

## Family Weekend

Family Weekend is a wonderful opportunity to visit MTSU and learn more about where your student's college life is happening. Enjoy all the events and have a great time!

### BE LOUD! BE PROUD! BE BLUE!

Get in the spirit of MTSU athletics! Join other fans and cheer the Blue Raiders on to victory! The time of year Family Weekend is held determines which sporting events are featured.



Please be watching for brochures and postcards about this event-packed weekend. You may also visit our Web site for up-to-date information.

[www.mtsu.edu/~nsfp](http://www.mtsu.edu/~nsfp)



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Each one of us can make a difference.  
Together we make change.  
- Barbara Mikulski



Lightning wants YOU to join our  
Parent and Family Association

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## What is it?

- A support system that facilitates sending a student off to college
- A volunteer, low-pressure organization that allows parents and families to be involved in their student's education
- A vehicle through which parents can ask questions and make suggestions
- A way to enhance communication between MTSU and families by sharing information and resources in a timely manner
- Publisher of a newsletter designed to keep parents and families up-to-date on happenings at MTSU
- A network of parents/family members who can promote MTSU throughout the state and country
- A facilitator of financial contributions to the MTSU Foundation, enhancing the University's ability to meet the needs of students and families
- A valuable partnership that can enhance the educational experience



## Why join?

- Get six newsletters a year (3 fall/3 spring).
- Use your Very Important Parent (VIP) discount card and get discounts at hotels, restaurants, bookstores, and gift stores in the Murfreesboro area.
- Receive a Welcome Pack (license plate cover, Mom and Dad buttons, Parents Association static window sticker, transition information, magnet with 1-800 number that rings directly into our office, ink pen, VIP card, and laundry bag).
- Sign up for Lightning's e-mail Listserv to receive important university announcements and info on upcoming events (drop dates, family weekend information, etc.) more often and quicker than a newsletter. You may also participate in discussions. Don't miss this opportunity to stay connected with MTSU.
- Feel involved in your student's college experiences without compromising his or her independence.
- Students of association members can apply for multiple book scholarships each year. Please visit our Web site for details: [www.mtsu.edu/~parents](http://www.mtsu.edu/~parents)

## Examples of activities

- Random Acts of Kindness throughout the year: cookies, lemonade, muffins and coffee/hot cocoa
- Thanksgiving dinner for students with no place to go for the holiday



## Comments from members

**"Being a resource, a sounding board, and sometimes even a shoulder has been a very nice transition from 13 solid years as a parent/teacher and student organization volunteer."** – Jessica Brown

**"The Parent and Family Association gives mom and dad a sense of connection to the student who is away from home. We especially like the fact that questions and answers are forwarded to all on the distribution list so that we are aware of what other parents are thinking."**

– Phil and Marilyn Dawson



**"When my son went to MTSU, I had the same apprehensions as any other parent. I am an administrator at another university, one that takes pride in taking care of students with a high degree of personal care and attention. I am pleased to report that MTSU offers the same kind nurture. The Parent and Family Association has proven to be an outstanding, efficient, and effective vehicle for providing information concerning the kind of experiences our children are getting."**

– Don Good