



The Dorm Inform

The Graduate Dormitory Housing Office
monthly newsletter

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Thanksgiving Feast at HGS Dining Hall

Monday Nov. 21, 2010 4pm-6:30pm

Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, with turkey & vegetarian main dishes, stir fry & rice, veggies, drinks, breads, and all the trimmings. Enjoy the Feast on china plates in the lovely HGS Dining Hall, then take dessert and coffee in the McDougal Common room. Tickets with timed entry each 1/2 hour: 4pm to 6:30pm. Open to all Grad/Prof students, post docs and their families & guests.

-Advance Ticket Sales online now, credit/debit card only. Tix are \$10 adults, \$5 children 3-12, \$1 children 2 and under; plus \$1 per ticket service charge.

***This Meal is NOT included in the Yale Dining meal plan - swipes or points are NOT accepted. Everyone must purchase a ticket to attend. This will SELL OUT- Tickets will NOT be on sale at the door.** Sponsored by McDougal GSL, Chaplain's Office, OISS, GHO, OIA and others.

Heading Home for the Holidays

It seems the "the holidays" start earlier and earlier each year - but for many of us in the US, they start in November with Thanksgiving. Weeks pass quickly in December with final papers and exams to be completed before the common holidays of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza arrive. We cap off the joy (and stress) with celebrating the New Year on December 31st into January 1st.

The Graduate Dormitories DO NOT close during the break periods so students can and do stay in the dorms. If you are going to be travelling away from your dorm room for a length of time, please follow these important tips. Before you leave...

- Remove all of your perishable items from your room and refrigerator and empty your trash can.
- Unplug your alarm clock, radio, computer, cell phone, etc. that alarms. The GHO or Yale Security Staff will enter rooms with "nuisance" noise complaints to unplug your alarms!
- Close your windows, turn off your lights, and lock your door.
- Take your keys and ID card with you.
- If you are leaving for break, NO ONE else can stay in your room when you are not here - sorry.

If you are staying in town, watch out for holiday programs sponsored by your RCs or other residents in the community. You do not need to feel alone as many other students will be around the building too. Additionally, if you feel something is not as it should be in or around your dormitory, please contact Yale Security at 203-785-5555. They will be working during the recess for our safety!

Custodial Coverage over Break

If you are staying in the dormitories over Break, please be aware that Yale does give the vast majority of its employees, Thursday and Friday as Recess (Holiday) Days. We are coordinating custodial coverage in the forms of a couple of the days of that 4 day long weekend, but service is minimal. Custodians will empty trash, check and stock the paper products in the bathrooms (and maybe the kitchens). They will not conduct a typical daily cleaning in the buildings. If you make a mess, please clean up after yourself.

Graduate Dormitory Housing Office CLOSED for break

The GDHO and the Harkness Housing Office are closed for the Thanksgiving break period from Wednesday around noontime, Nov. 23 through the weekend, re-opening Monday November 28, 2011. Mail and package delivery to the Offices is limited so do not count on receiving mail "as normal" that weekend.

Dining Services will be running Marigold's and the HGS Dining Hall on limited schedules.

- HGS Dining Hall is CLOSED all week Monday – Friday, November 21st – 25th.
- Marigold's Cafeteria is open for Breakfast and Lunch Monday -Wednesday Nov 21st - 23rd (no dinner service on those days); and closed all day on Thursday and Friday Nov 24th & 25th.

Kitchen Safety Reminders

The GHO has received a few reports about students leaving food cooking in pots and pans on the stoves in the dormitories, while they are NOT in the kitchens. This is a serious safety issue. Students MUST stay in the kitchens, when they have food actively cooking on the stovetops.

If an RC, GHO staff member, or Yale Custodian or Physical Plant member sees this, they will report it and they will remove the pot from the hot stove top. We do NOT want to take away your breakfast, lunch, or dinner so please stay with your food at all times.

Thanks for your cooperation! Enjoy your Thanksgiving Recess.

The Grad Dorm Housing Staff