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JUNE 9 UPDATE: FALL CALENDAR, NEW RESOURCE WEBSITE, AND ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM DR. CHRIS MILLER

Caring Well, Staying Well

June 9, 2020 |

Caring Well. Staying Well.

And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

This week's updates include:

- announcing the revised fall academic calendar,
- new "Caring Well, Staying Well." website,
- a short encouraging video from Dr. Chris Miller on "Faith or Fear?,"
- additional in-person campus visit days starting June 15,
- Campus Security now open for background checks, and
- pomp and circumstance in a box.

Fall Academic Calendar - After carefully reviewing information from the state of Ohio, the CDC, and various educational organizations, we are ready to announce the revised fall academic calendar. Thank you for your patience! Like many other institutions — including Ohio State and Notre Dame — we will, for this year only, end fall semester at Thanksgiving. Out of an abundance of caution, this change will allow most students to be home from late November to January 5, when some experts believe a resurgence of COVID-19 cases could be possible.

In order to ensure that students are still getting the same number of instruction hours, we will begin classes on Monday, August 17; we will hold classes on Labor Day, and there will be no fall break. Getting Started will begin Friday, August 14, although we are working on changes in the weekend arrival schedule, especially for returning students. The last day for most courses will be Tuesday, November 24. Please visit the new [Student Information](#) page on our [Caring Well, Staying Well website](#) for additional information about "exceptions," program-specific calendar updates, and plans for continuing longstanding Cedarville traditions.

**FALL SEMESTER 2020
REVISED UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR**

FALL SEMESTER	
August 14–16	Getting Started
August 17	Classes Begin
Classes Will Meet Labor Day; No Fall Break	
November 19, 23, 24	Final Exams
November 25	Christmas Break Begins*
SPRING SEMESTER	
January 5	Classes Begin

*Undergraduate courses taught online and those courses with clinical and field experiences may require completion after Thanksgiving. Faculty members will communicate course-specific information.

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"Caring Well, Staying Well." Website - Today, we launched a new "Caring Well, Staying Well." website, which will house important information about our return to campus. You'll find helpful video resources, answers to common questions, and details about what we are doing to prepare for a safe return to campus. Be sure to check back regularly, as it will be updated often.

Faith Or Fear? - How do we as believers respond to a national pandemic? How do we navigate difficult times like we're in right now? Continuing our "Caring Well, Staying Well." video series, Dr. Chris Miller, Senior Professor of Biblical Studies, explains how our faith in Christ can help us overcome fear.



Resuming Campus Visits - As a reminder, we are excited to resume on-campus visits on June 15. Due to an overwhelming response already, we have opened up an additional day each week for visits. We will offer on-campus tours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Each day's time slots are limited to three families, and times can be selected by [registering online](#). For those unable to make it to campus, we are still offering [live virtual visits](#) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. through June 15. Starting June 15, virtual visits will be on Wednesdays only. If you know of a high school student who may be interested in Cedarville, please pass along this information!

Campus Security Open for Background Checks - Starting today, June 8, Campus Security is open for limited hours to perform BC/FBI fingerprint background checks. The office, located in the upper level of the SSC, is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. To provide for the health and safety of our customers and the office staff, please follow the guidelines below before coming to the office:

- Call 937-766-7992 (ext. 7992) to make an appointment.
- Bring and wear a face mask.
- Wash your hands prior to coming into the office.
- Assess your health to make sure that you have not been ill recently or do not currently have a temperature.

Be assured that our staff will also wear face masks, and our equipment will be sanitized before and after each use.

Pomp and Circumstance in a Box - Although the class of 2020 didn't get to experience the normal graduation festivities because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we wanted to do something to recognize this special group of grads! Class of 2020, your graduation box is in the mail! You should have received a special commemorative box with your diploma, along with a few surprises. Congratulations, class of 2020!



Graduates, this will be your final COVID-19 update from Cedarville! We love you and are so excited to hear how God will use you in the coming days and years. As a reminder, the Senior Celebration, Memories, and Stories videos are all available for you at [cedarville.edu/classof2020](#). Lord willing, we will see you October 4 for Commencement!

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21 Comments

Lori Zieber says:

June 11, 2020 at 11:31 am

Hello, When do incoming Freshmen schedule their classes?

Sarah Gump says:

June 11, 2020 at 2:49 am

Hello, Lorli Registrar designs the schedule for the incoming class. These schedules will be finished in July. If you have any other questions, we encourage you to email your student's admissions counselor.

Scott Whitten says:

June 10, 2020 at 9:08 am

We are trying to plan our dropping off our freshman son in August but we are having trouble finding the schedule for parents. Don't want to hover. 🙄

Sarah Gump says:

June 11, 2020 at 8:05 am

Hello, Scott! Look at the schedule on the [Getting Started Webpage](#). The things highlighted in purple are for the parents and blue is for everyone.

Alison says:

June 10, 2020 at 3:48 am

While there is opportunity to ask questions about the academic calendar, I would like to inquire as to why students are not given off the Monday following Easter. With classes resuming Monday, 4/5 @ 8:00 a.m., that really puts a constraint on families being able to celebrate the most important Christian holiday together. Either students will not be able to travel home to celebrate with their families, or they will be forced to travel back to school on Sunday, the actual holiday, thereby defeating the purpose of "Easter Break."

Sarah Gump says:

June 10, 2020 at 5:03 am

Thank you for asking. To honor the legacy and work of Martin Luther King, Jr., last year we made the decision to close our campus in celebration of this national holiday. For an explanation of how that decision then affected the academic calendar, including Easter Monday, please review this [post that was shared with our faculty and staff](#).

Anonymous says:

June 10, 2020 at 12:44 am

While I'm very thankful the semester will be starting at the usual time, is taking away fall break really going to be any benefit? It is one class period for each TTH and MWF class, and profs end up cancelling classes anyways. Are those two days so important that they must be taken away, giving the students no relief other than the usual weekend for an entire semester?

Sarah Gump says:

June 10, 2020 at 2:24 am

Hello and thank you for your comment! We understand this is not an ideal semester. We are starting the semester two days early, removing fall break and having classes on Labor Day to ensure that students are still getting the same number of instruction hours. It is not our preference to remove every break; but the health of our students is the goal. We are very sorry for any issues this may cause.

Kay Starr says:

June 9, 2020 at 10:26 am

Are you considering having incoming Freshman come before Friday the 14th? Not sure how you can get everything in for orientation before they start classes on the 17th now. Would love to see their arrival pushed back to the 13th or even 12th to give them more time to adjust.

Sarah Gump says:

June 10, 2020 at 4:27 am

Hello, Kay! Thank you for this comment! We understand the concern for the incoming freshman. We are currently developing an online orientation for incoming students to complete over the summer. This will provide useful information and prep them for life at Cedarville. This is the reason we have kept the dates for Getting Started Weekend the same. Your student will receive information via their Cedarville email in regards to this training, called Yellow Jacket Prep. We appreciate your feedback!

Rick Smith says:

June 9, 2020 at 7:54 am

Who's our President for the fall term?

Sarah Gump says:

June 10, 2020 at 10:26 am

Hello, Rick. Thank you for the question. Our Board has commissioned two investigations, and they are still in process. When we have additional information, we will share an update with our University family and friends. Thank you for your interest in Cedarville. We appreciate your prayers!

Stevie Powers says:

June 13, 2020 at 5:08 am

Still praying well for Dr. White back on C.U. campus this Fall welcoming and encouraging our students. We love him and are counting on his continued guidance and leadership.

John & Robynne Meiding says:

June 9, 2020 at 5:39 am

Howdy from the Southwest!

Thank you for the update!

Wonderful well thought out plan that should be beneficial to all. Thank you for keeping us posted and working on behalf of the students and teachers. We appreciate you!

Sarah Gump says:

June 10, 2020 at 11:38 am

Hello, John and Robynne! Thank you for the encouragement. It is our joy to serve the students, faculty, and staff!

Mindy Sams says:

June 9, 2020 at 3:52 am

Thank you so much for your Pomp and Circumstance in a Box! Our graduate is in Liberia Africa serving in sustainable agriculture for Psalm 82:3 Mission and due to Covid preventing international flights, has not been able to come home (though she sees it as a wonderful blessing and not a disappointment in any way). When her box arrived, we videoed the whole opening of it with my husband humming the appropriate song in the background. She was THRILLED and thankful to celebrate all the wonderful gifts enclosed! She is very excited to wear that alumni shirt when she returns to the states! What a blessing Cedarville is to so many! Thank you!

Sarah Gump says:

June 9, 2020 at 4:22 am

Wow! What an awesome story! Thanks for proud. We are thankful the boxes were helpful for your family! It is the least we could do to show the Class of 2020 how proud we are of their accomplishments. We hope to see you family at Commencement on October 4, 2020!

Todd Swanson says:

June 9, 2020 at 3:26 am

Many concerned parents have been anxiously awaiting information about classes at Cedarville this fall. I understand the "fluid" nature of dealing with all these issues as it relates to Covid-19, but when can we expect more concrete answers about how school will look this fall? There are many glaring issues that have not been addressed, but need to be clarified before many of us parents will commit to sending our students back this fall. What will classes look like? I will speak for no one but myself, but I cannot justify sending my student back to CU and paying room and board so that they can take classes on their computer online? They can do this from home – in a safer environment and for a fraction of the cost. When will we know definitively which classes will be in person or online? What will Chapel look like? The bedrock for many parents sending our young adults to CU – is the blessing of chapel each and every day? Will it be happening and how? I hear other rumors about campus related issues, but I will save those for another time, these are clearly the two most important to me and my family in determining what future CU will have for us. I hope and pray that someone will address these with real answers, and in a timely manner.

Sarah Gump says:

June 9, 2020 at 3:53 am

Hello, Todd! Thank you for sharing your feedback with us.
 1. There will be having residential classes in the fall. The majority of classes will be in class. There will be few exceptions – if a faculty member is not well enough to be there.
 2. There will be a chapel program. It is the heartbeat of Cedarville University. It presents many challenges due to the frequency and the number in attendance. We are considering what it will look like, but it will still occur.
 Thank you for your interest! Your comment is useful for us as we share weekly updates. Our goal is to provide useful information. We hope to answer more of your questions and provide concrete information in the coming updates.

Davis says:

June 9, 2020 at 3:25 am

Thank you for the communication on the calendar, and the very thoughtful consideration/deliberation it represent. Is the Spring 2021 published calendar official? I.e., can we confirm the Spring Break 2021 will indeed be 2/27-3/7 so that we may make plans in advance? Thank you.

Sarah Gump says:

June 9, 2020 at 3:31 am

Hello, there! Yes, Spring Break will February 27 – March 7. Please review [cedarville.edu/fall2020](#) for the Academic Calendar for 2020-2021. Happy planning! 🙌

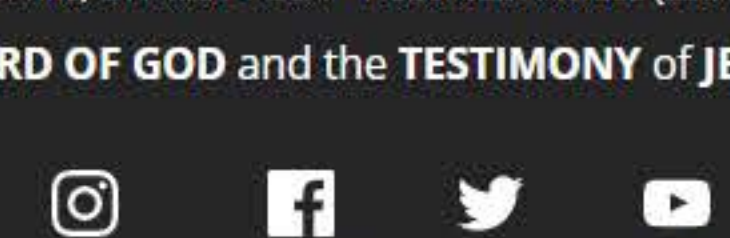
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