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The VPSL Column:



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Hello Students,

I hope you all had a chance to relax over the break and are feeling energized and motivated to close fall semester 2022 on a high note. It is hard to believe that we are fast-approaching December and Reading Days and finals are just around the corner! I want to share a few student life office updates in and around the Student Center and Stewart-Odell that you will notice this week and as you return:

The renovation of Templeton Student Center has required patience from our whole community, and this Wednesday, November 30, the road in front of the building will [open as a pedestrian footpath](#). When you get back to campus for spring semester, the remaining spaces in the Student Center will be open, the Pio and 39-TriMet buses will return to Templeton, and the [lower Templeton parking lot will be back online](#)! This will help to ease some of the parking constraints and challenges we've all felt this fall. Please lookout for signage in spring semester as it relates to renovated spaces, where to find offices and resources, and new opportunities to connect and build community. Thank you for helping make the student center your "go to" spot.

The first changes resulting from the Stewart-Odell renovation begin this week on Thursday, December 1, when the Office of Campus Living will be relocated from lower Templeton to Roberts Hall in the former Maggie's Cafe. Campus Living will be in this space from Friday, December 2, until late October 2023, when a new Campus Living office and residential front desk will open in Odell Hall. Over the winter break, Counseling Center staff and Health Promotion and Wellness staff with offices in Odell will be moving into the lower Templeton suite vacated by Campus Living for the duration of the project. Hours and locations for Counseling Center and Health Promotion and Wellness services will still be the same for the rest of this semester and further updates related to this move will be shared as we head into Spring semester. Lastly, other signs of the ramp up for the renovation (like fencing) will begin to appear the week of December 5, to avoid noise and impact during finals week. While Stewart-Odell will be fenced off during the project it should not impact Templeton Way, which will be open to pedestrian traffic, service vehicles, and public transportation. For the most recent updates, please be sure to review the first January Bark or other campus communications.

I will be hosting VPSL drop-in office hours this Friday, December 2, from 12 to 1 p.m. in Fields Dining Hall. Please join me to say hello, share your thoughts and experiences on student life, and what you look forward to during Spring 2023!

This is the last edition of The Bark for the 2022 year. Good luck on final exams . . . finish strong! Have a wonderful and safe holiday break, and I'll see you in the new year!

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