



# THE BUZZ

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**Welcome!** The Resident Life staff is looking forward to getting to know and assist you this year. If you are living on campus, the information below may be of help to you as you get settled in your room. If after reading this information you still have questions, please contact the Resident Life office at x305, or stop by 132 Loyola Hall.

**HANDBOOK NOTICE & POLICY REMINDER**  
The 2010-2011 Resident Life Handbook and Student Life Handbook are only available by visiting the GMC website ([www.gmc.edu/students/housing](http://www.gmc.edu/students/housing)). **All residents are reminded that they are responsible for knowing and abiding by the policies contained in both handbooks and the Residence Hall Contract by reading these documents.** This Contract is an extension of the Resident Life Handbook and the College Handbook.

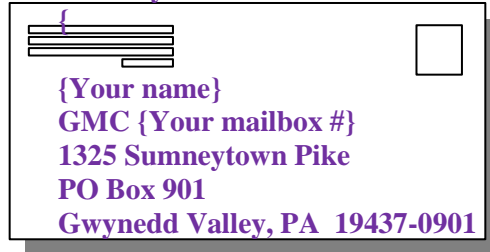
## ROOMMATE TIPS

Are you nervous about having a roommate for the first time? Start off on the right foot by communicating openly and respectfully. Your RA is here to help you begin by facilitating roommate agreements between all roommates. **Please be sure to work with your RA to complete your roommate and suitemate agreements!** If you have roommate concerns, please see your RA for assistance. You can find more information about Roommate Relations in the Resident Life Handbook.

## CORRECTLY ADDRESSED MAIL

All incoming mail must be addressed correctly. Any mail addressed incorrectly **may be held at the Gwynedd Valley post office for up to 90 days.**

**The correct way to address mail is:**



## GMC E-MAIL

Remember to frequently check your GMC e-mail account for important information and announcements from college staff and faculty. You can access your e-mail through the GMC portal. If you are having difficulty accessing your account, please contact the help desk at x444.

## MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Please follow these procedures to request repairs or maintenance needs:

**All maintenance requests for all the residence halls must be submitted by emailing John Verdi, at [verdi.john@gmc.edu](mailto:verdi.john@gmc.edu).**

For faster service, be sure to submit your request(s) before 9:00am, Monday-Friday. In the event of an emergency, please call Public Safety at x300. If the problem is not addressed in 3 business days, please notify Lori Davis (Loyola 132, x305) or another member of the Resident Life staff so that we may follow up on your request.

## WASHER & DRYER SERVICE

No more searching for quarters to do your laundry! **Once again, all washers and dryers are FREE for your use this year!** For your convenience, washers and dryers are located in the following areas:

**Loyola Hall:** 1 East, 1 West, 2 Center

**St. Brigid Hall:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd floors

**Siena Hall:** 1st floor

**Alexandria Hall:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd floors

In the event that a machine on campus is not working, please e-mail John Verdi, at [verdi.john@gmc.edu](mailto:verdi.john@gmc.edu), or contact the Resident Life Office: Loyola 132, x305.

## VOICEMAIL & PHONE EXTENSIONS

Each on-campus resident has been assigned an individual phone extension. If the phone number you are currently using is different from the one originally assigned, please contact Lori Davis (x305) as soon as possible. College staff and administration may need to be able to reach you in your campus residence, so accurate records are a must!

Your voicemail is capable of storing only 10 messages. Be sure to delete your messages promptly to enable the system to work at its full capacity. This will allow other residents, faculty, and staff to contact you when needed. If you are experiencing any difficulties with setting up your voicemail, please refer to the instructions that have been placed on your room telephone to guide you through this process. Instructions are also included in your Resident Life Handbook. If you require further assistance, see your RA or contact Lori Davis at x305, or stop by Loyola 132. **If you are experiencing any other phone related problems (no dial tone, phone cords, or outlets) please contact the Help Desk at x444 or e-mail: [it@gmc.edu](mailto:it@gmc.edu).**

## GMC ID

Please be sure to carry your Gwynedd-Mercy College ID with you at all times. If you need to purchase a new ID, please visit the Campbell Solution Center in Campbell Hall. You are required to have your ID in order to gain access to the residence hall complex.

## ENTRANCES AND EXITS

For security purposes, each entrance to the residence hall complex remains locked at all times. ID cards will allow residents access during specific times. These times are as follows:

**St. Brigid Hall** – Main Entrance: 24 hours a day

**Siena Hall** – West Entrance: 8am – 7pm

**Loyola Hall** – West Wing Entrance: 8am – 7pm

**Loyola Hall** – Center Wing Entrance: 8am – 9pm

**Alexandria Hall** – Main Entrance: 24 hours a day

**Important Note:** The College reserves the right to restrict hours further or prohibit entirely all non-emergency access to Residence Hall entrances at anytime should it be deemed important to do so for safety or policy violation reasons.

## LOCK OUTS

In the event of a lockout, you can expect to wait a minimum of fifteen minutes for assistance. Please be sure to carry your keys with you whenever you leave your room and to lock your room door behind you.



## DOOR REMINDER

Please help us keep the Residence Halls safe by remembering not to prop open exterior entranceway doors. In addition, you should always keep your residence hall room door locked even when you are just going down the hall to visit friends.

## COMMUTER STUDENTS IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS

Commuter students are welcome to visit the residence halls. **All non-residents must be signed in as a guest during regular visiting hours with a resident host.** Please bring a picture ID when you come; you will need to leave it at the service desk when you sign in. Residents – please be sure to assist us in keeping the residence halls safe by **escorting your guests at all times.**

## CAMPUS PARKING INFORMATION

All resident students are required to register their vehicle at the Campbell Solution Center, located in Campbell Hall. Students must bring their vehicle registration card along with cash or check (made out to Gwynedd-Mercy College) in the amount of \$60.00. New Students must park at our off-site parking facility, located approximately two blocks from the college, at 1201 Sumneytown Pike – Siemens Corporation. Transportation will be provided to and from the lot and the college by the Public Safety and Security Department. **Questions should be directed to Public Safety at x522 or x300.**

## TRASH REMINDER

Help keep our campus clean! Please take the time to use the trashcans across the campus, especially in the parking lots. Please be sure to dispose of your trash in the designated trash areas located throughout the residence hall buildings.

## DO YOU SMOKE?

Just a reminder that **smoking is not permitted inside the buildings or in the entryways of any residential facility.** There are two designated smoking areas in the residential areas:

- Picnic tables outside of St. Brigid Hall
- Picnic table outside of Alexandria Hall

Please help keep the campus clean by using the ashtray receptacles. Thank you for your cooperation and contact the Office of Resident Life or Residence Hall Association with any concerns.

## COMCAST CABLE

Comcast Cable boxes and remotes will be available to sign out during regular business hours (Monday – Friday) following check-in for students interested in signing them out. Please note that there is no charge as long as all components including the original packaging are returned undamaged to the Office of Resident Life. Locations for cable box pick up include the Resident Life offices (130, 131 and/or 132 Loyola Hall as well as 130 Alexandria Hall. Students interested in upgrading their cable service must contact Comcast **directly at 1-800-COMCAST. Please remember that you must be present to allow Comcast access to your room.**

## COMPUTER ASSISTANCE

Having problems with your computer or connecting to the internet? Is your internet outlet not working? The Help Desk can assist you with these problems. Please contact them at x444 for assistance. **If you require an additional outlet for computer connections in your room,** you may obtain a computer “switch” to plug multiple computers into one outlet. These computer “switches” are available in the Office of Resident Life, Loyola 132, between 8am and 4pm, Monday–Friday. These may be signed out at no charge, and must be returned when you move out of the Residence Halls.

## DINING SERVICES/PARKHURST

The Waldron Cafe is located on the second floor of the Waldron Center and is open to all students, faculty and staff. **Dining Venues and Hours of Operation:**

**Waldron Café:** (2nd floor of the Waldron Center)

Monday-Thursday

Breakfast: 7am – 10am

Continental Breakfast: 10am – 11am

Lunch: 11am – 1:30pm

Light Lunch: 1:30pm – 4pm

Dinner: 4pm – 7pm

Friday: 7am – 6pm

Saturday and Sunday: 11am – 6pm

**Pepperazzi:** (1st floor of the Waldron Center)

Monday-Thursday: 11am – 11pm

Friday: 11am – 12am

Saturday: CLOSED

Sunday: 7pm – 11pm

**St. Bernard’s Grille:** (St. Bernard Hall)

Monday – Thursday: 8am – 8pm

Friday: 8am – 2pm

Saturday and Sunday: CLOSED

**Griffin Grounds:** (Keiss Hall)

Monday – Friday: 8am – 2pm

Monday – Thursday: 4pm – 8pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

Sunday: CLOSED

Please note that all Dining Venues may have limited hours or be closed during official College break periods, snow days and holidays. Hours of operation/service are subject to change. Special Dining Room schedules are operative during holidays, summer, and for special events.

**Accumulated M.E.R.V. Bucks will transfer from fall semester to spring semester. Any unused M.E.R.V. Bucks left over after spring finals will be forfeited to the college.** Resident students are required to choose a meal plan of 15 meals per week and \$200 M.E.R.V. Bucks or 19 meals per week and \$100 M.E.R.V. Bucks.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors may also opt for a plan that includes 10 meals per week and \$250 M.E.R.V. Bucks.

## STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

**URGENT REMINDER!** If you have your own insurance and do not need the college health insurance policy, you need to complete the online waiver by September 11, 2010. After this date, you will be billed for the insurance and can no longer waive it. If you have any questions, please call Student Health at x306.