

# NEWS FOR SEWANEE FAMILIES



## December 2023

We are approaching the end of the semester, and it's an end that is full of anticipation and Sewanee activities including the campus Christmas tree lighting ceremony, the Festival of Lessons and Carols, semester exams, and thoughts of being together for the holidays.

As we wrap up the semester, we wanted to touch base to share some information that you might find interesting and helpful. Happiest of holidays to you!

## Lessons and Carols Service - Watch the Replay



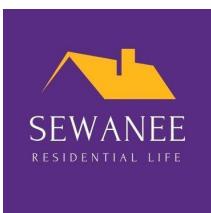
The University celebrated its 64th Festival of Lessons and Carols this past weekend. I hope you were able to attend one of the three services. If not, (or if you'd just like to watch it again), you can at [this link.](#)

## Important Dates



- Dec. 14: Last day of final exams
- Dec. 15: Residence halls and houses close
- Jan. 14: Residence halls and houses reopen
- Sept. 27-29, 2024: Family Weekend

## Holiday Residence Hall Schedule



Instructions for checking out of the residence halls or houses at the end of the semester were sent to your student. They are below.

All residence halls and houses close at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023.

Students must have packed and removed all needed belongings and exited their residence by this deadline. There is no formal checkout process with a staff member-just review the below steps to ensure that you properly prepare your room for the break and **avoid any December closing fines**. Once you are packed and your room is ready, simply depart campus and travel safely to your winter break destination.

## Checkout Overview

Follow these steps to be sure you are properly prepared for the winter break.

Take ALL valuable items and anything you will need during the winter break (e.g. books or study materials, medications, passport, credit cards, etc.). Due to decreased staff presence and the closure of the University over the break period, the University will be unable to provide you with access to your room and is unable to retrieve and ship anything you forget.

Bring your room key with you. ALL rooms will be inspected AND LOCKED after your departure. You will need your room key upon your return in January to access your room and avoid a lockout fine. Please contact [Residential Life](#) as soon as possible if you have lost your room key.

In leaving items behind in your room, you recognize that the University bears no responsibility for damage or theft to any of your belongings. Please remember that damage and/or theft remain possibilities over the extended winter break, and that the University will not provide additional security for belongings left in campus residences.

Unplug AND defrost all personal refrigerators. This will take at least 24 hours to complete, so be sure to empty your refrigerator of all contents, unplug it, and lay a towel at the door to collect any melting ice without damaging the floor of your room. Failure to do this will result in a \$50 fine.

Remove ALL trash and recycling from your room and place it in the proper receptacles. There will be a \$35 fine if staff have to dispose of trash on your behalf.

Unplug ALL electronics left in your room. Help us avoid all potential issues and responsibly manage campus energy usage by unplugging all items from all wall sockets.

If you plan to leave your vehicle on campus, please park it in the large lot on Kentucky Avenue near Gorgas Hall. Ensure there are no visible valuables, and that your vehicle is secure before departing.

Secure your bicycle to the nearest bicycle rack or in your room. Be sure any bikes left in your room do not block doors or prevent egress.

Secure your room before you depart. Close and lock all windows, lower and shut all blinds, turn off the lights, and lock the door behind you before you depart.

Complete your Express Check Out form. Once the form is completed successfully, you will receive an email to confirm your submission. Failure to complete this form will result in a \$50 fine.

## **Returning in January**

Residence halls and houses will reopen at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2023. All students needing to come back to campus early, including students who are a part of an approved university program (Basketball, Swimming & Diving, Wildland Fire Training, Beyond the Gates, comping, etc.) will need to submit the Early Arrival Request form. The form will open on Dec. 1 and will close on Jan. 2. Please visit your [Student Housing Portal](#) to submit your request. Note: Approval is not guaranteed, and students may NOT return early without written permission in the form of an approval message from the Office of Residential Life.

Note: All new and returning housing assignments for the spring semester will be visible in your student housing portal on Jan. 11, 2024.

## Not Returning in January

If you will not return in January (e.g. due to study abroad, early graduation, a leave of absence, etc.), you must take ALL personal belongings with you and fill out the Express Check Out form in your Student Portal.

As a reminder, all checkout details (including Frequently Asked Questions) are available for your reference on our [website](#).

Please travel safely, and we hope you have a warm and fulfilling break before we see you in January.

## Sewanee Career Readiness to Host 20th Beyond the Gates Weekend - Jan. 12-13



Beyond the Gates: Preparing for Life and Work after Sewanee is a two-day event that helps juniors and seniors develop career readiness through panels, practice interviews, one-on-one networking conversations, and hearing the experiences of recent graduates.

Juniors and Seniors can register on the Handshake platform. To learn more about the program and to see the exciting preliminary schedule, visit the [Beyond the Gates website](#).

## Sewanee Events Near You



### Sewanee Club Events

Families are invited to attend Sewanee Club events across the country. It's a great way to get updates from campus, meet other Sewanee people in your area, and stay connected.

Be on the lookout for these events, and join us if you can!

[Sewanee Club of Nashville - Dec. 12](#)

[Sewanee Club of Jacksonville - Dec. 14](#)

For the latest information and updates, [click here](#).

## Greek Recruitment News



### Greek Rush News

Is your new student (first year or transfer) interested in joining a fraternity or sorority? Rush events will take place Jan. 28-Feb. 3, and students must register to participate. They can register for formal fraternity and sorority recruitment from now until Jan. 12. All students are required to have a cumulative GPA of 2.35 or higher to participate in fraternity or sorority recruitment.

## Support Sewanee



Your gifts to the Sewanee Parents Fund bolster and enhance the experience of every member of our Sewanee family. The impact will be felt by your students and their peers, both now and in the future, when they reflect on their Sewanee experience. As the calendar year comes to a close, your gift before Dec. 31 will qualify for 2023 tax year charitable giving.

You can [make your gift here](#).

## Things to Know

### Sewanee Photos

We hope you follow the University's [social media accounts](#). If you want more photos of major campus events, visit the [Sewanee Flickr page](#).

### All Saints' Chapel

## Campus Events

Check out the [master calendar](#) to see everything that's happening on campus.

## Athletics

### UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS IN YOUR AREA

Of course, we love you to visit the Mountain to enjoy a home competition, but we thought we'd let you know when the Tigers are near you during the rest of this year. Wear your purple and go cheer them on to victory! For more information about these as well as home competitions, visit [www.sewaneetigers.com](http://www.sewaneetigers.com)

[Listen to Director of Athletics John Shackelford](#) featured on the ITA Coaches Podcast as he shares his commitment to Sewanee Athletics.

#### ALABAMA

Women's Basketball at Birmingham-Southern 1/7/2024 1:00PM Birmingham

Men's Basketball at Birmingham-Southern 1/7/2024 3:00PM Birmingham

#### GEORGIA

Women's Basketball at Emory University 12/31/2023 4:00PM Atlanta

#### KENTUCKY

Women's Basketball at Asbury University 1/2/2024 4:00PM Wilmore

#### MISSISSIPPI

Women's Basketball at Millsaps College 1/5/2024 6:00PM Jackson

Men's Basketball at Millsaps College 1/5/2024 8:00PM Jackson

#### TENNESSEE

Men's Basketball vs LaGrange College 12/17/2023 1:00PM Memphis

Men's Basketball at Rhodes College 12/18/2023 1:00PM Memphis

#### VIRGINIA

Men's Basketball vs Ohio Wesleyan 12/29/2023 1:00PM Salem

Men's Basketball vs TBA 12/30/2023 Salem



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