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HERD HIGHLIGHTS

Herd Highlights is a bi-weekly newsletter for all students—graduate and undergraduate. Send us your feedback: herdhighlights@wpi.edu

A Message From the Dean

Early this week, the Dean of Students Office and Student Government Association sponsored the inaugural *Herd Huddle*. Those who attended heard about several WPI initiatives ranging from WPI's strategic priorities, continuing well-being initiatives, efforts to envision the physical campus needs for the next 10 years, and more. Attendees had the chance to give valuable input about what they'd want to see in meal plan configurations and ways the campus shuttle service could support student needs.

I strongly believe we make WPI better when we all work together to address challenges and seize opportunities for improvements; student voices are an important component. I hope you'll plan to participate. Watch your email for the next *Herd Huddle* in C-Term.

Sincerely,
Dean Perlow

Find all the supportive resources you need [here at student resources](#).

DATES & DEADLINES

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| November 30 | Last day to withdraw from B-term courses (graduate students only) |
| December 7 | Great Problems Seminar (GPS) ATC Poster Submission Day (<i>Submit to ATC for printing</i>) |
| December 11 | GPS Poster Presentation Day |
| December 12 | Reading Day (no classes) |
| December 15 | B-term and Fall Semester rental books are due back to the Bookstore by Friday, December 15. To avoid fees, be sure to return your rentals before leaving for the break! |
| Saturday, Dec. 16 @ 5pm | Residence Halls/ Houses close for Winter Break |
| Sat., Dec. 16 to Sun., Jan. 7 | Campus dining hours are modified. View Dining Hours Modified Schedule → |
| Sunday, January 7 | Residence Halls/ Houses reopen |

Looking for an event? Check the calendars below or the WPI Mobile App.

Check out upcoming events through these links!

[UNIVERSITY CALENDAR →](#)

[MyWPI →](#)

[ATHLETICS →](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Q&A with Dean of Students Emily Perlow and Police Chief Steve Marsh

Emily Perlow, Dean of Students, and Steve Marsh, Chief of Police, discuss their perspectives on how global events, debate, and language impact students and our campus community.

[Read the Q&A →](#)

Goat with a Note

You may have heard of Elf on the Shelf, but have you heard of Goat with a Note? Follow the Dean of Students on Instagram to see the various hijinks Gompei gets into from now until the end of the term.

[View Goat with a Note Instagram →](#)

WPI Orchestra - Call for Scores

The WPI Orchestra invites all students to submit compositions to our new Call For Scores for the WPI Orchestra. Selected

compositions will be performed in the D-Term concert. Composers will receive a recording and video of their piece.

[Learn More & Submit A Score](#) →

Staying on Campus over Winter Break?

All residential halls and houses will be closing for Winter Break on Saturday, December 16 at 5pm, and re-opening Sunday, January 7 at 9 am. Anyone who would like to request to stay on campus over break, MUST fill out:

[The Winter Stay Form](#) →

Boynton Hall Elevator Closed

The Boynton Hall elevator will be shut down **for the next six weeks** for important safety work. If you need assistance from one of the Boynton Hall offices and are unable to use the stairwell please contact the number listed and someone will come to meet you.
Bursar's Office: 508-831-5203
Finance Office: 508-831-5837
Marketing Communications: 508-831-5305
Talent & Inclusion: 508-831-5470 or -6783

Food as Fuel

The end of B-Term is approaching! Stay energized and feel your best with these empowering food suggestions!

[View Tips & Food Suggestions](#) →

Tell Us About Your Space Needs! Give Your Input for WPI's Campus Framework Plan

WPI is dedicated to enhancing the physical campus environment to better serve the needs of students, faculty, and staff. What are the positive aspects of the campus? What are areas of the buildings and grounds that currently fall short of WPI's needs? Your insights on how the physical

campus can enhance the daily campus experience, expand upon our mission as an institution, improve campus connections and collaboration, are valuable.

[Take the Campus Framework Survey to share your ideas](#) →

WPI's Shuttle Goes on Break, Too.

The WPI shuttles, run by Valet Park America, will close for break in a few weeks, with the last daytime run on Friday, December 15, and the last nighttime run Saturday, the 16. Shuttles start up again Sunday, January 7. Check the safety transportation website for details and plan ahead.

[View Safety Transportation Website](#) →

What Sounds Delicious?

Tech Eats wants your feedback. TruBurger opened in the RCC Food Court with the intent of changing the concept from time to time. Now it's time for a fresh new concept. Take 3 minutes to---

[Vote for Your Next Favorite Food Concept](#) →

FREE Graduate Level Course: Responsible Conduct of Research

Rory Flinn, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies, is running a free graduate-level, zero-credit hybrid course, Responsible Conduct of Research, ID 500, in Spring semester 2024.

ID 500 will feature seminars led by faculty and staff as well as small group discussions and will cover topics such as research design, authorship, mentorship, intellectual property, and environmental and societal impacts of scientific research, among others.

[Responsible Conduct in Research Course](#) →

Help with Food Insecurity

Food insecurity is a concern in every community—including on college campuses. If you do not have enough food or you're concerned about your food security, we can help. Find out more about [the DoughClub's food pantry and additional options](#).

Coming Soon: Graduate Housing Survey

Interested in housing as a graduate student? Juniors, seniors and graduate students will receive a request in the coming days to take a survey about housing interests and features. Please take 10 minutes to share your views for a chance to win a gift card.

In Other News

Students Go Above and Beyond at New Project Center

At the new project center in NH's White Mountains, WPI students develop their leadership skills and help the environment. While they're at it, they also earn a certificate in wilderness ethics.

[More about NH Project Center Students](#) →

Suggestions Welcome

What do you want to know about? Have a suggestion for content? If you'd like to submit content for consideration in the next issue of *Herd Highlights*, [click here](#).

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