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Subject: FYI: SMU Connected - August 23

Good Afternoon,

The following email was sent to undergraduate students enrolled for Fall 2020.

There is no new information. All information is a repeat from prior newsletters and is intended more as a final reminder.

Best,

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From: Student Academic Engagement and Success <academicsuccess@mail.smu.edu>
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SMU *Connected*

We are ready for fall!

Welcome back SMU! This will be an extraordinary semester where many of us will be returning to campus, while many others will be connecting from around the world. Please watch this [video](#) highlighting how SMU has prepared for both SMUFlex and Virtual teaching this semester.

Today's Sunday edition of SMU Connected provides a quick review of the most important highlights to make sure you are ready for the first week of the semester.

Where do I go for my first day of class?

Monday, August 24: Blue Day

- All students coded BLUE enrolled in SMUFlex courses will go to class in the assigned room on campus.
- All students coded RED and REMOTE students will attend class via a ZOOM link that your faculty member should have shared with you.

Tuesday, August 25: Red Day

- All students coded RED enrolled in SMUFlex courses will go to class in the assigned room on campus.
- All students coded BLUE and REMOTE students will attend class via a ZOOM link that your faculty member should have shared with you.

Keep These Things in Mind

- Stay positive, this is new for all of us and a friendly smile and an understanding attitude can go a really long way
- Make sure you complete the COVID Canvas course before August 24 and sign the SMU CAN Pledge to Protect
- If you are uncertain about where to go for class or if you have the correct ZOOM link, then you need to email your faculty member and ask for clarification
 - Be sure to check your CANVAS courses for up to date announcements as things may need to change this week
- Following the safety guidelines we have put in place keeps us all healthy, if you have symptoms or are worried you have been exposed STAY HOME
 - Call the health center and complete the health screening
 - Email your faculty member and let them know what is going on
 - Join your class via the ZOOM link
- Students should bring their own masks to class each day; instructors will have disposable masks for students who might occasionally need them.
- An extra 5 minutes have been added between SMUFlex courses so that students have sufficient time to transition between classes and to clean their desks before class begins
- Eating in class is not allowed because students should wear masks at all times. Students may be allowed to have drinks in class if they use straws under the mask. While campus water fountains are currently closed, students may still refill their water bottles from water filling stations found across campus (see attached map)

- Make sure your laptop is fully charged each morning and bring your power charger to take advantage of accessible power outlets. Keep in mind that not all classrooms will have power outlets accessible to student seats.
- Bring your phone charger and headphones if you don't have a laptop, you can also connect to your class via Zoom on your phone

Where do I find my Red-Blue-Remote status for the fall?

Log into my.smu.edu and look at your Student View. You will see one of three views. If your view begins with a Red or Blue tile, click on it for an overview of the Red-Blue calendar available on the [SMU Covid Website](#).

Additional information is also on the [SMU Academic Calendar](#) website, and you can consult the Student Academic Success Programs website to find the [Semester at a Glance Calendar](#).

Students may not request to change their assigned Red-Blue rotation schedule. The assignments have been made to ensure appropriate socially distancing in your assigned classes this fall.

If your Student View looks like this, you will follow the Blue rotation schedule. You will attend in-person on all Blue days on the calendar.



If your Student View looks like this, you will follow the Red rotation schedule. You will attend in-person on all Red days on the calendar.



If your Student View looks like this, you are assigned the “REMOTE” status and will attend all courses virtually. If you decide you need to return to in-person classes, you must first notify academicsuccess@smu.edu so that we can assign you to a Red or Blue rotation schedule.



Zoom Space Reservation System (Now Open)

These spaces are specifically set aside so that students may join their classes via Zoom when necessary. Most rooms will accommodate multiple students. Students are expected to follow all safety practices including wearing masks while in the room with other students.

Reserving Zoom Spaces

- You must provide your own technology including laptop and headphones
- Only reserve what you must have to participate in class
- Cancel your reservation if your schedule changes
- Follow the posted guidelines and prepare the space for the next student

What if all the spaces are reserved?

- There are still many open indoor and outdoor seating options across campus
- Install Zoom on your phone as your backup plan

Students Living Off Campus

- Try to engage from home on your opposite Red-Blue day
- If you are having technology problems at home try to trouble shoot with the OIT help desk
- Bring your charger(s) to campus
- Have a back-up plan if you are not able to reserve a space on-campus

Students Living On Campus

- Keep in mind that off-campus students have fewer options on campus than yourself and try to limit your use of reserved spaces to only those times that are absolutely necessary
- Please discuss with your roommate how you will share your space while in class

- Please use your own rooms to join your courses via Zoom
- Please use the dedicated Zoom spaces in your campus residence buildings

Common Questions about Fall 2020

What is the difference between SMUFlex and Virtual?

- **SMUFlex courses** are conducted in real-time with some students attending in-person and others participating remotely via Zoom
- **Virtual courses** are fully online and accommodate students and faculty who may not be able to attend on campus courses due to extenuating circumstances

Where can I find what days are assigned Red-Blue?

- Student Academic Success Programs: Choose the link [Semester at a Glance Calendar](#)
- [SMU Covid Website](#) academic portion
- Registrar's Academic Calendar: [SMU Academic Calendar](#)
- [See the attached files if you would like to print a horizontal or vertical view of the blue-red rotation schedule.](#)

What if I really want to change my rotation schedule?

- Students may not change their rotation schedule.

What if I applied to be REMOTE but have been assigned to a Red-Blue rotation schedule?

- Email academicsuccess@smu.edu and ask to have the situation reviewed.

May I cancel my request to be REMOTE now that the semester has started?

- SMU will not be making changes to REMOTE status during the add-drop period. After September 7, students who no longer wish to have a REMOTE experience must take the following steps: ask your SMUFlex faculty if there is room for you to join the class, gather the positive faculty responses and send a request to remote@smu.edu indicating that you would like to be assigned to a Red-Blue rotation schedule.

What if I have been assigned a Red or Blue rotation but my faculty member, says that I may attend all of their class meetings in person?

- You may attend all of the class days in person for that course, but you are not required to do this. You may politely communicate that you prefer to follow your Red-Blue rotation schedule.

Still Have Questions

- Review the [SMU Must Strong, Return to Campus Website](#)
- Questions about specific courses should be sent to your faculty members
- Questions about your Red-Blue-Remote status should be sent to academicsuccess@smu.edu

SMU Red-Blue Rotation Class Schedule

August 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23 RED	24 BLUE	25 RED	26 BLUE	27 RED	28 BLUE	29 RED
30 BLUE	31 RED					

September 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 BLUE	2 RED	3 BLUE	4 RED	5 BLUE
6 RED	7 BLUE	8 RED	9 BLUE	10 RED	11 BLUE	12 RED
13 BLUE	14 RED	15 BLUE	16 RED	17 BLUE	18 RED	19 BLUE
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October 2020





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December 2020

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