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Information Technology Services' series of monthly emails to all employees aimed at improving communications with campus about tips, information, technology updates and services offered in ITS.

IT Partnership Highlight: Zoom-Enabled Study Spaces

Students in need of a quiet space to join their synchronous courses can reserve one of SCSU's Zoom-enabled study spaces. These spaces are now available through partnership with the University Library, Facilities Management and Residential Life. See scsu.mn/zoomstudy for details.

We are seeking additional individual study spaces across campus that could be made available for students to join their courses virtually. Please let us know if you are aware of a space that may work for this.

Do Your Part, Be Cyber Smart!

What is your favorite part about October – fall colors, the candy, pumpkin-spiced everything? Our vote is… *National Cybersecurity Awareness Month!*

Observed every October since 2004, National Cybersecurity Awareness Month was created as a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure every American has the resources they need to stay safer and more secure online. Throughout the month, you'll be seeing tips and tricks from us to help you "do your part, be cyber smart!"

D2L Brightspace: Monitor Student Engagement and Progress

D2L Brightspace offers built-in tools that can help boost student engagement with course materials and help you monitor class progress within your course. You can setup criteria within the Intelligent Agents tool to automatically engage students based on activity levels, and use Class Progress feature within D2L Brightspace to view a variety of indicators for all students to help measure their progress within the course.

Please contact att@stcloudstate.edu for questions or assistance.

Zoom Passcode/Waiting Room Update

We previously learned and communicated that on September 27, 2020, Zoom would require that all meetings have a passcode or a waiting room enabled for Minnesota State users. Zoom has since updated this requirement, and it no longer applies to Minnesota State's Educationally Licensed accounts. However, meeting passcodes and waiting rooms are still recommended to prevent zoombombing.

Microphone Check-Out Available

Do you need to borrow a lapel microphone for a day or two? HuskyTech has a limited number of lapel microphones available for temporary check-out. More information about these microphones, including instructions for syncing and usage, are available online.

IT Support Tip: Prevent Presentation Pop-Ups

You can modify your computer settings to prevent notifications such as chats, emails and more while presenting or screen-sharing. This can help reduce distractions and prevent private information from popping up unexpectedly.

Check out our Ask St. Cloud State knowledge base for instructions on turning of these notifications for Windows and Mac devices.

Contact HuskyTech for technical services, support and sales.

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