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For PFW Students

August 21, 2025

Hey Mastodons,

The first day of classes is just around the corner. Below are some tips and helpful reminders as you begin, or continue, the journey to your degree.

1. Classes Begin on Monday—the one four days from now!

- To avoid confusion, recheck your schedule and classroom location asap. Be aware, room assignments often change. You can review your schedule through goPFW.
- Arrive early to campus on your first day. This will allow you to get to where you need to be with plenty of time. If you'll be driving to campus, consider scoping out parking options well in advance, and be sure to park in the white spaces designated for students.

2. Connect with Your Advisor

- Your academic advisor is an important resource. Reach out if you ever have questions or concerns, especially if they are related to your courses. Drop-in advising will be available during the first week of the term from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Take advantage of this great opportunity to say hello!

3. Get Your Books

- You can find the required books and materials for your courses by using your student ID number, which can be found on your goPFW homepage.

4. Follow Purdue Fort Wayne on Social Media

- The university's social media platforms are just a few of the tools in its digital toolbox that help you stay connected. If you're not already, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn to learn about the latest events, be in the know about important updates, read stories about students and faculty, and see plenty of those uniquely beautiful campus photos.

5. Check Your Email

- Now that you are a Mastodon, know that our official form of communication is via PFW emails. Be sure to check your inbox regularly so you don't miss out on special events, campus updates, and more. You can access your email through the Office 365 portal or by clicking the link on the main goPFW page.
- While we're on the topic of email, also remember to check out the *Don Life* student newsletter distributed on Wednesdays during the fall and spring semesters. Its regular weekly editions, and special editions distributed as needed, year-round, are often the first source for new information related to your student experience.

6. Know the Important Deadlines

- There are important dates and deadlines throughout the semester that you need know about. Visit the **academic calendar** to learn more.
- Need to make changes to your fall schedule? The first deadline you need to know is Sunday, Aug. 31, at 11:59 p.m., which is the final time to make changes or drop a class.

7. Celebrate the Start of the Semester

- Join us tomorrow (Friday) at the Welcome Back BBQ located at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus from 5 to 8 p.m. We will have free food and the opportunity for you to meet faculty, staff, and other students. Check-in will take place at the housing clubhouse.

We cannot wait to see you!

Let's Have a fantastic semester,



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