ACADEMIC NEWS

ADVISING PROCESS: RPTS has instituted a new advising process that includes planning out all of your 2018-19 academic year.
* Explanation of the new procedure: rpts.edu/Registration/Academic_Advising.pdf.
* Begin the advising process: s.rpts.edu/RegAdv.
  Both links are available in the portal under RPTS Links.

The advising process requires time to move through each step. In order to complete advising in plenty of time to register by the deadline without a late fee, you should complete the online form TODAY, Monday, May 7. After today, no guarantees will be given for the process to be completed in time to register by the deadline.

AUDIT STUDENTS: You are not required to go through the Advising process. Simply email Vicki Smith (vsmith@rpts.edu) to receive your Registration PIN each quarter.

Registration for the Fall Quarter: Your account and any Library fines must be paid in full in order to register for classes. Late fees will be added to registrations made after Friday, May 11.

Requesting Incompletes: Incompletes will not be routinely granted to any student who applies for one. Incompletes will only be granted in exceptional cases and for true emergencies, as determined by the professor. In order to request an Incomplete Grade, a Request for an Incomplete form (found under the RPTS Links tab in the portal) must be initiated and submitted by the student before the Friday of finals week in a quarter. A professor has the right to deny permission to receive an incomplete grade.

Final Exam Schedule: See last page.

Student IDs: New Student IDs will be issued for the 2018-19 Academic year. If you would like your photo retaken, stop by the Seminary Office before summer break. Otherwise, we will use your existing photo.
Mercy Practicum: An independent practicum is offered where, for each ten hours in a quarter you do visitation at the RP Home to encourage the elderly, you can earn one credit. You will receive coaching from Dr. York at the beginning of the term, provide informal oral reports during the term, and pray for those with whom you visit. The independent study fee for this practicum is waived. If interested in participating for the Fall quarter, contact Dr. York as soon as possible.

Preaching Practicum: In the Fall quarter, Dr. York will offer a one-credit independent preaching practicum. Students will study the sermons of John Chrysostom then discuss their homiletical effectiveness and how they would have to be changed to fit a modern context. If interested, email byork@rpts.edu for permission to sign up.

IMPORTANT - Auditing Spouses: If your spouse wants to audit a class, he/she MUST apply as an audit student. Once accepted, he/she can register for the course. Class locations are dependent on class size which is determined by the registration process. See Ed Blackwood for details.

Summer & Fall Quarter Financial Aid & Tuition Payments: If you have registered for the Summer or Fall Quarters and have received notification that your financial aid has been applied, your Estimated Tuition Worksheet is available on the web portal under the Financials tab. If you do not receive financial aid, your updated balance is available as soon as you register. Remember that tuition payments are due on or before the first day of class.

Payment Plan: Anyone not paying in full by the first class of the Fall Quarter must have a written payment plan arranged with the RPTS Office for payment as follows: 1/3 of tuition and fees payable by the first class of the quarter, 1/3 due on the 4th of the month following the start of the quarter, and 1/3 due on the 4th of the second month following the start of the quarter. When the payment plan is arranged with the Office, the student will sign a promissory note as documentation of the plan and promise to pay. Contact Vicki Smith to set up your payment plan.

*The use of a Payment Plan for any previous term does not imply that you have one for the new term.

Course Evaluations: You will be provided with course evaluation forms for each of your courses for the quarter. You will receive an email for each course which will give you a link to the evaluation form for each course. Completing these evaluations is required of all students. We value your feedback!

RPTS ACTIVITIES

RPTS Commencement will take place on May 18 at 7:00 pm at Memorial Park Church, 8800 Peebles Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101. Everyone is invited to attend and rejoice with your classmates.

Volunteers Needed for Commencement Reception: Miriam York is looking for people to help serve and clean up the Commencement reception from 7:30-10 pm. Please contact Miriam at myork@rpts.edu to volunteer to assist.

Ice Cream! Everyone loves ice cream, especially the “Dairy King”, Jerry O’Neill. Join the Seminary community on May 10 from 1 - 3 pm for a time of ice cream and fellowship as we take time to thank Dr. O’Neill for 23 years of faithful ministry. Weather permitting, we will meet in the courtyard with lots of flavors and toppings. Bring your families, too! Let us know you are coming so we make sure there will be ice cream for you. Email Kim Backensto with the number of people attending.

The Westminster Conference will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8, at Memorial Park Church, 8800 Peebles Road, Allison Park. The theme of the conference is “Soundly Preaching the Word of God”. The speakers are Dr. Joel Beeke, Dr. Ligon Duncan III, Dr. Edward (Ted) Donnelly, and Dr. Barry York. A special roundtable discussion will be held to answer questions from the audience. Reformation Heritage Books and Crown and Covenant will both have book tables.

Register for current RPTS students (and their spouse) who register by August 8 is $10 each; those who register from August 9 to the conference, the cost is $15 each. (Regular individual registration is $30 through August 8, and $45 from August 9).

Lunch can be purchased for $6.50 each, and includes a meatball sandwich, salad, cookie, and drink.

Register here. Cash or check only, please.
Lost & Found: All items will be discarded after May 18, so check the bin in the laundry room for your lost belongings.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

May 8   Zach Smith
May 9   Nathaniel Cox
May 10  Frank Du
May 11  Joey Dunlap

NEWS FROM STUDENTS

Weekly Activities:
⇒ Faculty/Student Prayer: Tuesdays at 1 pm in 2nd floor classroom
⇒ Bite Sized Theology: Wednesdays at 12:20 pm (order lunch in Office by Monday if desired)
⇒ Tea/Prayer Time for Women: Fridays at 12:30 pm in Willson Center
⇒ World Missions Prayer Time: Fridays at 1:30 pm in the chapel.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Employment: Don’t Quit Inc. seeks a part-time clerk to work 3-5 hours a day. The clerk is responsible for the sale of merchandise, general upkeep of the shop, and to perform all duties as required to ensure the daily operations are handled in an efficient and effective manner. Call 412-512-8530 for more information.

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

If you desire to purchase lunch, you can do so in the Office at least two days in advance for $6 per meal.

Menu for May 8-11

Tues: Sloppy Joes and Chips
Weds: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Veggies
Thurs: Honey Mustard Chicken
Fri: Turkey Breast, Baked Potatoes

EXAM WEEK: Lunch will be served ONLY for dorm students and faculty.

ONSITE STUDENTS: Be sure to clean out your student mailbox prior to leaving for summer break.

ANDREW DINNER

RPTS 2018 SPRING EXAM SCHEDULE
514/18 - 5/18/18

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