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Holiday Breaks Are Around The Corner!

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving break for the University takes place on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. Although the university will be closed for this break, Prairie Place will remain open. However, if you do plan on leaving campus for the break please make sure to close all windows and take out all trash before your departure. This will help staff keep the building properly heated and avoid any issues with trash being left behind.

Winter Break Closing

Winter break is also around the corner. Prairie Place will close at 9AM on Monday, December 11th for students with Academic Year contracts. Winter break runs from 9AM December 11, 2017 until 9AM on Sunday, January 14, 2018. More information about how to properly check out for winter break will be sent to your GSU email. This communication will contain the dates and times of the mandatory meetings regarding winter break closing (residents must attend one meeting).

Winter Break Registration

Students with academic year contracts who want to stay in housing during the winter break will need to complete the winter break registration form indicating what days they will be on campus. Academic Year contract students will be charged a nightly rate based on your room type. Break housing will be billed to your student account at the conclusion of the break period.

Students with 12 month contracts can stay in housing during the winter break at no additional cost but must also complete the winter break registration form indicating what days they will be on campus. Failure to complete the form will result in the student’s access card being shut off.

The winter break housing registration form can be found on the Housing Take Care of Business page in the GSU portal starting on November 13, 2017.
What Is My Prairie Place Address?

Do you have mail or a package that you need delivered to Prairie Place? If so, please use the mailing format below to ensure you package is delivered to the appropriate location when it arrives on campus. If you do not know your personal Prairie Place mailbox address please contact our office at 708-235-7110 or housing@govst.edu.

Your Name

1 Prairie Place

Your Mailbox Number

University Park, IL 60484

Contract Changes Reminder

If you are not certain that you will be taking courses during the summer 2018 semester, it is recommended that you switch your housing contract to the Academic Year Contract by **November 30, 2017**.

Please note, that if you decide to switch from a 12 month contract to an Academic Year contract at a later date, you will be responsible for paying for the entire winter break, spring break, etc. even if you were not on campus at that time.

As a reminder, students with an Academic Year contract have housing for the fall and spring semesters. Students with a 12 Month contract have housing for the fall, spring AND summer semesters.
Needles and Syringes Policy

Per University Housing policy, hypodermic needles and syringes must **ONLY** be disposed of in an appropriate waste container.

For your convenience, a sharps container has been placed in each of the public bathrooms on the Prairie Place first floor.

To help ensure the health and safety of others please do not dispose of hypodermic needles or syringes in any other location in Prairie Place.

Summer Pell Grant Information

The Department of Education has announced that students that are eligible for Pell Grant may be able to receive a third disbursement of Pell Grant. Please review some of the important facts about this change below:

- Governors State University will implement “Year Round Pell Grant” beginning in the summer of 2018
- While full details are not yet available, the general rules are that students must be eligible for Pell Grant as determined by the Department of Education, and must be enrolled at least half-time for the summer semester
- Half-time enrollment is six credit hours for undergraduate students. Graduate student are not eligible for Pell Grant
- It is important to note that this change will not result in extra Pell Grant being awarded to a student over the course of their undergraduate enrollment
- The maximum timeframe that eligible students may receive Pell Grant is for the equivalent of twelve full-time semesters
- In the past, a full-time student could receive only tow disbursements per year. Now that student will be able to receive up to three Pell disbursements in one academic year

To view the full article on this topic please use the following link: http://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Financial_Aid/17-18_Forms/17%20-%202018%20Summer%20Pell.pdf
GSU Library Jam

Library Jam will help you to de-stress as you get ready for finals.

Come to the kick-off of library jam on Monday, November 27th between 11AM-1PM to visit our Doggies on campus. We will have a couple of dogs on the library balcony.

Come see them, pet them and play with them. They are guaranteed to provide you with moments of relaxation as you get ready for finals.

Follett Bookstore Survey

Interested in taking the Follett Survey? Click the picture to access the survey or use the following link:

https://www.campusstorefeedback.com

Front Desk Receptionist of the Month

Congratulations to Destiny Thomas for receiving the honor of being named Front Desk Receptionist of the Month at Prairie Place!

Residence Hall Director, Corinne Martin and Assistant Residence Hall Director, Abby Miller had some of the following things to say about Destiny’s great work:

“Destiny follows all of the front desk receptionist procedures to the best of her ability and is error free during all of her shifts. We’ve also heard comments from residents and visitors of the building that Destiny is a friendly face at the front desk and a welcoming presence. We appreciate you, Destiny! Keep up the good work :)”
Upcoming Events

1) Sex 201: Intro to Sexual Health Jeopardy, Mon. Nov. 13th at 7PM in the Prairie Place Classroom, Pizza will be served

2) Learn About Physical Therapy with RA Khattab, Tues. Nov. 14th from 5:30PM-6:30PM in the Great Hall, Pizza will be served

3) Consent Is Sexy, Wed. Nov. 15th from 6PM-7PM in the Great Hall Classroom, sponsored by the ASAP team, snacks will be served

4) Coloring & Puzzles with RA Ashley, Wed. Nov 15th at 7PM in the Prairie Place Classroom, Snacks will be provided

5) Auditions: Ntozake Shange’s for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf; Auditions will take place on Nov. 15th and 18th. For more information and to sign-up for a timeslot, visit: https://wejoinin.com/sheets/hdgtd

6) Brothers Speak Out MSI Listening Circle, Thurs. Nov. 16th at 3:30PM in B1240

7) Potluck with RAs Nailah and Toi, Sat. Nov. 18th from 7PM-9PM in the first floor north lounge, attendees must bring an item to contribute

8) Dodgeball, Tues. Nov. 28th at 6PM in the GSU Gym

9) Unlearn, Relearn, Learn: Cultural Conversations Wed. Nov. 29th at 7PM, Location TBD

10) Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration, Thurs. Nov. 30th from Noon-4PM in the Hall of Governors

11) Open Mic Night, Thurs. Nov. 30th from 6PM-7:30PM in the Lakeside Lounge

International Education Week

1) A Day in the Life, Mon. Nov. 13th from 11AM-4PM in the Hall of Honors

2) Serbian Dance Lesson Mon. Nov 13th from 3PM-4PM in the Racquetball Court

3) OIS & Study Abroad Resource Fair, Tues. Nov. 14th from 11:30AM-4:30PM in the Hall of Governors

4) Martial Arts Lesson, Tues.. Nov. 14th from 3PM-4PM in the Racquetball Court

5) Networking with GSU, Tues. Nov. 14th from 6PM-8PM in the Lakeside Lounge

6) Restorative Justice in Brazil: Consideration for the World with Dr. Joao Salm, Wed. Nov. 15th from 11:30AM to 12:30PM in the E-Lounge

7) World Bazaar, Wed. Nov. 15th from 2PM-5PM in the Hall of Governors, This event will include various cultural activities, crafts and food sales hosted by student clubs, international students and the Office of International Services

8) Latin Dance Lesson, Wed. Nov. 15th from 3PM-4PM in the Racquetball Court

9) China Studies Presentation & Chinese Lunch, Thurs. Nov. 16th from 1:30PM-4:30PM in Engbretson Hall - Stop in at any time!

10) Classical Indian Dance Lesson, Thurs. Nov. 16th from 3PM-4PM in the Racquetball Court

11) International Film Screening—Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter…and Spring, Thurs. Nov. 16th from 4:30PM-6:30PM in F1622

For detailed information on all of these events please visit the International Education Week webpage here: http://www.govst.edu/International_Education_Week/

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

1) Food Pantry Drive Kick-Off, Donations will be accepted all week for the GSU Food Pantry, Mon. Nov. 13th

2) Hunger & Homelessness Discussion, Mon. Nov. 13th from Noon-1PM in the Lakeside Lounge, RSVP to civicengagement@govst.edu, Please join us as we discuss the scope and scale of hunger and homelessness in higher education and the circumstances that lead to this paradox. Lunch will be provided. Guest Speaker: Kim Hunt, Executive Director, Pride Action Tank

3) Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Campaign, Mon. Nov. 13th, Clubs and organizations will create visual displays that examine the problems and causes of hunger and homelessness in America

4) Hot Topics Open Mic, Tues. Nov. 14th from 11:30AM-2PM in the Lakeside Lounge, Present your poetry, prose, songs, and skits encompassing various topics of Hunger and Homelessness. Hot chocolate will be served.

5) Career Closet “Grand Opening”, Wed. Nov. 15th from 2PM-3PM in the JAGUAR Den, Room A2140

6) Operation Healthy, Wed. Nov. 15th from 3:30PM-4:30PM in the D-Main Atrium, Fresh fruits and vegetables will be distributed to GSU Students

7) Hunger and Homelessness Film Screening and Discussion, Thurs. Nov. 16th from 5PM-7PM in the Hall of Honors, Robert Clay, Director of Intercultural Affairs will moderate the discussion

8) Winners of the Clubs and Organizations Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Campaign Competition Announced, Fri. Nov. 17th

9) Day of Service, Sat. Nov. 18th in University Park, IL. Sign Up required. (708) 235-7454, civicengagement@govst.edu, GSU will participate in a day of service with Restoration Ministries
Governors State University

International Education Week
Monday, November 13 - Friday, November 17

Monday, November 13 - Indian Cuisine
- Tandoori Style Chicken
- Stewed Chickpeas
- Braised Okra

Tuesday, November 14 - Argentinian Cuisine
- Flank Steak Chimichurri
- Roasted Potatoes and Carrots

Wednesday, November 15 - Moroccan Cuisine
- Pomegranate Glazed Shrimp over Couscous
- Moroccan Chickpea Stew with Orange-Spinach Salad

Thursday, November 16 - Chinese Cuisine
- Vegetable Fried Rice
- Beef and Broccoli over Rice
- Sesame Chicken Stir-Fry
- Petite Egg Rolls
- Egg Drop Soup

Friday, November 17 - Pacific Rim Cuisine
- Coconut Curry Chicken with Grilled Pineapple
- Teriyaki Pork Sliders
- Sriracha Drizzled Chicken with Peanut Noodle Salad

Arena Food Service, Inc.

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

Café
Wed, Nov 22 – Sun, Nov 26: CLOSED
Mon, Nov 27: 8 am – 7:30 pm

C-Store
Wed, Nov 22 – Sat, Nov 25: CLOSED
Sun, Nov 26: 5:30 pm – 10:30 pm
Mon, Nov 27: 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm