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We asked students if they wanted to send any messages home before Thanksgiving. Boy, did they ever! Here are a few from the first-years. To see some from other classes, go to our [photo gallery!](#)

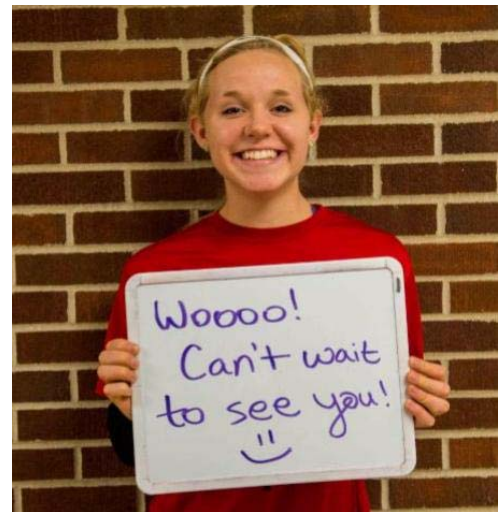
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## What's Going On for First-Year Students? December at MLC

### I'm Dreaming of a White Thanksgiving?

It did arrive - that first magical snowfall! (**Have you seen the lovely [video](#)?**) We want all our students to drive safely this week. Hopefully, they all have their boots handy and their antifreeze topped off.

**High School Students on Campus:** More than 300 high schoolers were here for Focus on Ministry weekends, and we'll have more for the Tip-Off Tournament in December. It's a great opportunity for your students to reconnect with younger friends and tell them about the blessings of ministerial education at MLC.



**Campus Busyness:** Basketball in full swing . . . *The Sound of Music* was a huge success . . . Readers' Theater is in rehearsal . . . Wind Symphony and College Choir concerts. . . organ recitals and piano auditions . . . presentations

and convocations . . . Christmas concert . . . final exams! (Even those who were able to wing it in high school know they definitely need to buckle down for college finals.)

**Christmas Homesickness:** A wave of bittersweet nostalgia and homesickness hits some first-year students as they long for the familiar sweets, decorations, and traditions of home - not to mention worshipping with their families in their home churches.

**Back Home:** After December 15, you get them back for a while! Christmas vacation can be challenging - both the coming-home part and the going-back part. Remember the W-curve in "[Is the Honeymoon Over?](#)" Some students may not want to leave the comforts of home and head back to New Ulm in January, but they can do it! Assure them that during second semester, they will become more and more at ease in college. And that leads us to this next article . . .



## Coming Home: 8 Realistic Expectations

Thanksgiving break is around the corner! It'll be great to have everyone home again, right? Yes, it will - if you have [realistic expectations](#).



## Dangerous Driving Conditions

What happens if it's too dangerous to drive back to school? Does MLC ever close due to bad weather? [Here are your answers!](#)

## MLC Picture Gallery

[Pictures](#) from *The Sound of Music*, all athletics, Focus on Ministry, College Choir and Wind Symphony concerts, Homecoming, Ladies' Auxiliary, Anchor Harvest Hoedown, and much more!



Students dress up at the Anchor Hoedown costume party and fundraiser.

## Mark the Date

Athletics : [mlcknights.com](http://mlcknights.com)

Dec 3, 7:30 pm & Dec 4, 4:00 pm  
(*Chapel of the Christ*):  
**Christmas Concerts**



Dec 8-10:  
**MLC Tip-Off Tournament/  
Focus on Ministry visits**



Dec 9-10, 7:30 pm & Dec 11, 2:00 pm  
(Auditorium):  
**Readers' Theater: *Greek Adventure Hour***

Dec 15, 10:00 am  
(Chapel of the Christ):  
**Commencement Service**

Dec 16 - Jan 4:  
**Christmas recess**

[Full calendar](#)

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