Winter Break Security Information

As many of you plan to travel away from campus, Stephen Davis, director of campus security, offers these tips on personal and property safety:

**Campus security is available the entire holidays, 24/7. Reach out for assistance at any time by calling 509-527-2277.** Safety officers are available to your residence by foot or vehicle on and off campus. Call campus security any time to arrange pick-up and drop-off.

This holiday Student Health Center closes for clinic care today at noon, and will reopen on Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. During the interim, call security or emergency medical services for assistance.

During the break, the GMC Student Food Pantry will have fixed and clothing assistance for students remaining on campus. The GMC can be accessed six evenings from 4 to 7 p.m. and assistance for access can be requested from campus security or Monica Chapman.

**YOUTH SECURITY**

- If you have children during school holidays store your weapons with residence life.
- If you believe your can on campus find out where you are supposed to park 24/7 (can be on campus by 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. 24/7). Your 24/7 parking is outside of your apartment and is on the second floor. Be sure to have the name of your apartment and apartment number.
- If you are well-known and have a known friend with a trusted friend.
- If you may travel during break be alert to any suspicious persons or vehicles. Make personal and vehicle safety a priority.

Call campus security or the police immediately to report any unusual activity.

**IF YOU LIVE ON CAMPUS AND PLAN TO TRAVEL**

- Lock doors and windows securely.
- Turn your thermostat higher than a burglary won’t be attracted to your absence by its ringing.
- Make sure your temporary residents leave a barricade door on your front. Do not leave your keys, share, or stay in your temporary residence.
- Leave your friends, share, or co-workers in your temporary residence.
- Leave your home empty.
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**Campus and Community Health**

Winter Break Student Building Access

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Campus buildings will open to the general student population on Feb. 1, and will remain open to the general student population on March 14, 2021.

**Question of the Week: Answer Edition**

This week we asked for your book recommendations and got great suggestions for a variety of genres. Whether you’re looking for a classic like Don Quixote or a contemporary memoir such as Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates, this week’s recommendations include titles for a variety of readers.

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**Happening Today and Tomorrow**

**Today**

Free Events: Two Spring Gardens for Fall 2020 will take place through Dec. 3. Check the website for more information.

**Upcoming Events**

**Announcements**

Winter Break Schedule for Whitman Today

Beginning Monday, Winter Whitman Today will move to a twice weekly publication, ending on Mondays and Thursdays until Jan. 10. There will be no issues of Whitman Today from Dec. 24 to 29. A white campus office is closed.

Whitman Today is published by the Office of Communications and is mailed Monday-Friday to Whitman students, faculty, and staff.

Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an upcoming event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for consideration is noon for the following day's newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later issue.

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu. You can find the full list of recommendations here and then head to the Whitman bookstore at 509-527-5274 to place your special order!

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