Upcoming Break Message from Jeff Cox

All RIT Offices are closed December 25 through January 4. In an emergency, you can contact the RIT Public Safety Dispatcher at 585-475-3333 and ask them to reach Jeff Cox or Lilli Jensen.

Please read the updates below from RIT International Student Services

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Hold special tickets for yourself here: https://clipboard.rit.edu/take.cfm?sid=13676266

1) ISS Office hours (if you need something, please come in before 2 PM this Wednesday)

RIT International Student Services might close for the RIT break a bit early in the afternoon on Wednesday, December 24, so if you need us before the break, please come in Tuesday, or Wednesday morning. We will not re-open until Monday, January 5, 2015. At that time, we’ll return to our normal hours of 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday throughout the Intersession and Spring semester.

2) Travel signatures on your I-20 or DS-2019

Travel signatures are good for the full academic year, so if you had your I-20 or DS-2019 signed on or after August 15, 2014, then you do not need a new signature until September 2015.)
More info: http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/travel

3) Employment authorization needed before working off campus

Reminder: If you will be working off campus, be sure to first obtain employment authorization on a new I-20 or DS-2019. On-campus employment during the January intersession is allowed at a full-time rate with no special permission needed. More info:
http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/immigration-visas/f-1-employment

I also recommend you browse our website if you have other questions to see if we have an answer already posted. If you have a suggestion for how we can improve our website - or any other services we offer, please send that my way! (jwccst@rit.edu)
4) **A solution for Intersession if you use the #68 bus from Bennington Hills**

Dear RIT students living at Bennington Hills,

RIT is providing a limited level of transportation service during the intersession in place of RTS route 68. The service will be provided by the RIT bus that services all RIT and other designated residences. This service is only being provided Monday – Friday on the following dates:

January 5 – 9
January 12 – 16
January 19 – 23

The bus will pull into Bennington Hills similar to the RTS route 68 bus. RIT students need to be prepared to show their RIT ID’s to ride the bus when boarding at Bennington Hills.

The Bennington Hills stop is not listed on the schedule; here is a list of the approximate times the bus will be arriving at Bennington Hills Monday – Friday at the dates listed above.

7:16am, 8:16am, 9:20am, 10:44am, 11:47am, 1:21pm, 2:25pm, 3:29pm, 4:35pm, 6:00pm, 7:05pm, 8:10pm, 9:45pm, 10:50pm

To return to Bennington Hills from RIT, here is the intersession bus schedule for your reference:

*Intersession Bus Schedule*

The bus will stop at Bennington Hills after leaving the RIT Inn on its way to the RIT Racquet Club apartments.

**Reminder:** The bus will not stop at Bennington Hills on Saturdays and Sundays.

Sincerely,

RIT Transportation Services

(A note from Jeff Cox: The above is a one-time temporary solution. As ridership increases on the RTS #68, we hope that RTS will respond to the demand of paying customers and keep the #68 running next year during January 2016. It may depend in part on the level of usage of this temporary RIT solution this January 2015.)
5) Join us at the Jan 9th Hockey game or another activity during the January Intersession

ISS is sponsoring special tickets to the RIT Men’s Hockey game on Friday, January 9th at 7:00 PM. (recommend you arrive by 6:45PM). For just $5, you can get a reserved seat with a chair back and armrests (normally $10). Please let us know if you’d like to join us at that game so we can all sit together! Just answer this 2 question survey to hold a seat (or seats): https://clipboard.rit.edu/take.cfm?sid=13676266

Other RIT events during January are listed here: http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/cab/

For example:

Trip to Rochester Museum & Science Center
Need something to do over intersession? Join CAB on a trip to the Rochester Museum & Science Center! Explore three floors of hands-on exhibitions about science, technology, and the featured Dinosaurs exhibit! Sign up for $1 in the CAB office (3-A740) starting January 5th.  
When: Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 12:30pm  
Doors open at 12:15pm  
Where: Rochester Museum & Science Center  
Cost: Students - $2  
Signup At: CAB Office 03-A740

Film “Accepted”
Kick off your spring semester with a classic college movie! Bartleby Gaines has just received his eighth of eight rejection letters from colleges, which isn’t going to please his parents. He and his friends decide that the extreme solution is to open their own “University” at a local abandoned facility. Their ploy works a little too well when other students show up for classes at their sham school.  
When: Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 8:00pm. Doors open at 7:30pm  
Where: Ingle Auditorium

We wish all of you safe travels, festive holidays and a relaxing break!

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