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SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- What do you need to do to prepare for Winter Break? Turn to page 3 to find out.
- If you will be on campus during the winter break, make sure you turn to page 4 to review the Winter Break Dining Hours of Operation and click on the [GSU Shuttle](#) link to see the updated schedule.

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Winter Break Closing Reminders

Winter Break Registration

Dear Prairie Place Residents,

As a reminder, Prairie Place will close on Monday, December 11th at 9AM for the winter break. Winter break runs from 9AM on December 11, 2017 until 9AM on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Please review the information below if you want to stay in housing during the break to ensure you are properly registered.

12 MONTH CONTRACT STUDENTS

Students who have a 12-month contract and plan to stay for winter break will not pay any additional cost. However, **you must register** for the winter break before **Noon** on Friday, December 8, 2017. Click [HERE](#) to be taken to the GSU portal to register. Once in the portal, click on the "housing tab" and select "Take Care of Business" from the pull down menu. From the Take Care of Business page, select "Register for Winter Break Housing." Failure to register for winter break before the assigned date will result in your access to the building being turned off.

Prairie Place students with a 12 month contract will not be able to sign in a Prairie Place academic year (AY) contract student as a guest during the winter break period.

ACADEMIC YEAR CONTRACT STUDENTS

Students who have an academic year contract and plan to stay for winter break will be charged a nightly rate according to their room type. The charge will be assessed to the student's account at the conclusion of the winter break in January 2018. To stay in housing for all or part of the winter break, **you must register** for winter break before **Noon** on Friday, December 8, 2017. Click [HERE](#) to be taken to the GSU portal to register. Once in the portal, click on the "housing tab" and select "Take Care of Business" from the pull down menu. From the Take Care of Business page, select "Register for Winter Break Housing." The nightly rate is listed on the registration form.

Please contact us at housing@govst.edu or 708.235.7110 if you have any questions about fall semester closing or winter break housing.

Sincerely,

University Housing Staff



**QUIET
PLEASE**

*Finals are around
the corner! Join
our staff in Prairie
Place for study
hours.*



Extended Quiet Hours

Since the end of the semester is around the corner we will be extending quiet hours to ensure that the environment in Prairie Place is conducive to the increased amount of study that typically takes place around this time of year. Please be advised that 24 hour quiet hours will be in effect starting on Friday, December 1st through Friday, December 8th.

Study Hours

Resident Assistants

- * Nailah Humes 1st floor RA: Mondays 8-9PM & Wednesdays 4-5PM; 1st floor north lounge
- * Lyle Evans 1st floor RA: Tuesdays 1-2PM & Thursday 1-2PM; Great Hall
- * Ashley Palacios 2nd floor RA: Wednesdays 5-7PM; 2nd floor north lounge
- * Christopher Randle 2nd floor RA: Wednesdays 5-6PM & Fridays 4-5PM; 3rd floor study room
- * Toi Bowers 3rd floor RA: Tuesdays 9:30-10:30PM & Thursdays 4-5PM; 3rd floor study room
- * Khattab Iwainat 3rd floor RA: Thursdays 8-10PM; 3rd floor study room

Academic Resource Center Math Tutoring

- * Patrick McGlynn ARC Math Tutor: Wednesdays 5-7PM; Prairie Place Classroom

Faculty-In-Residence

- * Crystal Harris: Mondays 6-8PM in the Great Hall
- * Patrick Santoro: Mondays 7-9PM in the Great Hall
- * Herb Pitman: Mondays, 8-10PM in the Great Hall

To-Do List Before You Leave for Winter Break

Check Out Procedure for Academic Year Students

In order to properly checkout for winter break, you **MUST**:

1. Ensure that your space is clean of any garbage and mess (**even if some residents are staying over break**)
 - A. For semi-suites, this includes bathrooms
 - B. For apartment-style rooms, this includes kitchens, living rooms, and all bathroom areas must be attended to and cleaned before departure
 - C. Take out all garbage (**\$25 fee/bag that staff has to remove**)
 - D. Sweep, mop and vacuum all surfaces
 - E. Lock your windows
 - F. Throw away perishable foods that may spoil over winter break
2. Turn in your key!
 - A. Between the hours of 7AM-8PM, return keys to the front desk student worker
 - B. Between the hours of 8PM-7AM, contact the RA on duty to return key for break
 - C. Failure to turn in your key will result in a **\$25 improper checkout fee**

***Please note that once you have checked out for break, Academic Year Contract holders will **NOT** be permitted to return to Prairie Place until 9AM on Sunday, January 14, 2018; **Not even as a registered guest (no exceptions).**

Front Desk Receptionist of the Month

Please join us in congratulating **Dionna Gordon** for receiving the honor of Front Desk Receptionist of the Month for Prairie Place! Below are a few words the Residence Hall Director, Corinne Martin and the Assistant Residence Hall Director, Abby Miller had to say about Dionna's work ethic:

"Dionna is very hardworking and determined. She always critically thinks her way through challenges she may face at the front desk and handles situations in a very positive manner. Dionna is a friendly face that always greets residents and visitors to make them feel welcomed. Keep up the great work, Dionna!"



Filter Changes Over Winter Break

Over the winter break the facilities staff will be changing air filters throughout the building in Prairie Place. Semi suite rooms and living room areas of apartment style units will need to have filter changes completed.

Please keep an eye on your GSU email for more information on the dates and times that the filter changes will occur and facilities will be entering your space.

Winter Break Dining Hours

Check the [GSU Shuttle webpage](http://www.govst.edu/shuttle) for updated shuttle hours over the winter break!

Winter Break 2017-2018

Date	Day of Week	Hours
Dec 9-10	Sat-Sun	CLOSED
Dec 11 – 15	Mon-Fri	9 am – 1 pm
Dec 16 – 17	Sat-Sun	CLOSED
Dec 18 – 21	Mon-Thurs	9 am – 1pm
Dec 22 – Jan 1	Fri-Mon	CLOSED
Jan 2 – 5	Tues-Fri	9 am – 1pm
Jan 6 – 7	Sat-Sun	CLOSED
Jan 8 - 12	Mon-Fri	9 am – 1 pm
Jan 13 -15	Sat – Mon	CLOSED

Café Concepts During Winter Break

- Starbucks
- Grill
- Pizza
- Grab N Go

C-Store During Winter Break

C-Store at Prairie Place will be closed over winter break starting Saturday, Dec 9th until Sunday, January 14th