing during the MayFest After Dark International Festival, which will take place on April 22, 2008, please contact Cyre Quinones at cmquinon@syr.edu immediately. Performances will be scheduled between 6 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. A final schedule will be submitted for publicity purposes right after Spring Break. If you would like to be included, you must have submitted your application and been accepted prior to that time. We hope that you will enjoy this event. For pictures from last year, please check out our website.

Support the American Heart Association

Support the American Heart Association (AHA) and their mission: "Building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke"—Stop by the Slutzker Center for International Services to purchase a red AHA support bracelet ($2) and/or an AHA donation heart ($1).