Inside this issue:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Closing &amp; Delay Information</th>
<th>1</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>25 Study Tips for Finals Week</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prepare for Winter Driving</td>
<td>3-4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Closing and Delay Information**

Please be advised of the various ways that we make important announcements concerning weather or emergency cancellations and delays:

1. Through the e2Campus notification system (registration required).

2. Go to the University's website homepage at www.wne.edu a banner will be posted regarding any closings or delays.

3. You may call the University's main telephone number at 413-782-3111 for a recorded message of the announcement.

4. You may listen to or watch the following radio or television stations:

   **Hartford, CT stations:** WTIC Radio 1080 AM or 96.5 FM, WRCH 100.5 FM, WZMX 93.7 FM

   **Springfield, MA stations:** WWLP-TV, WGGB-TV, WSHM-TV, WHYN Radio 560 AM or 93.1 FM, WPKX Radio 100.9

   **Pittsfield, MA stations:** WBRK Radio 1340 AM or 101.7 FM

   **Chicopee, MA station:** WACE Radio 730 AM

Every effort will be made to finalize decisions about cancelling day classes by 6:00 a.m., and, if necessary, the decision to cancel evening classes will be made by 2:00 p.m.

Each individual must make his or her own decision as to whether or not to travel to the campus if classes are not cancelled.

Students should be advised that, if classes/exams are not canceled and a student is unable to get to campus, it is the student's responsibility to contact the faculty member(s) to make appropriate arrangements.
'Tis the Season to Prepare for Winter Driving

With the change of seasons most people examine their wardrobes. Last season’s coat is inspected for wear, boots, sweaters hats and gloves come out of the closet for scrutiny. AAA reminds motorists that cars also need seasonal checkups. AAA recommends that motorists use a simple checklist to determine their car’s fall and winter maintenance needs. Most of the items on the checklist can be inspected by car owners in less than an hour, but several others should be performed by a certified technician.

**Winter Car Care Checklist**

**Battery and Charging System** – Have the battery and charging system tested by a trained technician. A fully charged battery in good condition is required to start an engine in cold weather.

**Battery Cables and Terminals** – Make sure the battery terminals and cable ends are free from corrosion, and the connections are tight.

**Drive Belts** – Inspect the underside of accessory drive belts for cracks or fraying. Many newer multi-rib “serpentine” belts are made of materials that do not show obvious signs of wear; replace these belts at 60,000-mile intervals.

**Engine Hoses** – Inspect cooling system hoses for leaks, cracks or loose clamps. Also, squeeze the hoses and replace any that are brittle or excessively spongy feeling.

**Tire Type and Tread** – In areas with heavy winter weather, installing snow tires on all four wheels will provide the best winter traction. All-season tires work well in light to moderate snow conditions, provided they have adequate tread depth. Replace any tire that has less than 3/32-inches of tread. Uneven tire wear can indicate alignment, wheel balance or suspension problems that must be addressed to prevent further tire damage.

**Tire Pressure** – Check tire inflation pressure more frequently in fall and winter. As the average temperature drops, so will tire pressures – typically by 1 PSI for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit. The proper tire pressure levels can be in the owner’s manual or on a sticker typically located on the driver’s side door jamb. Also, check the spare.

**Air Filter** – Check the engine air filter by holding it up to a 60-watt light bulb. If light can be seen through much of the filter, it is still clean enough to work effectively. However, if light is blocked by most of the filter, replace it.

**Coolant Levels** – Check the coolant level in the overflow tank when the engine is cold. If the level is low, add a 50/50 solution of coolant and water to maintain the necessary antifreeze capability. Test the antifreeze protection level with an inexpensive tester available at any auto parts store.

**Lights** – Check the operation of all headlights, taillights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers, and back-up lights. Replace any burnt out bulbs.

**Wiper Blades** – The blades should completely clear the glass with each swipe. Replace any blade that leaves streaks or misses spots. In areas with snow, consider installing winter wiper blades that wrap the blade frame in a rubber boot to reduce ice and snow buildup that can prevent good contact between the blade and the glass.

**Washer Fluid** – Fill the windshield washer fluid reservoir with a winter cleaning solution that has antifreeze components to prevent it from freezing.

**Brakes** – If there is any indication of a brake problem, have the system inspected by a certified technician to ensure all components are in good working order.

**Transmission, Brake and Power Steering Fluids** – Check all fluids to ensure they are at or above the minimum safe levels.

**Emergency Road Kit** – Carry an emergency kit equipped for winter weather. The kit should include:
‘Tis the Season to Prepare for Winter Driving

Continued from page 2

- Bag of abrasive material (sand, salt, cat litter) or traction mats
- Snow shovel
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Window washer solvent
- Ice scraper with brush
- Cloth or roll of paper towels
- Jumper cables
- Extra warm clothing (gloves, hats, scarves)
- Blankets
- Warning devices (flares or triangles)
- Drinking water
- Non-perishable snacks for both human and pet passengers
- First-aid kit
- Basic toolkit (screwdrivers, pliers, adjustable wrench)
- Mobile phone and car charger pre-programmed with rescue apps and important phone numbers including family and emergency services

Adapted from: 'Tis the Season to Prepare for Winter Driving | AAA NewsRoom."AAA NewsRoom. 3 Oct. 2011.