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Lander University Department of Housing & Residence Life Newsletter  
December 2022



## Important Dates

### November 30

24/7 Quiet Hours until Semester Ends

### December 5

Last Day of Classes  
Last Day to Withdraw from All Courses

### December 7 - 13

Final Exams

### December 14

Residence Halls Close at 5:00 p.m.

### December 14

Fall Graduation

### December 23 - January 2

Holiday Break - University Closed

### January 3

University Opens

### January 5

Residence Halls Open at 9:00 a.m.

### January 9

Spring Classes Begin

## Closing of Residence Halls for Winter Break

Each resident must vacate their room and alert their RA by no later than 24 hours after their final exam, with residence halls closing at 5:00 p.m. on December 14. **\*Graduating Seniors Only\*** have until 12:00 p.m. on December 15 to completely checkout of your room with your RA. No student is permitted to stay in the residence halls past the date and time above without prior approval from the Department of Housing and Residence Life.

Please remember that all rooms, suites, and apartments with vacancies must be "move-in ready" for incoming students in the spring. This means that all common areas such as living rooms, kitchens, and bathrooms must be thoroughly cleaned prior to departing for Winter Break. Additionally, all shared bedrooms must be thoroughly cleaned with one bed, one desk, one chair, and one dresser ready for occupancy by another resident. A member of the Housing Staff will check each room containing a vacancy. Residents will be charged and belongings relocated if the room is not ready for a new student to move in.

## 24/7 Quiet Hours

24/7 Quiet Hours begin November 30. These remain in effect through the end of the semester. During quiet hours, noise that can be heard one door away from the source is too loud. Noise complaints should first be dealt with in a civil manner from resident-to-resident. If the problem persists, it should be reported to your RA.

## Students Not Returning for Spring 2023

If you are not returning to on-campus housing for the Spring 2023 semester, please notify the Department of Housing & Residence Life *immediately* via the Housing Portal. To access the form, log into the Housing Portal and select "Survey for Not Returning" under the "Available Forms" tab. Please remember that if you will be enrolled at Lander for the Spring 2023 semester, housing and meal plan charges will be placed on your student account unless you have been approved through the appeal process.

## Meal Plan Changes

Students who wish to change their meal plan for the Spring 2023 semester should complete the change request form via the Housing Portal. To access the form, log into the Housing Portal and select "Meal Plan Change Request" under the "Available Forms" tab. All meal plan change requests must be completed by 12:00 noon on January 4. Late requests will not be processed.

## Housing & Residence Life End of Semester Survey

As we approach the end of the semester, the Department of Housing & Residence Life is gathering feedback to assess our performance, policies, and procedures thus far. Your feedback will provide valuable information that will help us address potential issues as we prepare for the Spring Semester and the following Academic Year of 2023-2024.

The survey will be sent to your Lander email and will remain open until December 22.

## Personal Safety

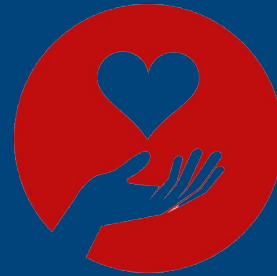
Lander University makes every effort to provide a safe and secure living environment for all resident students as well as the entire university community. University Police are on patrol 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Professional staff and resident assistants live in each residence hall and are available to assist resident students at any time. Desk monitors, security systems and emergency phones are in place in various residence hall areas and throughout the campus. Residence hall entrance doors are locked at all times and are accessible only with the university key issued to the occupant assigned for that specific residence hall and/or room.

The following are a few important safety items to remember:

- Never lend your room key to anyone
- Always keep your room and vehicle doors locked when you are not occupying them or when sleeping
- Do not keep valuables in plain sight
- Do not keep large amounts of money in your room; keep debit/credit cards out of plain sight
- Do not let unattended visitors/strangers into the residence halls
- Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious persons or activity to University Police

Even with all safety resources in place, personal safety begins with each individual member of the Lander University community.

Lander University Police can be reached at 864-388-8222.



## Donations!

If you are moving out or have items that you no longer need for spring, please consider donating those items to the Bear Necessities Food Pantry. Examples of items needed include:

- Unused school supplies such as notebooks, binders, pens, pencils, and paper
- Bedding that is no longer needed such as sheets, comforters, and blankets. Please wash any bedding prior to donating.
- Clothing items
- Non-perishable food items such as canned goods
- Unused cleaning supplies and paper goods such as paper towels and toilet paper.

Donations may be made directly to the Bear Necessities Food Pantry located in Lide 325 between the hours of 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Additional donation boxes will be placed around campus and clearly labelled for drop off at any time.

## Lander Line and Bearcat Shuttle

The Lander Line and Bearcat Shuttle services will run their usual hours through December 13, with the Lander Line having some modified scheduling on Wednesdays & Fridays. The Bearcat Shuttle will resume operations on Thursday, January 5, 2023. The Lander Line will resume operations on Monday, January 9, 2023.

An email will be sent out with more details on the Lander Line schedule changes.

## Dining Services

The Grier Center Dining Hall will be open for regular hours through December 13 and will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on December 14. For more information about operating hours for Dining Services including Starbucks, Which Wich?, Chick-fil-A, Freshens, and the POD and POD Market, please visit [www.lander.edu/dining](http://www.lander.edu/dining).



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