

Friday April 18, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardian:

As we quickly approach the end of year, this letter is to confirm that the residence halls will be closing on Friday, May 16th at 12 noon. Due to the installed bricks on campus, there are specific guidelines regarding vehicles on campus. The Department of Housing and Dining Services is particularly concerned about this because of the impact these policies have on students and parents during move in and close down periods.

Move-in was managed in a two day process, using additional security staffing and the use of a moving company to speed it along. Closedown is a much more difficult process. Students will begin to move out around the 13th of May, and will continue until noon on the 16th. Move out, unlike move in, traditionally can occur at any hour of the day or night.

For parents of AMR/Building A & B residents:

There will only be two on-campus roadways available for cars to load for the AMR area. Those students who plan to move out between Tuesday, May 13th and Friday, May 16th should do the following:

The road on University Parkway next to the Homewood Field will be the entrance point for the AMR complex. You should be prepared to be stopped and asked by the Security Guard where your student currently lives; please know that information prior to your arrival. The Security Guard will direct you to the appropriate building and inform you of where to park.

If your student lives in AMR I or II, continue past the Athletic Center and down the hill. Just beyond Building A, turn left onto a bricked roadway that will put you in front of AMR II. Please load the car as quickly as possible and then continue on that roadway which ends at Charles Street, near the tennis courts. (The bricked roadway in front of AMR I is not available, nor is exiting the campus in front of the Eisenhower Library). Additionally, due to an underground irrigation system, large moving trucks and U-Hauls will not be able to park on the grass or sit in the driveway for long periods of time as this can cause serious damage to the irrigation system. Again, you should be prepared to load your vehicle quickly and depart.

If you are moving your student out prior to May 13th, the roadway from University Parkway, behind Building B will be available. Be sure to park briefly on the side of the roadway, just long enough to load your vehicle. Please do not park for a longer period of time as this will make it difficult for the delivery trucks that regularly use this route, and for others also moving out.

For all: Here are some suggestions to make the move out period as smooth as possible.

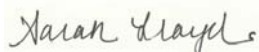
- ❖ Please have your student pack his or her belongings prior to your arrival. He or she may tell you that they only have time to study, but making time to pack is equally important. Students found in the buildings after 12:00 noon on Friday, May 16th will be charged a \$75 late departure fine.

- ❖ If you are able to take some of their belongings home before finals week, you are ahead of the game.
- ❖ All cable boxes should be returned directly to Comcast Cable. Comcast will be on campus to collect boxes during finals week or will accept returns at the Baltimore City branch. **Students will be charged for the equipment if they do not return it directly to Comcast, therefore please inform your student not to leave the boxes in their rooms.** The housing office will not accept cable boxes for return.
- ❖ Anyone who has belongings that can or need to be shipped home should do so. Wednesday and Thursday, May 14th and 15th between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, an outside packaging company will be set up outside AMR II.
- ❖ If your student is interested in getting a head start in sending their belongings home, the Wolman Mailroom located in the terrace level of Wolman provides UPS shipping services.
- ❖ We **do not** provide on campus storage over the summer for student belongings. We also do not allow “pod” storage on campus. If you are interested in summer storage, your student received a mailing about a student-run storage company called Hopkins Student Storage. Please visit www.hopkinsstorage.com for details.
- ❖ Take advantage of moving out during "off hours", which would include early in the morning, during the evening and later at night.
- ❖ Try to avoid the last two days of the contract year (May 15 & 16) if possible, when most people tend to leave.
- ❖ If possible, bring a dolly or hand truck to expedite your student’s move out process. A **LIMITED** number of hand trucks and dollies will be available to sign out at the AMR II and Wolman Housing Offices however they will **only** be available during business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm).

The actual move out process, because of access, is challenging. We have hired outside security staff and our own Security Officers to make the process run more smoothly. Planning and coordinating with your student should make it a more efficient and less stressful experience.

Have a safe trip to and from JHU next month, and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,



Sarah Lloyd
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