WINTER BREAK
DEC 23rd 2015 - JAN 3rd 2016

Smith College may be closed, but Northampton isn’t!

Enjoy break with fellow international students – there's a lot more going on than you might think…
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

Grocery Van Shuttle
Starting at 11:00pm, Pick-ups at JMG
**B43 Buses running on No School Schedule for those who do not come back on shuttle!**

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Look Park: Santa’s Trains & Holiday Lights
3:20pm, meet in Cutter Living Room

We’ll meet to take the R42 PVTA bus to Florence, MA from the Academy of Music at 3:50pm. The bus costs $1.25 each way. If you go on your own, tell the bus driver you’d like to stop at Look Park – it will be the next stop after Florence Center. Buses will leave every hour from Look Park to come back to town – at 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, and 8pm.

All Aboard! This holiday season, Look Memorial Park is celebrating this special time of the year with a selection of running model trains whirling by displays of a whimsical wonderland of Christmas favorites and village landscapes. Chat with our authentic engineers, view our beautifully themed holiday trees and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus before relaxing with a holiday cookie and hot chocolate. **Free for all ages!**

While you enjoy Santa’s Trains, you can also step aboard the Holiday Express train and take a one mile ride around the Park. View over 50 holiday light displays made by the park's Grounds and Maintenance staff. The train departs nightly every 20 minutes beginning at 4:20 p.m. **Cost is $5 per person.**

Visit [www.lookpark.org](http://www.lookpark.org) for information.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th

Snacks & A Movie
6:30pm, Cutter Living Room

Come join other international students staying for Winter Break and enjoy snacks and a movie. HRs will be organizing a selection of films for you to choose from!

Local Northampton Christmas Eve Services
(A list of Pioneer Valley places of worship can be found on last page!)

4:00pm
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish: Mass at Parish Church, 99 King Street
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish: Mass at Blessed Sacrament, 354 Elm Street
- St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Elm Street: Children's pageant and holy Communion
- Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 22 Main Street

7:00pm
- The College Church, 57 Pomeroy Terrace: We welcome all to this service celebrating the birth of Jesus. The sight of each person's lit candle held high as we sing, "Silent Night" is one to behold. Join us!
- Edwards Church, 297 Main Street: A traditional candlelit service to celebrate the birth of Jesus and all that it means.
- Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 22 Main Street
7:30pm
- First Churches of Northampton, 129 Main Street: Lessons & Carols.
10:00pm
- St. John’s Episcopal Church, 48 Elm Street: Candlelit service with incense and holy Communion
12 midnight
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish: Midnight mass at Parish Church, 99 King Street
- St. Valentine Polish National Catholic Church, 127 King Street: Midnight Mass, shepherd's Mass, will begin with a concert of carols in Polish and English at 11:45pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th
Local Northampton
Christmas Day Services
(A list of Pioneer Valley places of worship can be found on last page!)

8:00am – St. John’s Episcopal Church, 48 Elm Street: Holy Eucharist, contemplative and quiet.
9:30am - St. Valentine Polish National Catholic Church, 127 King Street
10:00am - First Churches of Northampton, 129 Main Street: Service of lessons and carols
10:00am – St. John’s Episcopal Church, 48 Elm Street: Choral Holy Eucharist, with deaf interpretation.
11:00am - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish: Mass at Parish Church, 99 King Street

Christmas with Local Families - Brunch with the Barclays / Dinner with the Gillespies
Sign up required.
You can sign up at the res life meeting on 12/22 or by emailing interstu@smith.edu before 8:30am on December 23rd (Wednesday)
If you’ve signed up, please be in touch with your HR for details.
Christmas Dinner – Open to all students.
6:00pm, Cutter/Ziskind Dining Hall
Come enjoy a meal together, regardless of faith. Share what different holiday traditions you have at home and enjoy the Smith community on this holiday! The ISSO will provide dinner from Panda East to be delivered to Cutter Ziskind!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th

Holyoke Mall trip
10:30am, Ziskind Living Room

Shop those crazy after-the-holidays sales at the mall! We’ll meet and walk to the Academy of Music to take the B48 PVTA bus to the Holyoke Mall. The bus costs $1.25 each way. Anyone who is interested will take the 11:00 am bus to the mall, and we’ll meet back up at the bus stop at 3:05pm to come back to campus. Feel free to go earlier or stay later, but this will be a chance to travel with other Smithies for shopping.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th

Karaoke & Snacks  
7:00pm, Ziskind Living Room

Come hang out, show off your talent, and sing some of your favorite songs! We will provide the karaoke machine and some snacks.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th

Get Your Craft On! Snowflake Making & Cookie Decorating  
7:00pm, Ziskind Kitchen

Come make paper snowflakes to decorate your room, and decorate some holiday sugar cookies.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29th

Ice Skating @ the UMass Mullins Center!  
10:30am, meet at JMG (Public Skate from 12-1:50pm)

Head over to UMass with your friends to enjoy their skating rink! The B43 bus leaves at 10:30am (no School Schedule), so make sure to be on time!  
CASH ONLY!  
Admission: $5(with OneCard), Skate rental: $5, Bus trip: $2.50
Tuesday, Dec. 29 – Thursday, Dec. 31: Winter Mahasangha Practice Retreat
9:30am-12:30pm, 2:00-5:00pm, Pioneer Valley Shambhala Center

Join the Shambhala community for extended practice during the holiday week. We invite you to come together for meditation, contemplation, and mindful movement. Each session will feature a Mahasangha practice period, where sitting (shamatha), Shambhala ngondro, and Werma practitioners will practice together. For more information, visit http://pioneervalley.shambala.org.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th

Interskate Roller Skating & Laser Tag
3:00pm, Ziskind Living Room

We’ll meet in Ziskind and walk over to JMG for the 3:30pm B43 bus. Roller Skating & Laser Tag are available from 4pm until 7pm. Show your Smith College ID at the counter, and ISSO will take care of the rest! FREE (except for $1.25 bus fare each way)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st

First Night Northampton!
12:00 noon - 6:00pm, all over downtown Northampton

Northampton comes alive on New Year's Eve day! All day and night there will be performances and special deals all over town to those who have bought a First Night Northampton button. Sign up for a free button with ISSO by 8am December 23rd, or buy a button on your own (Daytime buttons- good until 6pm: $10; All day and night buttons: $16).

We'll meet in the living room of your house to walk down to the first event at the Academy of Music at 12 noon, A Circus Wonderland. There will be a super-sized circus spilling into the streets! To learn more about the events and performances, go to: www.firstnightnorthampton.org or download the iPhone app: First Night Northampton 2016.

Look up! Fireworks!
6:15pm

Even if you don’t have a button, don't miss the New Year's Eve fireworks this year! Walk downtown to watch them and enjoy the hustle and bustle of the holiday. FREE.

New Year's Eve countdown
11:30pm, Intersection of Pleasant St. & Main St.
Meet in Cutter Living Room at 11:30pm to walk down with other Smithies!

Every year, the Hotel Northampton rings in the New Year with a glittering ball atop the roof. Gather in the center of town to countdown the last minutes of 2015 and watch the ball rise to signify the New Year. FREE.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st
Hot Chocolate Bar & Board Games
7:30pm, Ziskind Living Room

Come make yourself a hot chocolate and play some board games with other Smithies! Maybe we’ll even have an air hockey or table tennis tournament!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd
Pizza Dinner & a Movie
6:00pm, Cutter Living Room

Now that break is almost over, let’s have a relaxing night together before J-term starts up. ISSO will have some pizzas delivered and HRs will provide a choice of movies to watch together!
RELGIOUS SERVICES

Places of worship open over Winter Break

ANGLICAN
• St. George’s Anglican Church, 2 Clark Street, Easthampton
• St. Michael’s and All Angels Anglican Mission First Baptist Church of Amherst, 434 North Pleasant Street, Amherst

BAHA’I
• Baha’i Devotional Gathering, 60 Masonic Street, Northampton

BUDDHIST
• Jampel Nyingpo Ling, 23 Charles Lane, Amherst
• Shambhala Center, 191 Main Street, Northampton
• Black Moon Zendo, 24 Valley Street, Northampton

CATHOLIC
• St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 99 King Street, Northampton
• St. Valentine Polish National Catholic Church, 127 King Street, Northampton

JEWISH
• Chabad House at Amherst, 20 North Hadley Road, Amherst
• Congregation B’nai Israel, 253 Prospect Street, Northampton
• Jewish Community of Amherst, 742 Main Street, Amherst

MUSLIM
• Hampshire Mosque, 1 East Pleasant Street, Amherst

OTHER CHRISTIAN
• First Church of Christ Scientist, 79 Masonic Street, Northampton
• Goodwin Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, 41 Woodside Avenue, Amherst
• First Baptist Church, 434 North Pleasant Street, Amherst
• Amherst Chinese Christian Church, 611 Belchertown Road, Amherst
• St. John’s Episcopal Church, 48 Elm Street, Northampton
• Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 22 Main Street, Northampton
• College Church, 57 Pomeroy Terrace, Northampton
• Edwards Church, 297 Main Street, Northampton
• First Churches of Northampton, 129 Main Street, Northampton
• Cornerstone Chapel, 508 Bridge Road, Northampton
• Northampton Friends Meeting, 43 Center Street, Northampton
• Christ United Methodist Church, 217 Rocky Hill Road, Northampton

See individual websites for times of services

For a more comprehensive list of places of worship outside the Northampton/Amherst area, see Religious and Spiritual Life website
HAVE A GREAT BREAK!

Happy Holidays

SEE YOU IN 2016!!!