Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, November 2, 2:30-6PM — IM Spelling Bee.** Bring your parents, and show up to watch or spell in the annual Intramural Spelling Bee! Cheer on your dormmates, and get points for your dorm. No registration required. Science Center A.

- **Saturday, November 2, 3–6PM — Fall Fest.** Join Harvard Athletics for Fall Fest 2019, where Harvard community members, Crimson and Big Green fans, and everyone in between can gather for fall festivities. Enjoy a tailgate and a great pregame atmosphere, then head into Harvard Stadium to watch the Crimson battle its rivals to the north, the Dartmouth Big Green, at 1PM. This event is a full day of activities and athletic contests, including football, field hockey, soccer, water polo, volleyball, tennis, and hockey. Gather for lunch on Mignone Field beginning at 10:30AM. Attendees will need to present either their HUID or a First-Year Family Weekend button at the gate to gain entry. Featuring: pregame live musical entertainment; food trucks; yard games in the Quad; 100th Anniversary Rose Bowl Game Celebration; and more. Mignone Field.

- **Saturday, November 2, 4:30–6PM — 1M Spelling Bee.** Bring your parents, and show up to watch or spell in the annual Intramural Spelling Bee! Cheer on your dormmates, and get points for your dorm. No registration required. Science Center A.

- **Saturday, November 2, 8–10PM — Nightmarket.** Join the Harvard College Taiwanese Cultural Society as we bring a taste of Taiwanese culture to Harvard! Enjoy Taiwan-language music and dance performance, traditional snacks, and performances from student groups such as Harvard Fusian, Harvard Taekwondo Demo Team, and traditional martial arts and Chinese instrument solos. Buy tickets either via Venmo (@harvardtcs) with your name in the description, or at the Harvard Box Office. Quincy House Dining Hall.

- **Saturday, November 2, 8PM — Harvard Radcliffe Orchestra: Freshman Family Weekend Concert.** Presented by Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra with Federico Cortese, Music Director. Program includes Mozart, *Symphony No. 41 “Jupiter,”* conducted by Soren Nyhus (’22); Tchaikovsky, *Violin Concerto,* featuring Alex Zhou (’23); Stravinsky, *Four Norwegian Moods,* conducted by Caleb Shi (’23). Tickets are available at the Harvard Box Office. Quincy House Dining Hall.

- **Monday, November 4, 12–1PM — ArtsBites: Kaneza Schaal.** ArtsBites is the OFA round-table discussion series with students and visiting artists. Monday, November 4, we welcome experimental theater artist Kaneza Schaal, who excavates the past to reveal bold and candid truths about our present. Registration is required at: ofa.fas.harvard.edu/artsbites-Kaneza-Schaal. Food is free. Seating is limited to 20. Office for the Arts, 74 Mt. Auburn St.

- **Monday, November 4, 8PM — First-Year Arts Room Open Hours.** Paint your face! Come get a colorful LUSH face mask in the Arts Room. Want swipe access to the First-Year Arts Room? Sign up at: tinyurl.com/ArtsRoom or scan the QR code. First-Year Arts Room, Holworthy Basement.

- **November 8–9 & 14–16, 8PM; November 9–10 & 16–17, 2PM — H.M.S. Pinafore.** The crew of the H.M.S. Pinafore is busy preparing their ship to make a voyage. But the lowly sailor Ralph Rackstraw is afflicted by love for Josephine, who has pledged her heart to another! Engagements, elopements, and England are entangled in this hilarious maritime caper. Tickets available through the Harvard Box Office; free for HUID holders for the Thursday, November 14, performance. Agassiz Theater.

Pumpkin Carving Contest Winners

(Left) Most Harvard: “Dean Khurana and the Pumpkin of Wigg 1” by Wigg 1; (Right) Most Scary: “Brain Break” by Harvard 3-4

Reminders

Confirm your course changes. Log in to your my.harvard portal, and check your official course record to make sure mid-semester course changes have been processed.

First-Year Family Weekend is Friday, November 1 & Saturday, November 2. Visit parents.fas.harvard.edu for a full schedule. All students are invited to participate, whether or not their families attend.

Annenberg will be closed for lunch Saturday, November 2. Lunch will be served at the Harvard Athletics Complex as part of Fall Fest, 10:30AM-12:30PM at Mignone Field. Currier and Dunster House dining halls will be open for those who do not wish to attend Fall Fest.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3, at 2AM. Remember to set your clocks back one hour. Enjoy the extra sleep!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. Every vote counts! Learn more at: iop.harvard.edu/get-involved/faq-voting.

The Fall First-Year Faculty Dinner is Thursday, November 7. Don’t miss your chance to invite a professor, administrator, coach, proctor, or other guest to join you for a fancy meal in Annenberg!
First-Year Experience Office

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Submissions
Please send submissions by Tuesday at 9:00AM to:
yardnews@fas.harvard.edu or
bit.ly/YRsSubmit.
Published Fridays.

Safety Notice
To contact an FYE representative in the event of a serious, non-academic emergency, please call your proctor, or the Harvard University Police at (617) 495-1212, or, on campus, 5-1212. Safety and other emergency messages are displayed as soon as possible on the News and Notices section of the College home page at www.college.harvard.edu.

Opportunities for First-Years

Use Your Crimson Cash at off-Campus Merchants. Veggie Grill recently opened their first Massachusetts location at 57 John F. Kennedy Street and now accepts Crimson Cash. Veggie Grill’s menu is 100% plant based, provides great sources of protein, and can accommodate a gluten free diet! To learn more, please visit: veggiegrill.com. Please email crimson_cash@harvard.edu with any questions.

Host a Student AMA with SICI! Social Innovation and Change Initiative (SICI) aims to create a cross-school, cross-sector, student community that is social impact first. Through various engagement opportunities, we inspire the next generation of social innovators to create positive social change in the world. SICI Student AMAs (Ask Me Anything) aims to elevate the voice and learning students have to offer to each other and to the greater Harvard community. Students are able to contribute to SICI’s events and have a stake in our programming. It is a platform for exploration around topics that are important to them. Send your proposal for an event to: sici@hks.harvard.edu. For more information, visit: sici.hks.harvard.edu/project/events.

Lost & Found
Lost something in Annenberg? Books, umbrellas, water bottles, and other miscellaneous items left behind in the dining hall will accumulate on the shelves near the tray return in Annenberg. Be sure to check for anything you are missing. Also, any items found outside Annenberg, in Memorial Hall, and in Lowell Lecture Hall, are brought to the Memorial Hall administrative office in the basement, Room 027. The vast majority of such belongings remain there until stashed in a storage area, with donation to charity being the end result. Be sure to ask a staff member to view the collection if you are missing anything.

Resources for First-Years

ARC Workshop: Reading and Writing in the Sciences. This workshop is co-sponsored by the Writing Program and the Academic Resource Center and is designed for Harvard College students. Register by emailing: expos@fas.harvard.edu. Monday, November 4, 3:30-4:30PM, ARC, 1414 Massachusetts Ave., Floor 3R, Room 382.

Advising Corner. Stop by the Advising Corner table near the exit in Annenberg, 11:30-2PM (over lunch), to ask questions and get advice on everything from course selection, research options, and post-college planning. Visit these concentration advisors next week: Government–Monday, November 4; Chemical and Physical Biology/Molecular and Cellular Biology–Friday, November 8. For more info on first-year advising, visit: advising.college.harvard.edu.

Truth Hurts: Preference, Privilege, & Power in Dating. Who has privilege in a relationship? How does coming from a mixed-race family play into dating? What is the line between preference and fetishization? Join a discussion on the way that privilege, family dynamics, and race interact with dating. Join the Diversity Peer Educators in this can’t miss conversation; cuffing season is almost here! Monday, November 4, 6-7:30PM, Grays Hall Ground Floor.

I Can Do That with Twitter? Using Social Media in Your Research Projects. Increasingly, academics are using social media tools to ask and answer research questions about how social groups function. The data they gather can help them spot geographic trends, analyze current events, and propose solutions to big problems. In this workshop, we’ll help you think about some easy ways to create and distribute research surveys on social media platforms and how to crowdsource public opinion for projects. We’ll “web scrape” content from Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram about some current events and “listen in” to what it might tell us. And we’ll consider how to do this work ethically and responsibly — and why that matters. All first-years are welcome: no prior knowledge required. Bring your laptop with you. Thursday, November 7, 7:30-8:30PM; or Friday, November 15, 12-1PM, Lamont Library B30.

Polyamory. Join the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention & Response for a sex-positive conversation about sex and sexuality. This is the third conversation in a three-part series. Snacks will be provided. Thursday, November 7, 7:30-9PM, Ticknor Lounge, Boylston Hall.

Guided Meditation. Come once, come weekly, to these informal meditation gatherings. We will practice a 20-minute meditation. Practice will be eclectic and will include loving kindness meditation, breath meditation, body scan, and more! Everyone is welcome — no prior meditation experience is necessary. Brought to you by the Center for Wellness and Health Promotion. Monday–Friday, 12:15PM, Grays Hall, basement entrance, Serenity Room.

Journal Project Prompt #8: What is the most useful thing someone has ever taught you? How does that shape your approach to learning today?