



The Marketplace Messenger

Communicating Grinnell College Dining Services news of interest to our diners

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What's Happening?

Check out the latest minutes of the Dining Service Committee online at <http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/dining/committee/minutes/> See how you are being represented and how Dining Services is responding.

Study Break

Dining Services will again sponsor an ice cream study break on December 18. Ice cream and toppings will be served in the main lobby of the Joe Rosenfield '25 Center from 9-10 p.m.

Come join us!

It's National Handwashing Awareness Week...do you know how many bacteria and viruses are on your hands?

WASH YOUR HANDS!

~ 30 seconds with warm water and soap ~

Sanitizer is provided for your use at the entry to The Marketplace.

Semester Comings and Goings

December 20

- Out Takes closes at 12:30 p.m.

December 21

- The Spencer Grill closes at 2 p.m.
- Dining Services offices close at 5 p.m.
- Special Menu** – The final dinner meal of the semester will be served in the Joe Rosenfield '25 Center – room 101; **5-6pm.** It has been relocated to accommodate the President's annual holiday dinner for faculty and staff.

December 22 – January 1

- Dining Services closed

January 2

- Dining Offices open

January 7-18

- The Spencer Grill open 9:30 a.m. – 1pm (M-F only)

January 19

- Dining Office open for P-Cards 4-6 p.m.
- Marketplace re-opens for dinner 5-7 p.m.

January 20

- The Spencer Grill open regular posted service hours
- Marketplace open regular posted service hours

January 21

- Out Takes reopens for regular posted service hours

Consulting Dietitian Begins



Britt McConnell, R.D., L.D. began consulting work with Grinnell College Dining Services on December 5. Perhaps you have already had the occasion to meet Britt? If not, she will be here each Wednesday (December 5 and 12, then beginning in January 30) on a regular basis. Some days she will be available during the morning hours and other days later into the evening.

Dining Plan Changes for Spring Semester

Any student wishing to make a change in his or her dining plan for spring semester should submit that request online before leaving campus for winter break. Meal plan choices from first semester will be carried over to second semester unless another request is submitted. Individual meal plan eligibility is based on class standing and housing location. Please note that first-year students have the option of plans 1 or 2 only. This information, including full descriptions of the meal plans, is available on the Dining website: www.grinnell.edu/offices/dining. Final deadline for second semester changes is February 1.

From the Director

I am told that this is the last issue of the *Marketplace Messenger* for this semester. Has this been a fast semester for you? Another week of classes and then finals, WOW! Where has the time gone? It has been a whirlwind for Dining Services, and to be honest, we are looking forward to winter break as much as you are – although we do not have to contend with finals like each of you.

Dining Services added some great enhancements this semester. Sunday dinner hours and Out Takes offerings were expanded, and we added the Asian Noodle, Burger, Nacho and Fajita Bars and Thai dishes. We made changes based on valuable student input from dill pickles to green peas to wheat English muffins to more chicken breasts. The emphasis on locally grown or produced products was increased, as well as our commitment to our environment. Dining Services continues to recycle, reduce waste, compost, and we are looking ahead at "green" cups for The Spencer Grill.

Let's not forget the Farmer's Market, Breakfast at Dinner, décor cookies, Thanksgiving, Fog Fast, and my personal favorite – caramel apples with all the trimmings. We are working on bringing fresh ground coffee to the dining hall for second semester and outdoor furniture to the patio area in time for spring weather.

The Dining Services theme this year is "Whatever It Takes!" Our theme truly reflects the commitment and attitude of each staff member. Fifty full-time staff and more than 300 student staff take this commitment to heart each and every day to provide, you the student, with exceptional service. This is our responsibility and we do not take it lightly.

Yes, it has been a fast ride, and the end of the semester is in its final approach. We wish you a successful conclusion to your semester. Have a safe and FUN winter break! See you next semester.

Dick
Director of Dining Services

Editor's Note

With this issue you will notice some changes in the look of this publication. It is our intent to stay an interesting read, but to more closely follow the campus guidelines for Grinnell College publications. We have also added a "tag line" which we believe states what we in Dining Services are all about. TW

Jobs Available

Dining Services is currently scheduling positions for the spring semester. If you are currently employed within Dining Services, you should be choosing your next semester shifts very soon!

If you are not currently a Dining Services employee, but wish to be scheduled for next semester, please contact one of the dining hall supervisors (Lyle, Kelly, or Rita) at your earliest convenience. The supervisors can be reached at campus extension 4976.

Reader's Quiz

In our last publication we began the process toward a *Marketplace Messenger* reader's prize. I hope you are keeping track of the clues and reading through past issues of the *Marketplace Messenger* available on the Dining Services' website.

Today's clue is "Dining Services seeks to align itself with _____ responsible partners." If you know the answer, keep track of it. You will need this and other answers to complete the word puzzle and earn your chance at the Samsung digital camera.

Thanks for reading!