

Missouri Hall

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Missouri Hall Closing for Thanksgiving Break

It's getting time for everyone to come home and visit their friends and families for the Thanksgiving break. This is the first time Truman has given the entire week to students for Thanksgiving. It should be a great chance for our students to relax and prepare for the end of the semester.

During the break, Missouri Hall will be closed. We'll be locking the doors at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 20. If you are picking up your student, you'll want to make sure to arrive prior to 6:00.

If any students would like to stay in the hall over break, they needed to sign up ahead of time. We sent out notifications in our last two student newsletters. Because of the added cost of staffing the building over break, there is a nightly fee. If anyone missed the signup deadline (today at 5:00), there is a \$50 late fee.

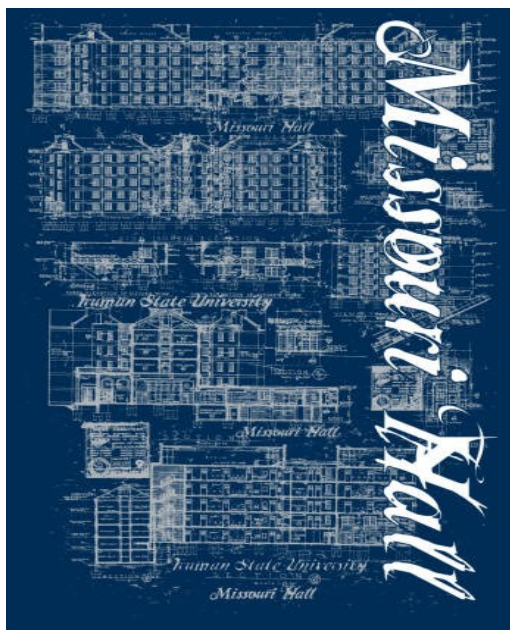
Recent Events Add to Missouri Hall Experience

Tonight we are hosting the annual Missouri Hall formal across the street in Truman's historic Kirk Auditorium. Residents from all over the building are breaking out their old formal dresses and suits for the occasion.

Several educational programs have added to the MO Hall experience as of late, including a trip out to the University observatory, a diversity game show, and an alcohol awareness program. Students have enjoyed recent community events like Human Battleship, trips to the Corn Maze and Train Bridge, and the student theater.

Missouri Hall Senate Now Selling This Year's Hall Shirt

The Missouri Hall Senate is now taking orders for the 2009 Hall Shirt. The official hall shirt is an important Missouri Hall tradition. The design (shown below) features an overlay of the original blueprint used to construct Missouri Hall in 1964-1965. If you would like to order one of these shirts for your student, [fill out and print the form on the order site](#) and mail it in to Missouri Hall. We'll take orders through December 4 and have it waiting in Missouri Hall when everyone returns in January.



Academics Step Up After Thanksgiving Break

Truman is a rigorous institution. Between Thanksgiving and finals, things only get more difficult. Your student will likely need more support from you at that point. It helps if you can be someone they can vent to about the stresses of succeeding. Often our students just need someone they can talk to about how hard things are.

There are also some things you can recommend to your student. Successful students work with their professors outside of class for additional assistance. They go to optional tutoring sessions and study in groups with other students from the class. Many Truman students, having been successful in high school, are often embarrassed to admit they need help or to avail themselves of academic resources. It's important that you point out how successful Truman students aren't afraid to admit when they need a hand.

Sometimes students just need to take a small break too. We'll do our part in the halls to make sure there are opportunities to break away from the books for a few minutes.

Missouri Hall Quick Notes

- **Communications Archive Online**
This is the first newsletter we've sent out to parents this year. Archived copies will be kept online. You can also find copies of the newsletters sent to students each week. To access the archive, visit <http://missouri.truman.edu> and click on the "Communications Archive" in the left hand menu.
- **Applications Out for 2010-2011 SA Jobs**
Many students are excited to apply for Student Advisor jobs for next year. Student Advisors serve as the primary hall staff. They plan events, help residents with the transitions, cover night duty, enforce policy, and respond to crises. The job is very rewarding and helps the SAs learn many valuable, lifelong skills. Applications are online at reslife.truman.edu.

November 13, 2009



Hello from Missouri Hall!

Coming Up at MO Hall . . .

Missouri Hall Formal

Friday, November 13 | 9:00 PM
Kirk Auditorium

Turkey Trot

Saturday, November 14 | 9:00 AM
Gardner Memorial Track, Stokes Stadium

Regina Spektor Concert

Saturday, November 14 | 8:00 PM
Pershing Arena | Sponsored by SAB

MO Closes for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 20 | 6:00 PM
<http://reslife.truman.edu>

New Perimeter Access System In January

We will be rolling out a new electronic perimeter access system this January. The Board of Governors provided for a system to be added to each one of the residence halls to augment existing safety protocols.

Starting in January, students will need to swipe their ID card at the front door after hours to enter the building. This will ensure that only residents who live in the building can enter. Our night monitor will continue to swipe cards at the hall desk for a double check now on residency.

Under the new system, it will be imperative for students to keep their ID card with them at all times after hours so they can enter.