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December 2022 E-Newsletter

I hope you and your family are enjoying the holiday season! During finals, students can find study breaks and other events around campus on University Life’s events calendar. As exam break approaches and students are ready for some well-deserved time off, the Penn Libraries offer plenty of books and movies, both streaming and DVD’s, to help them unwind during the break. Finally, if you find yourself on campus, Visit Philly has compiled a list of holiday must-sees in the Philadelphia area — a perfect way to end the semester!

As always, we remain here for you as partners in your student’s Penn experience. Please feel free to email us at ppparents@dev.upenn.edu with any questions, concerns, or comments, and visit our website, pennparents.upenn.edu.

Happy Holidays!
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Important Dates & Reminders

Finals Period
As the semester wraps up, students will transition to final exams and assignments. Reading Days are December 13 and 14 and the examination period is December 15-22.

Fall Move-Out
For Winter Break, all First-Year College Houses will close at 12 noon on December 23 and reopen at 9 am on January 7. All Upperclass and Four-Year College Houses will remain open. Any undergraduate student needing to remain in on-campus housing during Winter Break must complete the Winter Break Form, available in MyHomeAtPenn starting November 14. Learn more.

Penn Payment Plan
The Penn Payment Plan is a voluntary, interest-free installment plan designed for families who prefer to spread all, or a portion of, their educational expenses across four or five payments each semester. The enrollment deadline for the five-month plan is December 14 and the deadline for the four-month plan is January 3. Learn more here.

Campus Life

2023-24 Room Selection
Room Selection is coming up for returning undergraduate students. Residential Services has curated all the must-know information regarding Room Selection in their Room Selection 2023-2024 guide.

ABCs Courses
Academically Based Community Service courses allow students to work with West Philadelphia public schools, communities of faith, and community organizations to help solve critical campus and community problems in a variety of areas such as the environment, health, arts, and education. Find spring ABCs courses here.

Preparing for Greek Life Recruitment
Fraternity and Sorority recruitment will resume in the spring semester. These values-based organizations offer experiences to foster friendship, engage with the community, develop leadership and social competency, and support academic success. Learn more here.

Student Support

Penn Student Agencies
Help take a load off your student during finals week and offer some brain food to offer by sending a care package from Campus Cube. Continue to look towards the Spring semester when you want to show a little bit of love on Valentine’s Day, pep them up mid-semester with Spring Surprise, and close out the year strong with the Spring Finals care package. Learn more here.

Penn Libraries
Want to learn more about Penn Libraries and the ways they support students? Visit the north and hear from Alexandra Glenn, Student Engagement Librarian; Jake Davis, Director of Educational Technology & Learning Management; and Steve Scaduto, Assistant Director of Learning Enrichment. Watch here.