



The Buzz April 2009



Summer Break Housing

Students, who would like to request to remain on campus for a college-related purpose after the Residence Halls close on May 12th at 12 noon, must complete a Break Housing request form. Forms are available outside of the Office of Resident Life (132 Loyola Hall) and 130 Alexandria Hall. They must be returned to Loyola 132 no later than May 5th, at 4pm. Students who are approved to stay past closing will be charged \$150.00 per week; this includes residents staying for summer nursing programs. **Exceptions:** those participating in graduation or college sponsored athletic competitions.

Summer residents can expect to be placed in a room with a roommate. Meal plans are not offered during the summer.

Spring Cleaning!

It's never too early to start preparing your room for end of the year move-out. Begin taking items home periodically when you go. **Easter Break** is a great time to get started in this process. The more you bring home, the less time you will need to take moving out of the residence halls in May! Trash bags are available through the Office of Resident Life for your convenience.

Housing Deposits

Students who paid their \$250 housing deposit and have decided not to live on campus **may request to have their deposit refunded by:**

- Seeing John Verdi, Associate Director of Resident Life, to complete a Release from Housing Contract (130 Loyola Hall)
- **Release from Housing Contracts must be received by 4 pm, April 24th in order to receive a refund**

Students may still withdraw from housing after April 24th but **will forfeit their housing deposit** and be subject to the room and board tuition refund policy listed below:

- 100%** refund prior to first day of the semester
- 75%** refund through end of the drop/add period
- 50%** refund through 1st week after drop/add period
- 25%** refund through 2nd week after drop/add period
- 0%** refund after end of the 2nd week after drop/add period

Mercy Movers

Mercy Movers are upper-class students that assist new students on move-in day with their belongings. It is a great opportunity to provide service and meet the newest members of the Gwynedd-Mercy Community! An additional benefit is that all Mercy Movers will be able to move into their room assignment on Wednesday, August 26th, 2009 – five days earlier than other upper-class students. Applications are available outside of the Office of Resident Life (132 Loyola Hall). Completed applications are due in the Office of Resident Life no later than Friday, April 24th, 2009 at 4pm. You will receive an e-mail notice if your application is accepted.

Quiet Hours

23-Hour Quiet Hours begin on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00pm and continue through the rest of final exams! Please be respectful of these quiet hours for everyone's academic benefit during this important time period. Quiet hours will not be enforced between 5:30 and 6:30pm; however, please remember that courtesy hours are always in effect.

Final Exam Schedule

Look for the final exam schedule to be posted on the student intranet and on the GMC website shortly. Final exam schedules will also be posted in the lobby of Alexandria Hall and Loyola Hall, outside the Office of Resident Life.

Important Dates

- 4/2 3:30 & 7:30pm~ Room Selection Information Sessions- St. Brigid Hall Glass Lounge
- 4/2 4pm~ Request for Easter Break Housing Due LH 132
- 4/3 Last Day to Withdraw-Regular Spring Classes
- 4/6 & 7 8pm~ Room Selection in Waldron Board Room
- 4/8 Last Day to Withdraw Accelerated IV
- 4/9 10am~ Residence Halls Close for Easter Break
- 4/9-13 Easter Holidays-College Closed
- 4/13 12noon~ Residence Halls Re-open
- 4/16 3-8:30pm~ Spring Fling Keiss Hall (outside)
- 4/24 Accelerated Session IV Ends
- 4/24 4pm~ Last Day to Request Full Housing Deposit Refund for '09-'10**
- 4/24 8pm~ VOG Spring Musicale-JBA
- 4/27 Accelerated Session V classes begin
- 4/29 End of Drop/Add Accelerated V

Common Hour

Don't miss the remaining common hours coming in April! Common hours are scheduled on Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 pm.

- April 1: "Conversations with the President." ~Assumption Hall
"Organizational Advisors Roundtable." ~WBR(small side)
- April 15: "GMC Jazz Group"~JBA
- April 22: "Medical Identity Theft-Health Information Management." ~Keiss Hall-HIM Lab-Rm.102
"College Writing Contest Awards" ~WBR(small side)
- April 29: "Celebrate Service" (1-3pm)~ JBA Lobby.

Commencement Information

Commencement information for 2009 is available on the home page of the Gwynedd-Mercy College web site (gmc.edu). Note these important dates and times:

Friday, May 15, 7:00pm
Honors Convocation
Gymnasium

Friday, May 15, 8:00pm
President's Reception & Dance
Waldron Dining Hall

Saturday, May 16th, 9:00am
Graduation Liturgy/Baccalaureate Mass
Julia Ball Auditorium

Saturday, May 16th, 11:30am
Commencement
Loyola Hall Parking Lot

IT Spotlight

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the network upgrade project at the Residence Halls. Student Residents should notice improvement in network performance and internet access. ITS will continue working to increase network bandwidth in the future. Help preserve network bandwidth by avoiding or eliminating peer to peer file sharing activities. ITS appreciates your feedback about this project. Please visit: it.gmc.edu/networkupgrade with your comments and suggestions. Remember IT technicians are now available for walk-in tech support twice a week at the residence halls. Stop by if you are having issues with your web access or if you need help downloading anti-virus and anti mal-ware software.

- Mondays: 1pm-3pm: St. Brigid Hall Glass Lounge
- Fridays: 1pm-3pm: Alexandria Hall-Main Lounge

It's Gettin' Hot!

As the weather turns warmer, it is important to remember that the sun's rays are getting stronger every day. Therefore, please remember to apply sunscreen when participating in outdoor activities. You should be using an SPF of at least 15 and reapply every few hours, and after swimming or strenuous activity. If you go to tanning beds, please be aware that you can still burn and irreversible damage can be done to your skin, even though you are not in direct contact with the sun. Exposing your unprotected skin to the sun's rays and tanning bed lights will lead to premature skin damage and wrinkling. More importantly, this exposure can cause skin cancer.

- Campus Health

Good News "Ice Cream" Lovers!

During the month of April, be sure to take advantage of a **Free** "Like It Creation" from Cold Stone Creamery. The coupon is located on the back page of your Resident Life Handbook. Since the Spring House Location has closed, the coupon **will** gladly be honored at two other locations: 880 West Main St. in Lansdale and 4013 Welsh Rd. in Willow Grove. Enjoy this "cool" treat as the weather gets "warm!"

Anonymous Tip Line

See Vandalism, Report Vandalism

Contact this anonymous College Tip line if you would like to provide information on vandalism.

 **Gwynedd-Mercy College Tip Line: X785**

Reminder!

Please regularly check your room's telephone voicemail and clear out messages to accommodate new, often important, messages the college sends to you.

Remember to keep your door locked and always carry your ID and room keys with you...even if you are just going down the hall to visit friends.

Also,

**Please help keep our community safe!
NEVER prop open an exit door!!!**

