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Parents Weekender 2014

WELCOME Parents

WELCOME GAME DAY
Hi families,

Welcome to Parents Weekend! While you’re here, we wish you three days full of campus tours, football and big hugs, followed by even bigger eye rolls from your student.

If you’re new to town, you’re in luck. We’ll be in class Friday, but you can hang around town until we get out. We’ve taken care of the weekend’s what-to-do’s for you and compiled everything into this handy guide. Grab some lunch in the Vista, shop in Five Points, explore campus and soak up the down time while you have some.

Because I’m going to be real with you, here — this weekend is jam-packed.

ESPN’s College GameDay will broadcast live from the Horseshoe Saturday morning. Pre-GameDay activities are planned for all day Friday, and overnight camping will take over the Horseshoe Friday night. The show starts bright and early at 9 a.m., but campus will be abuzz long before then. Country artist Kenny Chesney will predict the game alongside Lee Corso and Desmond Howard before the Gamecocks face off against the Missouri Tigers at Williams-Brice 7 p.m. Saturday.

If you’re in the market for even more athletics, once again, you’re in luck. Volleyball and both men’s and women’s soccer start conference games this weekend. Men’s soccer goes against Marshall Friday; volleyball takes the court Friday against Ole Miss and Sunday against Kentucky; and women’s soccer will face off against Missouri Friday and Georgia Sunday.

We’ve got plenty of football content to get you up to speed on how the Gamecocks have played so far this season. Oh, and we put in some tips and traditions to make sure you’re the hippest parents in Columbia this weekend. Need a good family photo? We already picked out the most Christmas-card-worthy backdrops.

And there are plenty of Parents Weekend activities scheduled for registered families, so check out the itinerary. Rumor has it there’s a beach party Friday and a tailgate Saturday.

I know, it’s a lot. I told you it was a jam-packed weekend, right?

But the most important thing is the quality time. It doesn’t really matter what you’re doing, as long as you make a few memories with the family while you’re here.

Thank you, parents. We really appreciate you making the trip to see us, and we’ve been looking forward to dinner off the meal plan since August.

Hannah Jeffrey
Editor-in-Chief
Dear Gamecock friends, family and parents,

Welcome to the University of South Carolina! We are so excited to have you visit our beautiful campus and enjoy an exciting and fun-filled weekend. Your students are ready to see you and show you around their new home away from home.

While you are here, I implore you to visit our beautiful Horseshoe, check out the College GameDay festivities and enjoy fellowship with our Gamecock Family over football and some South Carolina barbecue. Many of the activities of this weekend will allow you to experience our Carolina culture and meet the many members of faculty, staff and alumni.

You are an important part of our community, and a lot of our success would not be possible without your support. Let this weekend be a celebration of your role in our Carolina Family, and I hope you enjoy every moment.

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Gamecocks embrace big stage when ESPN's College GameDay comes to town

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It’s 10 a.m. Do you know where your children are? More likely than not, the answer is “on the Horseshoe,” assuming that question is asked tomorrow, that is.

ESPN’s signature college football preview show, College GameDay, is returning to Columbia this weekend for the seventh time ahead of South Carolina’s tilt with Missouri.

For three hours, the GameDay crew highlights key matchups in college football and discusses the major story lines of the past week. Andt the end of it all, the gang makes their picks on the full slate of games with the help of a celebrity picker. Kenny Chesney will have the honor this time around.

The picking of South Carolina’s game against Missouri will cap off the show, and analyst Lee Corso will put on the head of one of the participating schools’ mascots. The result will be either a raucous applause from the crowd or enough ‘boos’ to make 13 “Monsters Inc.” sequels. There is no in-between.

In honor of GameDay choosing Columbia as the hotspot in this week of college football, here are some highlights of GameDay’s previous encounters with the Gamecocks

Sept. 1, 2005 - South Carolina 24, Central Florida 15

After three years away from the college game, Steve Spurrier returned to the sidelines with the Gamecocks on a season-opening Thursday night. The Head Ball Coach left Florida to coach the Washington Redskins in the NFL after the 2001 season but spent just two years there before taking a year away from the game. In the first game of the Spurrier era at South Carolina, sophomore Blake Mitchell threw for 330 yards and three
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touchdowns in his first career start, helping lead the Gamecocks to a 24-3 lead in the third quarter. The Knights made a late run, but South Carolina held on for the first of nine-consecutive season-opening wins.

Oct. 9, 2010 - No. 19 South Carolina 35, No. 1 Alabama 21

The Gamecocks defeated the No. 1 team in the land for the first time in program history at the expense of the defending national champions, who were also riding a 19-game winning streak. Quarterback Stephen Garcia threw three touchdown passes, two to Alshon Jeffery, and Marcus Lattimore scored three touchdowns. The South Carolina defense held the country's best tailback duo — Mark Ingram and Trent Richardson — to 64 yards combined. After a 21-3 Gamecock lead was cut to 28-21 early in the 4th quarter, punched it in from two yards out, capping off a 74-yard drive that sealed the game. South Carolina won the SEC East for the first time that season, falling to eventual national champion Auburn in the conference title game.

Oct. 6, 2012 - No. 6 South Carolina 35, No. 5 Georgia 7

A showdown between SEC East foes was good enough to get the GameDay crew to return to Columbia for a sixth time. On this night, the Gamecocks looked as poised as any team in program history to make a run at the national title. It was 21-0 before anybody could blink, thanks to two Connor Shaw touchdown passes and a punt return touchdown by Ace Sanders. The defense held Georgia's star quarterback, Aaron Murray, to 109 yards passing and an South Carolina jumped to No. 3 in the next edition of the AP poll, only to lose a tight contest at LSU the following week.

The Horseshoe promises to provide an electric atmosphere starting Friday night, with plenty of clever signs, chants and crowd antics to go around. This should be fun.
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Friday, Sept. 26

Visit a Friday Class at Carolina.

These professors have opened their classes today for you to visit! Make sure to arrive early, and please find a seat near the back.

8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.
• The Ocean Environment (MSCI 101), Currell 107
• University 101, Section 001, West Quad A208
• University 101, Section 002, West Quad C108

9:40 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
• Oceans and Society (MSCI 210), Booker T. Washington 201
• Introduction to the Environment (ENVR 101), Jones Physical Science Building 002
• University 101, Section C02, Capstone Hall 105
• University 101, Section C03, Columbia Hall 109

10:50 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.
• University 101, Section 13, Patterson Hall 103
• University 101, Section S02, Columbia Hall 107

Noon to 12:50 p.m.
• Earth Resources (GEOL 205), Jones Physical Science Building 002
• University 101, Section 21, West Quad A208
• University 101, Section 190, Petigru 101
• University 101, Section C06, Columbia Hall 107
• University 101, Section C07, Capstone 105

1:10 p.m. to 2 p.m.
• Introduction to the Earth (GEOL 101), Jones Physical Science Building 210
• University 101, Section 23, West Quad C108
• University 101, Section 24, Columbia Hall 109
• University 101, Section 171, Patterson Hall 103
• University 101, Section C09, Columbia Hall 107

Natural Curiosity: The University of South Carolina and the Evolution of Scientific Inquiry in the Natural World

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
McKissick Museum, 3rd Floor

South Carolina Political Collections
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Ernest F. Hollings Library, Thomas Cooper Library

School of Law Groundbreaking Ceremony
10 a.m.
Corner of Bull and Senate streets

Behind-the-Scenes Tour of McKissick Museum
11 a.m. to noon
McKissick Museum, 2nd floor

Parents Weekend Check-In
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Russell House Ballroom

Parent Resource Fair
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Russell House Ballroom

Gourmet Lunch Buffet at the McCutchen House
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
McCutchen House, Horseshoe

Pep Rally
11:45 a.m.
Greene Street in Front of the Russell House

Mother/Daughter Self-Defense Class
Noon to 4 p.m.
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Martial Arts Room

My Student is Greek — Now What?
1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Russell House, Room 205

Study Abroad: See the World!
3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Russell House Theater

What’s the Big Deal About Sweet Tea?
3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Russell House, ODK Room (Room 315)

Garnet is the New Black: Style Workshop
4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Russell House, Room 203

President’s Welcome Reception
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
President’s House, Horseshoe

Women’s Soccer vs. Missouri
6 p.m.
Eugene E. Stone Stadium

Women’s Volleyball vs. Ole Miss
6 p.m.
Volleyball Competition Facility, 1051 Blossom Street

Men’s Soccer vs. Marshall
8:30 p.m.
Eugene E. Stone Stadium
Saturday, Sept. 27

Parents Weekend 5K
8 a.m. (rain or shine)
Solomon Blatt PE Center, Wheat Street

Parents Weekend Check-In
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Russell House Ballroom

Tour of McKissick Museum’s Exhibitions
11 a.m. to noon
McKissick Museum

Food for Thought
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bates Diner (located at Bates House)

Baruch Silver Collection
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
McKissick Museum

Natural Curiosity: The University of South Carolina and the Evolution of Scientific Inquiry in the Natural World
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
McKissick Museum
Traditions, Change and Celebration: Native Artists of the Southeast
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. McKissick Museum

South Carolina vs. Missouri
7 p.m. Williams-Brice Stadium

Parents Weekend Tailgate Party
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. USC Practice Field, National Guard and Bluff Roads

Transformers: Age of Extinction
9 p.m. Russell House Theater

Honors College Picnic
12:30 to 2 p.m. Horseshoe

Women’s Soccer vs. Georgia
1 p.m. Eugene E. Stone Stadium

Women’s Volleyball vs. Kentucky
1:30 p.m. Volleyball Competition Facility, 1051 Blossom Street

Sunday, Sept. 28

Women’s Soccer vs. Georgia
1 p.m. Eugene E. Stone Stadium

Top of Carolina Brunch
10 a.m. Top of Carolina, Capstone House

Food for Thought
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bates Diner (located at Bates House)

Honors College Picnic
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Places to go: what you need to see

Check out these campus staples when the family gets some downtime

Collyn Taylor
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The Horseshoe

The Horseshoe serves as a place for dorms, classrooms and USC President Harris Pastides’ house at the center of campus. The Horseshoe is a great place to have a Sunday lunch or walk around Friday night. It’s a great place for a family photo and you can always help your parents find the Hootie and the Blowfish brick.

Longstreet Theatre

Originally designed as a chapel, Longstreet Theatre now features a circular stage, sound system and a hydraulic stage. It holds plays for students, faculty and community members, where you can see the history of the campus and snap a couple photos.

Williams-Brice Stadium

At a capacity of 80,250, this stadium is one of the largest college football stadiums in the country. Want to make 80,250 new friends? Get a ticket to the next home game.

Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center

With basketball and racquetball courts, ping pong tables, indoor and outdoor pools and a running track, Strom sounds like the full package. Then there are the weightlifting and cardio areas. And the Zumba, kickboxing and spin classes. And the sand volleyball courts and intramural fields. It really is the place to go for an early-morning workout before heading down to Williams-Brice to tailgate.

Thomas Cooper Library

Sandwiched between Russell House University Union and Longstreet Theatre, Thomas Cooper Library is home to numerous special collections of books and artifacts that you can see. Bonus: the fountain outside the library is a great place to relax in the sun.

Top of Carolina

This revolving restaurant serves an all-you-can-eat buffet Sundays located at the top of Capstone. Get a 360-view of the city every hour while you have Sunday brunch before your parents head home.

Darla Moore School of Business

The newly-opened school of business is state-of-the-art. It offers economically-friendly measures to reduce emissions and features study rooms, a mini stock exchange and a palmetto tree garden. Business students, show you parents how nice your new school is this weekend.

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Best Places To Shop

Columbia might not be directly on your radar when it comes to fashion, but there are an abundance of stores that can satisfy your major or minor shopping addiction. No matter your style, Columbia has something option for you (and your parents, too)! So, if you're in the market for a few new pieces for your fall wardrobe, grab your parents and hit the shops.

Katie Cole
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Sid Nancy
If you're someone who likes shopping finding hidden gems, Sid Nancy is the place to go. The store carries secondhand clothing and accessories, and customers are almost always guaranteed to walk out with something they love. I've found fantastic black heels here and friends have found great peplum dresses and printed tops after their stop. Look through everything and don't write anything off until you try it on; you never know what you'll find!

Wish
Wish hosts a variety of preppier styles, but has a wide selection of clothes that are more on the bohemian side. Wish also offers customizable monogram necklaces, keychains with Greek letters, not to mention a solid assortment of other jewelry, as well. Their sale rack always has great options, so even if you're not sure what you're looking for, you're bound to find something at Wish.

Vestique
Vestique has everything from game day dresses to fringed crop tops and shoes ranging from heels to perfect-for-fall ankle boots. The entire upstairs of Vestique is used for the sale section, and right now, they have some great summer-to-fall transitional pieces that could star in any girl's closet. The staff is friendly and knowledgeable, and if you have a question they're always ready to help.

STEEL Garden
For anyone who rocks the bohemian chic look, look no further than STEEL Garden. Cool printed crop tops, panama hats, fedoras, maxi skirts, muscle tees and cut-out dresses reign supreme in STEEL Garden and offers one of the most unique shopping experiences in Five Points. The staff there is friendly, and with the impossibly put-together looks that are featured at STEEL Garden, this should be a definite stop on anyone's list.

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Parents Weekend 2014

Best of Dining: Columbia restaurants

Grab lunch in Columbia with family in town, show off local eateries at breakfast, lunch, dinner this weekend

Katie Cole
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When your parents are in town, you want to give them the best Columbia experience you can — especially the dining scene, since they’re probably picking up the bill this weekend. Whether you’re looking for something more high-end, a casual lunch spot or a place that really embodies Columbia, we’ve got a guide to help you find the perfect spot.

Motor Supply Co. Bistro

Head chef Wesley Fulmer constantly creates delicious, innovative menu items every day from local food, putting Motor Supply among restaurants now preparing the popular “farm-to-table” cuisine. Not only is Fulmer creative in the kitchen, but he’s also attentive to customers and always has a smile on his face. It’s clear he loves what he does, and once you try the food, you’ll love what he does, too. And parents, Motor Supply also has a great cocktail and wine menu.

SakiTumi

There are a host of Japanese restaurants in Columbia, but SakiTumi has the some of the best menu options and freshest ingredients in town. They boast different deals for each night of the week, whether it is half off bottles of wine, 50-cent sushi pieces, or half price sake, SakiTumi will always have something to entice you. The staff is knowledgeable, and if you’re feeling up for it, you can enroll in a sushi-making class yourself. If craving Japanese cuisine this weekend, make SakiTumi your first stop.

Pawleys Front Porch

If you are from up north — or anywhere else that doesn’t fry most things — make sure to take your parents to Pawleys Front Porch, where you can experience fried pickles in all their glory. Yes, it may sound weird, but don’t knock it till you try it. The burger options are endless at Pawleys, and the family will walk away with the satisfaction of knowing they’ve been to a restaurant featured on “Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives.”

Groucho’s

The famous sandwich chain store began right in Five Points, so if you're looking for a casual lunch spot to take your parents to, look no further than Groucho’s. There is a sandwich for everyone (vegetarians, too!), and they have salads, as well. Groucho’s special chips are served with every sandwich, and you can’t get the secret sauce anywhere else. And if you’re a fan of sweet tea, Groucho’s also hosts some of the best sweet tea in Columbia.

Sizzle

The new bacon-themed restaurant is sure to be a hit if your parents are meat lovers or vegetarians who love the smell. The space is great to watch some pro football Sunday before the family leaves, with several TVs stationed throughout the restaurant. Everything you could think of is accented with bacon — if you’ve ever wanted to try a bacon flavored margarita, make Sizzle a stop on your weekend calendar.
Let's be honest, parents — if your student has a meal plan, there’s a strong possibility he or she spends a fair share of dinner swipes on ice cream. (Just ask them what they’re doing in Russell House at midnight on Thursdays — go on.) And you can’t blame them. College is a stressful place and ice cream melts that all away (pun intended).

Located right next to Drip coffeehouse, Scoopy Doo opened its doors earlier this year and has become a go-to destination for those of us who live in the continuous Columbia heat wave. It’s a pleasant place to get off the street and cool down with one of their ever-changing flavored treats. Not only do they offer gelato, but they’ve also got sorbetto, a dairy-free fruit treat. Think: artisanal sherbet.

I’m not kidding about the flavors — they really do have everything. The last time I stopped by for a scoop, they had red velvet, pistachio, lemon-lime, green tomato-basil (don’t knock it til you try it) and peach. They also offer standard vanilla and chocolate, but who wouldn’t want to try their mango sorbetto with a sliver of lime (gelato, that is)? And you can get any of those flavors blended into a frappe. I highly recommend a blend of red velvet, strawberry and chocolate, with a waffle cone tossed in for good measure.

If you can get there at the right time, chances are you can watch some magic happen in the kitchen. Owner and chef, Sean McCrossin, uses the hot process (which means the gelato is pasteurized, then quickly frozen) to ensure maximum flavor in every batch. It’s pretty inspiring to watch a guy in chef’s whites mix sorbetto ingredients in a bright orange, five gallon bucket with what looks like a giant-sized screwdriver. Effort like that makes a good taste even better.

If you’ve got the time, relax in the back gallery space. It’s a nice quiet place to catch up with friends (or parents this weekend) or just read a book. Scoopy Doo also offers a selection of unique, loose-leaf teas, any pot of which goes especially well with a book of poetry or a newspaper. (The Daily Gamecock, anyone?) ◇
Red velvet gelato

A frappe with strawberry, red velvet and chocolate gelato, blended with a waffle cone

A pot of Scarlet tea

When Columbia is just too hot to handle. Or when your parents are in town. Or when you just want to treat yo’ self. (But if you’re looking for more bang for your buck, stop by on Mondays for a free cone with your order, or on Tuesdays for buy-one-get-one free.)
Go Cocks, Beat Missouri!
In Columbia: Family Pictures

Our picks for your precious Parents Weekend fam pics

The Daily Gamecock staff
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Kamila Malko | Weekender
First time in Columbia? That’s OK. We’ve all been there. Don’t let your lack of geographical familiarity stop you from snapping the perfect shot for the refrigerator door. Parents, grab the camera and the kids, and check out the best spots in Columbia to grab a picture, specially selected from our family to yours.

Horseshoe
Take a walk through the Horseshoe, or bring a picnic and make a day of it. Snap some silly pics between the trees or pose in front of McKissick Museum — the entire space is basically a photo shoot set.

Longstreet Theatre
Longstreet’s steps are a great spot to stack the fam up and get some leveled shots. Have each level strike a different pose, or line up tallest to shortest. Whatever pose you strike, take in the history of the place.

Finlay Park
Finlay Park is Columbia’s biggest and most beautiful park and ideal for a family portrait. The spiral fountain is a work of art that echoes outward in waterfalls and rivers. Besides its ostentatious centerpiece, Finlay Park’s size and well-maintained grounds make it a great daytrip.

Clapping Circle
It’s a quick stop, but don’t miss it — outside of Russell House is USC’s famous “Clapping Circle,” a unique spot in the path that will echo from its center. Stand in the middle of the circle and let that clap rip — it’s unexpectedly delightful. And students, make sure to get some shots of mom and dad embarrassing themselves, too.

Hootie and the Blowfish statue
Darius Rucker and fellow bandmates are rumored to have met on the Horseshoe, so of course Columbia erected a monument in their honor. It’s a must-see spot in Five Points, and the giant statue is a great place to get that tourist shot you’re looking for.

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USC Tradition Guide

Parents learn USC traditions, students help families become Gamecock fans this weekend

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USC has been around for a long time, and a lot of traditions have formed over the last 213 years.

Plan a special weekend for the family by experiencing some of the best-known traditions at USC. Here are a few ideas:

1. Students, by now you’re probably tired of your parents embarrassing you. So here’s a chance to embarrass them instead: bring them to the Clapping Circle between the Russell House patio and Davis Field and clap and make them clap until they hear the squeak.

2. Who says you have to stay on campus to experience all the USC traditions? Especially if you’re from out-of-state, take some time to show your parents Columbia’s history. Tours of the South Carolina State House, which is located where Main Street meets Gervais Street, are offered everyday. You can attend a tour every hour on the half hour from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. And don’t forget to look for the six stars on the outside of the building.

3. The Horseshoe will probably be the highlight of the tour your parents will probably force you to give them. Give it a competitive twist and challenge the family to find the Hootie and the Blowfish brick on the Horseshoe. Rumor has it that the bandmates actually met on the Horseshoe as freshmen. After finding the brick, snap a family photo with it — perfect for this year’s holiday card.

4. Parents will probably float the bills while they’re here, but they don’t always have to spend the big bucks for the family to have a good time. In fact, all you need is a penny. Flip a coin into the fountain outside of Thomas Cooper Library sometime over the weekend. While you’re at it, might as well wish for a little extra luck for the football team, too.

5. The best part of the weekend, for parents and students alike, is probably the football game on Saturday. Embrace the spirit of gameday, and sing along with the USC Fight Song and alma mater. Parents, get your spurs up and chant along with 80,000 of your newest friends.
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“Gamecocks” chant

A staple of Gamecock sports, no home event would be complete without the “Game-cock!” chant. Before the team comes out and before the “2001” theme, a guest chant leader will emerge on the field to lead the chant. As the leader counts down, “3...2...1” the west stands lets out a loud “Game!” chant which hits the east stands like a wave. The east stands replies, chanting “Cocks!” that echoes throughout the stadium. This goes on for a couple minutes before “2001” begins to boom through out the stadium.

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“Sandstorm”

One of the more recognizable college football pre-kickoff routines in the country, Sandstorm has become nationally known at South Carolina. As the team gets ready for every opening kickoff, the low tone starts it off and thus starts off the towels. As the song amplifies through the stands, the towels swing faster and faster right before kick with students chanting “U-S-C” to the beat. As the ball is kicked off, the song fades and students chant, “Go! Fight! Win! Kick a–!” to end the song. One thing to remember as the towels fly: the farther out you hold it, the less likely you are going to hit your neighbor.

Alma Mater

Before and after each game, the Mighty Sound of the Southeast plays the Carolina alma mater. Students link arms and sway back-and-forth as the music plays. At the end of the song, the band plays “Here’s a health, Carolina, forever to thee” as students hold up their hands as if they were giving a toast, toasting the university that they are apart of. The alma mater encourages togetherness and camaraderie. After every sporting event, the Gamecocks join the students by saluting their university and singing their alma mater.
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Do's and Don’ts

Parents Weekend only happens once a year, so it's important to know what to do — and what not to do. Here are some important tips to keep in mind, especially if you’re new to Columbia.
Katie Hambrick, coordinator of parents programs, offered her best advice for this weekend for both parents and students.

1. Do pick up your packet and materials at check-in in the Russell House Ballroom if you registered for Parents Weekend. You can check in Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make sure to “like” Parents Programs on Facebook to stay updated on the latest information at www.facebook.com/UofSCParents

2. Do participate in the many Parents Weekend activities! The Parents Weekend schedule of events offers more than 100 fun activities for the whole family. And do note that the events are only available to preregistered participants.

3. Do plan to leave early for the game on Saturday, and wear comfortable shoes — the walking around Williams-Brice really adds up.

4. Do fill up on some Southern food at the Carolina Beach Bash at 8 p.m. Friday and Tailgate Party at 4:30 p.m. on the football practice fields.

5. Do have a great weekend spending time with your family. Kids, let mom take some of those embarrassing family photos.

1. Don’t miss the opportunity to explore campus and learn new things about USC. Check out the map on page 12 if you need some help getting around!

2. Don’t forget your tickets to the football game and Parents Weekend Tailgate Party, and make sure you have a plan for getting there. Hop on the university shuttle and walk to the Tailgate Party (and walking directions can be found in your Guide to Parents Weekend).

3. Don’t miss seeing Cocky and his parents at the game and around the stadium on Saturday.

4. Don’t miss seeing the opportunity to see Gamecock Village outside of Williams-Brice Stadium on your way to the Tailgate Party. The exciting tailgate atmosphere is sure to get you ready for the game.

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Q&A with President Pastides

Few know more about USC and Parents Weekend than USC President Harris Pastides. The Daily Gamecock asked him a few questions you might be wondering, too.

What is your favorite part about USC?

“This is the hardest question The Daily Gamecock could ask! I would have to say that it’s the positive and affirming culture. We have a huge support system where we feel the spirit of helping and caring and we act on it, daily.”

What advice do you have for parents of USC students?

“Be an important part of your student’s support network ... but let them make the big decisions. This was hard for me with my son and daughter when they were in college but, eventually, it became easier. Now that they are independent, I can see the value of giving them the space they needed to grow and prosper.”

Where should parents make sure they go during Parents Weekend?

“Walk through the bookstore and the [Thomas Cooper Library]. Try the Top of Capstone for Sunday Brunch (better make a [reservation])! Check out the new Darla Moore School of Business. Just take it all in.”

What should parents make sure they do during Parents Weekend?

“Try to memorize the Alma Mater ... ‘We Hail Thee Carolina.’ It will feel great singing with the fans and the team after we beat Missouri!”
Lynn, Honors College dean and USC parent, shares his insight

Being away from your student for the first time can be difficult for parents. Lucky for Steve Lynn, dean of the Honors College, he works on the same campus where his daughter learns. We asked him about his experience with USC and being a parent of a Gamecock.

As an employee and a parent, what advice do you have for other parents of USC students?

Avoid artificial sweeteners? I don’t know. Perhaps this: as much as we’d like to shelter our children from stress and disappointment and even failure, opportunities to learn and grow and evolve are often the result of such struggles. So, be supportive, be patient, be ready to listen — there is learning going on, and it takes all forms.

What’s your favorite part about being a parent to a USC student?

We occasionally get to eat her cooking. And every once in a great while, I’ll run into her on campus.

What is your favorite part about USC?

I have loved USC for a long time, since I started as a student in 1970, so that’s a tough question. I am very fond of the Horseshoe and especially the South Caroliniana Library. But you have to love what is going on at the University: we’re in the highest Carnegie category for research, we’re attracting more and better students and hiring superb faculty, we’ve almost raised one billion dollars during an economic downturn! And our athletic teams are fun to watch.

What do you think parents should make sure to do while on campus?

Be sure to give your student a big hug and study them for a few minutes. Time flies. And take pictures. And write down some thoughts about the weekend in your own handwriting. Those will be precious someday.

Where do you think parents should make sure to go while on campus?

Walk on the Horseshoe — McKissick Museum has four very cool exhibitions right now. If they haven’t seen the Strom inside, it’s worth a peek. The new business school is amazing.
James Armstrong took over as No. 1 Gamecock fan this year

After four years as Cocky, Library and Information Sciences graduate student James Armstrong found a new way to cheer on the Gamecocks. As the new Mic Man for football games, he leads cheers and encourages student morale throughout the game.

Armstrong sat down with The Daily Gamecock to talk about his love for Carolina football and what every parent should remember for game day.

Daily Gamecock: Why do you love Carolina football?

James Armstrong: I started liking Carolina football right around the 0-11 year and going into the back-to-back Outback bowl wins. The roller coaster of emotions is always fun, and it puts life in perspective. Even through the worst loss or the best win, it’s just a game — but it’s a game I love rooting for. The A&M loss was rough, but at the end of the day, we welcomed some folks from Texas A&M that were some of the most hospitable people I’ve ever met.

DG: What is your favorite tradition at Carolina?

JA: I would have to say the alma mater. Something important to me is that you stay until the end, you raise your right hand, and you sing the alma mater. The cool thing is that win or loss, the team gathers and sings with you … We are creating a culture where it means something to be a Gamecock. Win or lose, it means something to honor your institution, and the alma mater is one of the best ways to do that.

DG: What’s your prediction for the game?

JA: I think that we are going to pin them back deep. Maty Mauk has the offense to put up some yardage, but I don’t think they’re going to punch it in. Coming back from Indiana, I think they are going to come out strong, but with the students and parents being as loud as possible and the defense manning-up, I think we are going to continue that. I would say the offense comes alive, and we win 33-13.

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You may have gotten used to the 100 degree weather and 200 percent humidity while lugging around half of the books from Thomas Cooper Library in your backpack, but it’s going to take some getting used to for your parents.
During Parents Weekend, you want to get the most out of your time with your parents while they’re here, but remember: they might not be able to walk from Russell House to Longstreet Theatre without a trail of sweat behind them.
Keep that in mind while you search for things to do while the folks are in town.
Lucky for you, Columbia offers a variety of places for you to cool off.
Jillian’s is a great way for you to spend some time with your parents. Located in the Vista, this restaurant and bar gives you plenty of entertainment and a place to spend time with the parents.
And Jillian’s offers things like live entertainment and pool, and if you don’t get a ticket to the game, there are plenty of TVs to watch the Missouri game. It’s a great way for your parents to grab a drink while you score some nachos on them.
While your parents are here, make sure to get as much good free food you can from them. Yes, the meal plan covers most of what you eat, but as college students, we can only eat Chick-fil-A and Taco Bell so much before we lose it.
While you’re trying to bum all that free food from your parents, keep it local. Columbia has tons of local restaurants like Harper’s and Sandy’s Famous Hotdogs.
As broke college students, it’s important to pick up as much stuff in the 72 hour period your parents are here.
Parents Weekend is a great time to go out and replenish those clothes that you haven’t washed since you moved in last month. Take your parents down to Five Points to explore some of the shopping that’s down there.
The primary reason of Parents Weekend is to reunite parents with their baby birds they helped lug mini fridges and Gamecock posters into dorm rooms in August. But we can’t lie — we won’t complain about getting dinner off the meal plan and picking up a few things at Target.
And don’t forget to show your parents around your second home — campus. You may miss it when you’re sprinting between Gambrell and the Coliseum in the 20 minutes between class, but Carolina’s campus really is scenic. Make sure you take them past places like Gibbes Green and the Horseshoe, so they can see what kind of school you go to.
Parents want to make sure the time they spend with their students this weekend is full of good times and memories — not to mention as much garnet and black apparel that they can fit in the car home.
Let them see your school, and show them the sights and sounds that Columbia has to offer.
Make sure that you utilize your parent’s to get some free meals that don’t include you saying, “Meal Plan” to the waiter.
Most importantly, make sure your parents leave with a new-found hatred for the color orange. ☒
A Year in Review

We're just one month in, and it's already been an exciting year for USC. It's hard to keep track of everything happening even if you're on campus every day. Parents, you probably haven't heard nearly as much as you've wanted to from your kids. Here's a recap to catch you up on what you may have missed and relive the highlights of the past year.

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Ongoing building boom

Students returned to school with several new buildings, but USC isn’t stopping there — there’s a still more construction to come.

The Darla Moore School of Business and the newly renovated Women’s Quad were completed for the fall 2014 semester.

The Moore School is home to six floors of faculty areas, a 250 seat classroom, a 500-seat auditorium and study rooms designed for group projects and collaboration, and it’s open for business.

“The reaction was amazing. We’ve got video of students walking and the first thing they were doing ... was saying, ‘Wow!’” said Peter Brews, Moore School dean. “They are very excited as far as we can tell. They’re not unhappy, I can promise you.”

The three residence halls that make up the Women’s Quad — Sims, McClintock and Wade Hampton — have underwent changes designed to bring the buildings up to modern standards.

“[We’re] putting a priority on making better student environments where students live,” said Kirsten Kennedy, executive director of USC Housing. “There’s a Student Success Center satellite in here to help students be successful. We’re striving for LEED gold in this building for sustainability. There are two classrooms here, kitchens and more gathering spaces to build a community.”

Next on USC’s construction list are the Leadership and Service Center on the second floor of Russell House and the journalism school, which will move from the Carolina Coliseum to the former Health Sciences Building. The Leadership and Service Center will open in spring 2015, and the new building for the School of Journalism and Mass Communications will open its doors in fall 2015.

Pastides enters seventh year with raise

Harris Pastides marked his seventh year at the university with a supplement increase of $108,800 paid for in private funds.

Pastides’ state-funded salary will stay constant at $286,200. He will receive an additional $100,000 if he remains employed by the university on July 1, 2015, and another $100,000 if he is still at his post on the same date in 2016.

“Harris’ steady, confident leadership has allowed USC to emerge stronger than ever as a globally recognized, high-impact university dedicated to a superior student experience,” said Gene Warr, chairman of the Board of Trustees. “We’ve gotten leaner administratively, innovated to meet the needs of students and the business community and now we’re educating more South Carolinians than ever before. There is no doubt Harris is among the best presidents in the country.”

Pastides is now the fourth-longest serving president in the SEC, and Warr said that hiring him was “one of the best decisions this board has ever made.”

In his tenure at USC, US News named USC Columbia as one of the 15 most efficient universities, and the school reached record levels of both philanthropic giving and external research funding. The academic reputation of USC through record SAT scores and GPAs of incoming freshmen have also risen over the last seven years.

Athletics

After a loss at home to Texas A&M that broke USC’s 18 home-game win streak, the Gamecock football team came back to win the next three consecutive games.

The Gamecocks (3-1, 2-1 SEC) beat East Carolina and Georgia at home, then pulled out another win for the first road game of the season against Vanderbilt. The Gamecocks face off against Missouri Saturday, looking to beat the Tigers for the third time in a row.

With Jadeveon Clowney and Connor Shaw gone, Dylan Thompson took over as quarterback this season. Other players to watch include running back Mike Davis, defensive back Brison Williams and wide receiver Pharoh Cooper.

The Gamecocks pulled off a school-first five-game win streak over in-state rival Clemson last year, and they’re hoping to go for win No. 6.

Student Government expands Carolina Cash

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“I think it’s good for businesses because our students do drive a lot of the economy in Columbia,” said Student Body President Lindsay Richardson. “So being a part of that and having it into that marketplace is not only good to build a relationship with all students who come in and out of all the businesses of our university, but also this overall enhances their business as well.”

Moe’s, one of the newest additions to the list, decided to offer Carolina Cash because of the overwhelming majority of college students that dine at their restaurant.

“The majority of our customers at this location are students at USC, and it’s just a good way to reach out,” Moe’s manager Alex McCartha said. “We’re friends of USC, and we like our customers.”

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Q: My roommate at the beginning of the year asked us if we were ok with him bringing his dog, and we all agreed. Who wouldn’t love an adorable chick magnet moping around? But now, we have to take care of him. What should we do?

— Doggy Duncan

A: First and foremost: Use your words. Make sure your roommate understands that you do not want to be responsible for his pet. Let him know that you did not sign up for this. If no one has the time to take care of it, it might be time to send that furry chick magnet home.

Q: Caffeine doesn’t work for me anymore. I’ve had so much coffee, tea and whatever else you can think of that I think I’ve become desensitized. How do I keep myself awake?

— Not-So-Hyper Helen

A: Go to sleep. Seriously, make time stay home and go to bed. Your body needs real rest, not artificial rest. Also, drink way more water than you think you need. Your body isn’t functioning properly unless it is properly hydrated.
Q: My daughter is a freshman here at USC, and I haven’t seen her since I moved her in. I’m excited to see her this weekend, but I’m not sure how to not embarrass her in front of all her new friends. What should I do?

— Dad in Distress

A: You daughter probably misses you as much as you miss her, so she’ll be very happy to see you. The rule of thumb is to listen to her. Don’t insist that you know more than her. Relinquish your role as the leader, and let her show you her world here, which she has been working really hard to establish. Keep things low-stress, and while she may shake her head at your “dad jokes,” she’s so happy you’re here.

Q: I’ve noticed that my son has gained a good deal of weight since I last saw him this summer, and I don’t know whether it’s harmless or something more serious. Is he eating unhealthily? Is it just the freshman 15? I don’t know how to start that conversation.

— Concerned Carol

A: It’s common for student health to change after venturing off to live on their own. They get to choose their own food, activity level and even how much sleep they get. This can all have an affect on their physical appearance. If you are concerned for his health, make sure to approach the situation casually. Don’t jump down his throat with a dramatic “intervention” type statement. He probably won’t respond well to you asking if he’s doing drugs when you two sit down to dinner. Ask how he’s feeling and really, really listen.
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ACROSS
1 Network that 31-Across is aired on
9 Airport runway
14 Tobacco ___ (collection of NC schools)
15 London greeting
16 King, queen, or bishop
17 Olympic figure skater Kulik
18 Pope called "The Great"
19 Turkey burger at Fresh Burger, eg
20 One of the anchors on 31-Across
23 Newspaper revenue source
24 Snack on
25 Trees once seen at Toomer's Corner in Auburn
26 Common undergrad degrees
27 "Welcome to the Jungle" band, for short
28 Five Points necessities
31 Sports program that will be at USC 9/27/2014
36 Former airline with a globelike logo
37 1st place team in the AL West, on the scoreboard
38 Amino ___
39 Where exactly 31-Across will be
42 Author of the "Little Red Book"
43 Strom workout spots
44 From ___Z
45 High schooler’s skin worry
47 Napoli numero
48 High crime?
51 See 55-Down
52 The “S” in CBS (abbr.)
53 Biblical town of winemaking fame
54 State home to the Hawkeyes
55 With 51-Across, expression often said to 20-Across on 31-Across

DOWN
1 Slezk of soaps
2 Cube or sphere
3 What socks come in 4 Fargo’s state (abbr.)
4 Let go, like a football player
5 On guard
6 Unpopular roommate
7 Chemical warfare weapon
8 Picnic utensil
10 Runs out of steam
11 Quick, in product names
12 “Law & Order: SVU” star
13 “___, O Lord” (Jeremiah 17:14)
14 “___ With the Wind” plantation
15 Some lectures
16 Five-speed options
18 Peculiar prefix
20 Miami’s county
22 “___, O Lord” (Jeremiah 17:14)
23 “___ With the Wind” plantation
24 Some lectures
25 Five-speed options
28 Peculiar prefix
29 Miami’s county
30 The "S" in CBS (abbr.)
31 Biblical town of winemaking fame
32 Mindful of
33 Travel far and wide
34 Become an expert
35 Grand Canyon sound effect
36 Puffy little dog,
for short
40 Author ___ Christian Andersen
41 Kid’s winter hat feature
45 Enthusiastic
46 Dressed like Superman
47 Steven of Aerosmith
48 Home ___ (sponsored for 31-Across)
49 Take a revolver from
50 Waits in traffic
51 Arty NYC section
52 “The Little Rascals” affirmative
53 Lisa at the Louvre
54 State home to the Hawkeyes
55 With 51-Across, expression often said to 20-Across on 31-Across

For solutions to today’s puzzle, go to dailygamecock.com or download our app!

Gameday Games

Each arrangement of letters below represents a familiar term used in American football. Can you guess all of the game day terms?

A
1. Safety
2. Wide Receiver
3. Touch

B
1. Turn
2. Sudden Death Overtime
3. Touchdown

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1. Interception
2. DOWN
3. BER

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2. Wide Receiver
3. Touchdown

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South Carolina takes on Missouri Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium for rematch following last season’s all-time classic

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We all know what happened in this game last season.
But if you’re new to the school this year or need a refresher, let’s get you in the loop.

Last October, the Gamecocks traveled to Columbia, Missouri. A loss looked imminent, as South Carolina trailed 17-0 heading into the fourth quarter.

Connor Shaw, barely able to walk with a sprained knee, stepped in as the Gamecocks’ quarterback midway through the third quarter and led his team back in overtime.

Shaw converted a key fourth-and-long touchdown pass to again tie the game in the extra period. Then, in the second overtime, Missouri kicker Andrew Baggett hit the upright on a short field goal attempt to win the game.

The Tigers went on to win the SEC East last season, but losing that convincing lead in their home stadium stung, and there’s no doubt the team wants revenge for that defeat against South Carolina that cost them a perfect regular season.

The Gamecocks’ current quarterback, Dylan Thompson, started that game against Missouri a year ago before being pulled in favor of the hobbled Shaw.

“I always tell Connor I helped the legend of Connor Shaw that night,” Thompson said.

Shaw will be on the sidelines during the game Saturday, but Thompson knows his former teammate and friend to this day can only watch this time around.

Thompson couldn’t quite figure out what went wrong during his performance at Missouri last season. He noted that the offense moved the ball decently, but couldn’t find the end zone. He had an interception in the second quarter and didn’t seem to get that comfortable as the game went on.

The good news for Thompson is that Missouri’s top two pass rushers from last season in Michael Sam and Kony Ealy have both moved on to NFL careers. The Tigers’ defense isn’t quite the same as in past years, and it showed last week when they lost at home to a historically mediocre Indiana team.

This is the fifth meeting all-time for No. 13 South Carolina (3-1, 2-1 SEC) and Missouri (3-1, 0-0 SEC), and each school has won two games apiece in the series history.

Both teams will look to have a leg up on the competition in the race to be SEC East champions with a win Saturday. With the Gamecocks beating Georgia two weeks ago, if they can beat the Tigers, it puts them in prime position to control their own destiny with only four conference games remaining after Saturday.

South Carolina head coach Steve...
Spurrier isn’t even worried about that right now though. He just wants his special teams and defense to improve dramatically from their recent play.

“We’re still in the hunt for whatever we’re in the hunt for,” Spurrier said. “But obviously, we need to concern ourselves with playing the game at a lot better level than we’ve been playing, and we’ll find out if we can do it Saturday night.”

The Gamecocks’ kickoff coverage was flat-out horrible last week against Vanderbilt, allowing two kick returns for touchdowns. The defense has looked shaky all season, despite senior Brison Williams’ interception for a score against the Commodores.

South Carolina is second to last in the SEC and 105 out of 124 teams in total defense, allowing 480 yards per. The defense especially needs to tighten up if the Gamecocks hope to contend in the SEC East.

Repeatedly over the past week, Spurrier used the word “embarrassing” to describe his team.

Since this season’s matchup in Columbia, South Carolina will take place during Parents Weekend, and College GameDay will grace the campus with its presence, the atmosphere should be unforgettable.

Still, Thompson doesn’t want his squad to get too caught up in the moment and plans to make sure their minds stay focused on what goes down between the white lines.

“They’re a good team. We have to really prepare this week and be sharp,” Thompson said. “We’re excited though about getting the opportunity to play in front of the best fans in America.”
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Tiger logos litter the list of the SEC’s defensive leaders. Spots that were once held by South Carolina’s elite have been ransacked by the new kids on the block.

Missouri’s redshirt junior defensive lineman Shane Ray leads the conference in sacks, while redshirt sophomore linebacker Michael Scherer is the conference’s leading tackler.

And nearly two and a half years after leaving the Big 12, the Tigers have proven to fit the bill of a prototypical SEC defense.

“They’re very similar [to last year]. Very aggressive, very fast, excellent-conditioned guys,” head coach Steve Spurrier said of Missouri’s defense. “They don’t miss many tackles. They generally don’t beat themselves. If you’re going to beat them, you’re going to have to execute some plays and mix it up.”

Missouri has perhaps the most formidable and complete front seven the Gamecocks have seen this season, despite losing SEC co-defensive player of the year Michael Sam to this year’s draft.

The team has three players with more than one sack. South Carolina has none. How’s that for role reversal?

The silver lining is how good the Gamecocks have been at protecting redshirt senior Dylan Thompson. South Carolina’s offensive line has given up only five sacks all season, which is nine less than the 14 the Tigers have accumulated.

“They’ve got a great team,” Thompson said. “They’re always going to have a good pass rush. [They’re] just really solid defensively. They know their assignments and they play well together.”

However, Missouri’s Achilles’ heel this season has been the inability to prevent the big play on the ground. A big play is defined as a run that results in 15 or more yards, and Missouri has given up 10 of these.

Three came last week against Indiana — a 16-yard run, 49-yard run and 17-yard run — with the two longest runs taking place during the final 17 minutes of the game, a point in the game when the Gamecocks have thrived at pounding the ball.

Missouri has allowed runs like these at an alarming rate this season — once every 15.3 plays. The only teams allowing big plays at a higher frequency than the Tigers are South Carolina and Arkansas, which allow big plays every 14.2 and 10.8 plays, respectively.

The Gamecocks’ running game coming into the season was perceived by many as the team’s bread and butter. So far, the team owns two running backs who have touched the ball at least 40 times, in what has become a very two-pronged run game.

South Carolina has been able to run the ball successfully this season with junior running backs Mike Davis and Brandon Wilds averaging 4.6 and 5.2 yards per carry, respectively.

But it’s been Thompson and the passing game that seemingly dictates the pace of the offense. The first-year starter is currently on pace to log 3,420 passing yards before the end of the regular season.

Thompson received the start at Missouri last season, but was pulled in favor of Connor Shaw, who led the Gamecocks to a 27-24 overtime victory.

“He wasn’t terrible last year, just nothing good was happening,” Spurrier said.

Thompson completed 15 passes for 222 yards but failed to put any points on the board.

With a handful of starts under his belt since last year’s game, Thompson will look to avenge last season’s near-disaster but more importantly, keep South Carolina afloat in the race for the SEC East.

“Week one didn’t go how we wanted obviously, but we have three wins since then,” Thompson said. “That’s what we want to do — we want to win games and in conference, especially. We’ve got another chance to do that this weekend, and that’s what we’re going to try to do.”
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South Carolina has faced a prolific SEC passing attack once this season, and it did not end well.

Saturday night at Williams-Brice Stadium, the Gamecock defense will have to call on every shred of maturity it’s gained since allowing 680 yards to Texas A&M in week one, with SEC touchdown leader Maty Mauk and the Missouri Tigers set to invade Columbia.

“We’ve got to contain him. He’s a quarterback that can run all over the place,” head coach Steve Spurrier said. “Hopefully we can contain him and keep him in the pocket.”

Mauk has thrown his way to the top of the conference with 14 touchdowns in Missouri’s first four games. And with South Carolina’s well-documented struggles defending the pass, there will be a concerted effort to put Mauk on the ground this week.

Easier said than done.

The Gamecocks’ depleted defensive line has managed to sack the opposing quarterback just four times on the year, dead last in the SEC. For perspective, compare that to Missouri’s 14 sacks this season, second-best in the conference.

“I think from week to week we get better,” redshirt senior linebacker Sharrod Golightly said. “The goal is to get to the quarterback of course. But I think over the past three weeks, every week we’ve took a step forward.”

Golightly will be one of the linebackers that should see an expanded role in pursuit of the quarterback this week. Spurrier has long come to terms with the fact that South Carolina’s personnel on defense isn’t what it used to be.

And the Gamecocks will introduce a pass-rusher by committee approach against the Tigers that includes the linebacking crew.

“Pass rush? What’s that?” Spurrier said jokingly. “We’ve struggled a little bit on pass rush, and we really don’t have quite the guys we used to have around here, with Jadeveon (Clowney) and even Chaz Sutton.”

South Carolina’s descent to the bottom of the SEC in the sack category has been more of a free fall than anything else.

In 2012, South Carolina had the most feared pass rush in the SEC, collecting a whopping 43 sacks to finish the year at No. 1 in the conference.

Last season, with the triad of Clowney, Sutton and Kelcy Quarles still intact, the Gamecocks finished the year seventh in the conference with 25 sacks.

All things equal, South Carolina is on track for 13 this season, averaging just one per game.

Missouri primarily runs a spread offense, akin to the attack Texas A&M and East Carolina brought to town.

The Gamecocks defensive woes against those two opponents have been discussed ad nauseam.

But Golightly is taking a glass-half-full approach, claiming that what hasn’t killed South Carolina has made it stronger.

“I feel like this year we’ve seen it all, for the most part,” he said. “I think having the home-field advantage and some games under our belt already, we should be ready for the task at hand.”

Despite Mauk’s gaudy touchdown numbers, his other offensive statistics are pedestrian within the confines of the SEC.

He has the fifth-most passing yards in the conference with 978. Compare that to 1,140 from South Carolina’s Dylan Thompson.

Mauk’s passer efficiency rating is even less flattering. The Tiger quarterback ranks eighth in the SEC at 157.9.

At this point in the season, South Carolina’s defense has at least a working idea of its identity. The Gamecocks will look to bend, not break, against Missouri as they try to contain three Tiger wideouts that rank in the top-10 in the SEC in receiving touchdowns.

And as South Carolina has done time and again this season, its approach to Missouri’s offensive threat will be an abstract one: whatever it takes to win.

“We are in the habit of something happening to help us win a bunch of games that we easily could’ve lost,” Spurrier said. “We’re trying to get our guys to play at a higher level. Now, whether or not they can, I don’t know.”
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Tennessee vs. Georgia (12)
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Stanford (16) vs. Washington
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Notre Dame (8) vs. Syracuse
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Minnesota vs. Michigan
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Duke vs. Miami
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South Carolina vs. Missouri
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Missouri 23
Parents Pick Week Five

Every Friday, the Daily Gamecock sports staff attempts to predict the outcome of South Carolina’s upcoming game. To celebrate Parents Weekend, we reached out to our families for a fresh perspective on the Gamecocks’ Saturday matchup with Missouri.

The takeaway? It’s clear where their vast library of sports knowledge comes from.

South Carolina should be able to move the ball on Missouri, the question is — can they stop them? Missouri has an explosive offense and the Gamecock defense has been anything but stellar. Special teams have to be a lot better than they were last week, it is hard to win a game when you are giving up easy points. Elliott Fry is a solid placekicker and the Gamecock faithful should give them enough to pull out a 37-34 victory.

Coming off their loss to the Hoosiers last week by four makes Missouri hungry this week against South Carolina. It will be a grudge match with the Gamecocks beating Missouri last year in its only SEC loss last season. But that was then and this is now. It is going to be an offensive battle and South Carolina needs to deliver on the ground and in the air to surpass Missouri’s scoring ability. For the parents weekend boost, I am giving it to South Carolina 44, Missouri 37.

After an auspicious beginning, a 52-28 “blowout” to Texas A&M, the South Carolina Gamecocks have bounced back with victories over football powerhouses, East Carolina and Vanderbilt and squeaking out a victory over the less than impressive, “Oh, we’ve forgot to guard the deep receivers” Georgia Bulldogs.

My bet will be on the Missouri Tigers and Maty Mauk, passing through, a more than porous, Gamecock defense.

Missouri wins 38-31.

My son called on Tuesday to tell me the Daily Gamecock sports staff was asking their parents to predict this weekend’s game. I asked him how his grades were. He told me it was appropriate, as this was Parents Weekend. I asked him if he was studying hard and getting to all of his classes. He told me this assignment was due by Thursday so it could be included in the football [section]. I asked him if he was eating well and getting to the gym. He told me I only had 100 words... Carolina 35, Missouri 30. Call your Mother.

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1. Let’s get this out of the way first: What on earth happened last Saturday against Indiana?

A lot. The Missouri offensive line was pitiful — five false start penalties and lots of errant snaps by center Evan Boehm — and the Indiana running game was strong. It was shocking certainly, but the Hoosiers played up to their potential, and Mizzou didn’t look ready. After the game, I chose to go to the IU locker room instead of Missouri’s, and you could tell how confident the Hoosiers were. If I were to say the Tigers overlooked Indiana, it’d be total speculation, so I won’t say that. But Missouri just looked sloppy. Lots of penalty, lots of mental miscues. And the Indiana offense was effective, perhaps in part because Mizzou star defensive end Markus Golden was out with a hamstring injury.

2. How impressed have you been by Maty Mauk so far in his first year as the unquestioned starter?

He’s lived up to my expectations. I think that’s what most people would say — good, not incredible. His completion percentage this year is up a little more than 10 percent from last year. That was something he said he was really working hard on. He can also run pretty well. He’s had some nice scrambles out of the pocket that have ended up being touchdown passes.

3. Talk about the job Gary Pinkel has done turning Missouri into a winning program in the SEC now that the Tigers are in their third year in the conference.

It’s been interesting. I think people discredited Missouri after its first year in the SEC, but those Tigers were injured all over the place. Last year, the team was relatively healthy — the same offensive line started every game — and it showed. Unlike a lot of SEC teams, Mizzou doesn’t draw the top, five-star recruits. Pinkel said that isn’t his M.O. It never really has been. And he’s been pretty successful here doing things his way.

4. What adjustments do you see being made this week after last week’s loss?

The offensive line, which, like I said, struggled against IU, has been tweaked. The old starting left guard, Anthony Gatti, tore his ACL in the first quarter of the Indiana game. He’s out for the season, and his backup, Brad McNulty, is taking over for him. The starting right guard is now Connor McGovern, who was the starter at the position last season but was playing right tackle to begin this season. Taking McGovern’s place is Taylor ChapPELL, who played right tackle with the starters some during training camp, when McGovern went down with an injury. Pinkel said at media availability that this was the combination he thought gave them the best chance for success right now, but he wasn’t committing to it for the rest of the season. We’ll see how it works.

5. Which Missouri player Gamecock fans may not have heard of is set to have a big game Saturday?

Wide receiver Bud Sasser. He’s not a household name in the SEC because he didn’t play a ton last year behind L’Damian Washington, Dorial Green-Beckham and Marcus Lucas, but he’s been really good this season. He seemed to have separated himself during the Indiana game as Mauk’s go-to receiver.

Behind Enemy Lines

Reiss previews Saturday’s SEC East clash between Missouri and South Carolina

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Prediction:
31-27 South Carolina
I’ve gone back and forth on this decision because I think Missouri will bounce back following its disappointing loss to Indiana. But I think playing in its first game with an offensive line that is 40 percent new will be difficult. Even if South Carolina continues to tackle poorly, trying to win at Williams-Brice Stadium will likely prove too much for the Tigers. I think Mizzou comes out with a lot of energy early and grabs the lead, but South Carolina ultimately wins. Sound familiar?

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Tennessee at No. 12 Georgia

If you’re wondering whether the Bulldogs have recovered from the excruciating loss they suffered at Williams-Brice Stadium a few weeks ago, just ask the Troy Trojans, who were put in their place 66-0 last week by Todd Gurley and company. The Volunteers are coming off a bye week, in which they had time to reflect on their 34-10 loss to Oklahoma, arguably the best team in the country. So, unless Peyton Manning decides to suit up for the Vols and can work around the NCAA bylaws to earn a fifth year of eligibility, it seems clear as day that the Bulldogs have a distinct advantage.

Arkansas at No. 6 Texas A&M

The Razorbacks begin a treacherous three-game stretch this week that features No. 3 Alabama, No. 12 Georgia and this week’s opponent, the No. 6 Texas A&M Aggies. Much like Mississippi State last week, Arkansas is looking for respect against a top-10 opponent they’re entirely capable of beating, if everything falls into place. But before that, Arkansas has to establish the run game. The two-headed monster of Alex Collins and Jonathan Williams has combined for 881 yards and 12 touchdowns so far, helping the Razorbacks earn the fifth-best running attack in the country. Quarterback Brandon Allen has already shown significant improvement, completing 61.4 percent of his passes, up 11.8 percent from a year ago, while throwing for eight touchdowns with only one interception. He may not put up gaudy numbers like Kenny Hill, but he’s shown he can manage a football game and not make the big mistake. The Aggies, meanwhile, have yet to pump the brakes since they opened the season by annihilating South Carolina 52-28 at Williams-Brice, winning by an average of 44 points per game. Led by Hill, the Aggies have gone on to average over 400 yards passing per game, ranking second nationally and easing the pain of losing Johnny Manziel that many fans have been dealing with following the young Heisman-winning quarterback’s departure. The Razorbacks will keep it close, but in the end, Kenny Hill and the 12th Man could be too much to overcome.

Vanderbilt at Kentucky

After a full two weeks to grieve after their triple overtime heartbreaker at “The Swamp,” Kentucky should be fired up to get back on the field against an SEC team they’re actually favored against. The Commodores are also coming off a tooth-grinder of a game in which they went up by 14 points against the Gamecocks and had many fans thinking of what could have been. On paper, though, Kentucky has the clear advantage. The Wildcats are led by sophomore quarterback Patrick Towles, who’s had a respectable year, throwing for 916 yards and 5 touchdowns. Towles, who redshirted in 2013, has already shown dramatic improvement since his 2012 campaign, increasing his total QBR to 67.5. The Commodores also rank lower than 105th in almost every offensive statistical category, including 113th in scoring offense. The defense has offered little resistance in its first four games, allowing an average of 39.3 points per game and ranking 115th nationally. Expect the Wildcats to come out on top in a slugfest.

Memphis at No. 10 Ole Miss

When the Rebels’ 2014 schedule came out, not many people gave the game against the Memphis Tigers a second thought, instead thinking about how the SEC West was going to conduct its own version of the Hunger Games before declaring a champion. This Tiger team is no slouch, though — the proof being a 42-35 scrap with No. 11 UCLA on the road. The Tigers also have one distinct characteristic that often leads to upsets: they don’t turn the ball over. Through three games, the Tigers rank 18th in turnovers lost. They do, however, draw penalties in droves, averaging 66.7 penalty yards per contest, which will no doubt have to be addressed by head coach Justin Fuente if he expects his team to compete. All this, of course, is in addition to the fact that they will have to physically outplay Ole Miss, which is going to be difficult with Rebel quarterback Bo Wallace currently sporting the nations eighth-best passing attack. Ole Miss has had a tough time running the ball, however, and if it is unable to produce a balanced attack, it could be the Memphis Tigers who come out singing “Dixie” at the final whistle.
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