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Classes end....Final exams take over

Maybe before you're even done that last final examination to finish off the Fall 2006 semester, you'll have registered for the Winter 2007 semester. 2007! It's just a week or so beyond Christmas day.

Maybe you'll think that you've been so busy getting through this semester and now it's done. You found the room where the exam was held, you wrote and now it's Christmas. You made it through the hectic schedule. Likely, regardless of what your marks settled out at for each course you were in, you feel you've learned something new about the world and, perhaps, yourself.

Take the break. Enjoy your holidays. Be with loved ones. You deserve a rest from your

studies. Do what you like to do to have your energy recharged.

Oh sure, there are holiday obligations which require some planning and preparations. Do you have to study for these?

Wherever your holiday journey takes you, whatever transpires on the break, just remember - the staff here at S'olh Shxwleli wishes you a safe and joyous Christmas. You'll be back in 2007 and so will we to cheer you on for academic success in the your educational journey.



Merry Christmas

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Did you Know...?

There is a Native American Xmas movie, a romantic comedy, called 'Christmas in the Clouds'?

Check it out online:
<http://www.christmasintheclouds.com/>

Elder Terry Prest becomes resident elder



Elder Terry Prest is a welcome addition to our S'olh Shxwleli family. Terry joined us in October of this semester. He has had many discussions with students - sometimes about study, sometimes about something pressing, or sometimes about life in general.

He will attend S'olh Shxwleli events as he is able to. Mostly though he will come to the centre several times a week. Students can feel free to drop by to see Terry or to leave a message for him. He may also be able to grant interviews for assignments.

S'olh Shxwleli proudly welcomes Elder Terry Prest (pictured at left).

Winter 2007: Important Registration Dates

Registration and Class Dates

Nov. 6	Winter registration times available through myUCFV .	Jan. 22	Fee payment deadline. Penalties apply if fees not paid in full.	Dec. 19	Last day to drop courses without financial penalty (100% refund).
Nov. 16	Registration begins.	Jan. 23	Late registration fee of \$20 per course in effect. No refunds or fee reductions are given for dropped courses or sections from this date.	Dec. 20—Jan. 5	A penalty of 5% of the total tuition fee will be charged for any dropped courses or sections.
Dec. 19	Last Day a course may be cancelled by UCFV under normal circumstances.	Feb. 5	Last day to add course without department head's permission.	Jan. 6—22	A penalty of 10% of the total tuition fee will be charged for any dropped courses or sections (for courses scheduled Jan 8-Apr 5).
Jan. 4	(4 pm) Course adds through myUCFV close at 4 pm. To register after this date, attend the first class and obtain instructors permission, then register in person or by phone.	Feb. 19	Semester break.	Until Feb. 12	Withdraw without a "W" appearing on transcript (for courses scheduled Jan 8-Apr 5).
Jan. 5	No course registrations while class lists are prepared.	Feb. 20	Semester break.	Feb. 13—Mar. 15	Withdrawals available. A "W" grade will be recorded on transcript.
Jan. 8	Classes begin. Instructor's permission required to register in a course.	Mar. 15	Final day to withdraw from classes (for courses scheduled Jan. 8—Apr. 5)	Mar. 15	Final day to withdraw from classes (for courses scheduled Jan 8-Apr 5).
Jan. 10	(noon) Deadline to login to online courses.	Apr. 5	Last day of classes.		
		Apr. 10—23	Examination period—no classes. (Saturdays included.)		

Drop / Withdrawal Dates and Penalties

Authentic Mayan tamale cooking demonstration is well received at S'olh Shxwleli



Elba Pena showed many her of fellow UCFV students how tamales made in El Salvador. Elba moved to Canada sixteen years ago bringing with her a wealth of traditional knowledge. To the left, she explains how to use banana leaves. Above a student is about to enjoy a sample while Elba prepares and discusses her recipe.

Young musician performs at Metis Day celebration

National Metis Celebration November 16th 2006

Aimee Fauteux performed four sets of Metis fiddle tunes at the Abbotsford campus. Aimee, an award winning fiddler and multi-talented musician, was the featured artist at the annual S'olh Shxwlel National Metis Day celebration on November 16th. Aimee has been tutored by Metis master fiddler John Arcand in the finer points of Metis style fiddling. Aimee has won competitions throughout BC and at the John Arcand Fiddle Festival held annually in Saskatoon. Besides being an accomplished Metis fiddler, Aimee also plays classical violin, guitar, standup bass, and piano. Considering she has been studying music for under four years and she is several months shy of her twelfth birthday, Aimee's musicianship is quite astonishing. And she is becoming quite an accomplished Metis jigger (dancer) in her age group as well.

Songs performed in the traditional Metis way are unique. Though based in European fiddle traditions, the Metis have drawn as much from aboriginal traditions in song writing, rhythm, and beat. Further, Metis fiddle music is intimately interwoven with the Metis jigging tradition. Together, these two aspects of Metis traditional culture breathe life into and become an important element of the revival of a longstanding oral tradition.



Some Metis songs require retuning a fiddle. Aimee has two on hand so that she can switch between differently tuned fiddles.



Aimee has been taught by Metis fiddle legend John Arcand.

The National Metis Day Celebration at UCFV was organized with the unceasing generosity and the wise counsel of respected Metis elder Rene Inkster. Rene is a long serving member of the Aboriginal Community Council, an advisory body to UCFV's president's office. She has also been involved in the the Friend's of UCFV organization.

Check out Metis Fiddle and Cultural Information Online:

<http://www.metisresourcecentre.mb.ca/history/music.htm>

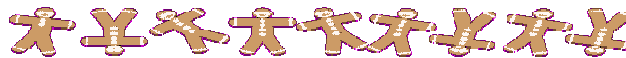
<http://www.johnarcand.com/>

<http://www.johnarcandfiddlefest.com/>

http://cado.ayn.ca/lyle_story6.asp



Did You Know...?



The shortening of the word 'Christmas' to 'Xmas' originates from the Greek language. The Greek word for Christ is 'Xristos' and it was shortened to 'X'.

In the days of the Roman Empire, Romans celebrated the fun and festive Saturnalia during the season that has since become Christmas. It was thought that during winter solstice, the sun died. The sun was then reborn.

Commercially grown Christmas trees take seven to ten years to mature.

Electric lights for Christmas trees were first mass produced in 1890.

Checkit out online:

<http://www.novareinna.com/festive/xmas.html>



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Help for UCFV students in need



If you are finding there are times when your cupboards are bare, there is help. Student Life has food hampers for those students who run short on funds. The food hampers are donated by the food bank and you cannot get a hamper if you are already receiving one. All you need to get a hamper is proof that you are enrolled as a student at UCFV. The food hampers are limited to one per month. Please see the Student Life coordinator, Elicia Tournier or if you prefer, you may contact the Aboriginal Coordinators to fill in an application or to ask for more details.

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