



Your DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

NOVEMBER 2017 PARENTS' E-NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING UNIVERSITY CLOSURE DATES

Pipers, the end of the semester is almost here already! With the end of the year right around the corner, the Dean of Students Office would like to remind parents of some upcoming University closure dates. Hamline will be closed for Thanksgiving all day on both Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. Coming up next month, the University will be closed all day on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th, and on Monday, January 1st.

As with all closures, certain offices providing essential services will remain open. Parents, please note that Residential halls will continue to be staffed full-time throughout the holiday season, and Safety and Security will also remain open.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE INFORMATION

Winter Break Closing Information - Dormitories

Closing is a busy time of year, during which Residential Life needs the residents of every residence hall doing their share to successfully close their rooms for the break.

- **Parents, if your student is not returning for spring semester, please make sure that their contract release request has been submitted to the office of Residential Life on or before November 30th.** The contract release request form is online and can be found by clicking on this [link](#). Residents who will not return as students must move out on or before December 22nd to avoid spring term charges. Spring term housing charges begin accruing on January 1st. Students who are not checked out by December 22nd will be charged a daily rate from January 1st until the date they officially check out of their rooms.
- **Residence Halls close for winter break on December 22nd at 5 pm and reopen on January 1st.** A check list will be attached to each student's door outlining exactly what each resident needs to do prior to leaving campus. Students will not have access to their halls and rooms during this time period and should take all items they will need at home with them.

Winter Break Housing

The Residential Life Office will provide housing over winter break for students who apply by December 15th. A \$100.00 fee will be charged to their student account for all or any portion of winter break. To apply for winter break housing, students should log into hamline.simplecampushousing.com using their Hamline username and password and complete the winter break housing form. December 15th is the last day to apply.

Winter Break Information - Apartments/Hamline Houses

The apartment building and Hamline houses will remain open over winter break. **If your student will not be returning for spring semester, please check that they have submitted their contract release request to the Office of Residential Life on or before November 30th.** The contract release request form is online and can be found by clicking on this [link](#). Students will need to make an appointment with an RA to check out at least 48 hours in advance of their desired check out date. Apartment residents who are released from their housing contract must move out on or before January 15th to avoid late charges.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE INFORMATION CONT'D...

J-Term Housing Information for Residence Hall Students

Spring semester's housing contract dates are January 1st through May 18th. J-term classes begin on January 2nd. Students may live on campus during J-term even if they are not taking a J-term class. Students who are released from their contract and move off campus any time during spring semester will be charged for housing from January 1st to the day they officially check out with an RA. If your student is withdrawing or graduating at the end of fall semester, please note that they must check out prior to 5 pm on December 22nd to avoid spring term housing and meal plan charges. Housing credits are not issued to students who choose not to live on campus during J-term.

J-Term Meal Plan Information

If your student has any declining balance left on their meal plan after fall semester, it will carry over into their spring semester meal plan. Fall term meal plans will be in effect until January 12th. Spring term meal plans will begin on January 13th. Please note that the Bishop's Bistro will open for J-Term on January 2nd. Students have the option to change their meal plan for spring semester; the deadline for submitting a change form to the Dining Services office is February 14th.

THANKSGIVING DINING AND HOUSING INFORMATION

Students who plan to remain at Hamline during the upcoming Thanksgiving break should be aware of changes in dining services hours, and make plans for their meals on Thursday, November 23rd through 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 26th, at which time both Leo's Corner and the Piper Grill will reopen. For students who will remain on campus, there will be an RA on duty every night from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. in the dorms in case they need assistance. The RA on duty will also be hosting a program on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights in one of the Res. Life lounges. Students are welcome to call the RA on duty to find out the location and type of program each evening.

EVENTS AT HAMLINE

Parents, friends and community members are always welcome to attend concerts and other performance events at Hamline! Check out the list below for just a small sampling of the many on-campus events occurring between Thanksgiving and the end of the semester:

- Thurs. Nov. 30th, **Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Anderson Forum, 4:30-5pm
- Sat. Dec. 2, **Wind Ensemble Concert**, Sundin Hall, 2pm
- Sun., Dec. 3, **A Cappella Concert**, Hamline Church, 4pm
- Tues. Dec. 5th, **Christmas Candlelight with Gospel Choir**, Bush Multifaith Chapel, 7pm
- Wed. Dec. 6th, **Interfaith Holiday Fair**, Anderson Center 111, 4-6pm
- Thurs. Dec. 7th, **Kwanzaa Celebration**, Anderson 111, 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Fri., Dec. 8, **University Chorale Concert**, Sundin Hall, 7 pm
- Sat., Dec. 9, **Orchestra Concert**, Sundin Hall, 2 pm
- Fri, Dec. 15th, **Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner**, Multifaith Chapel, 6pm
- Sun., Dec. 17, **Jazz Ensemble Concert**, Anne Simley Theatre, 4 pm

J-TERM CLASSES

The Dean of Students Office encourages all students to consider taking a J-Term (i.e. "January Term") class. J-Term 2018 begins Monday, Jan. 2nd and runs through Thursday, Jan. 25th. A J-Term class is half the price of a regular semester-long class at Hamline. Taking a J-Term class is a great way for students to satisfy one or even two of their Hamline Plan requirements, or to explore by delving into an entire new topic of study! If you or your student would like more information about the J-Term courses available at Hamline this January, please visit hamline.edu/J-Term.