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# Off Campus Street Beat

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## Greetings Off Campus Community!

I hope you are all enjoying a successful start to your spring semester thus far. If you're anything like me, you must be completely over the snow and longing for warm spring days!

As February comes to a close, it's important to keep the notion of "love" in mind. For me, love is about being considerate and friendly. It's about being a good neighbor and being mindful of how your actions and behaviors can contribute positively or negatively to our goal of creating harmonious, unified communities. It's about appreciating your housemates, respecting your property, and showing respect to others despite how they might treat you.

As we are blessed with warmer temperatures, I ask that you are especially mindful of your behavior and actions. Warmer temperatures mean that there are more opportunities to socialize in the off campus community. And while I'll never tell you not to socialize, I will also remind you to make responsible, safe, and healthy choices. If you have guests over, remind them about the demographics in the off campus and teach them to socialize in ways that are safe, responsible and will not disrupt your permanent neighbors.

I will also reiterate safety. Things in the off campus aren't always the safest, but I ask that you pay attention to your surroundings and trust your instincts! If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Be mindful of individuals claiming to be affiliated with La Salle, and make sure your doors and windows are always locked and properly secured.

Here's to a great rest of the semester! :)

-Dennis



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### Fun Riddles:

I'm tall when I'm young, and short when I'm old. What am I?

What is the longest word in the dictionary?

Answers:

A Candle

Smiles (there is a mile between each s)

## Is Your House Still In the Running...

... towards being named House of the Year?

If your house did not receive any documentations you are still eligible to earn the highest honor given to an off campus property at the End of the Year Recognition Event. Currently, over 60% of the off campus homes are still eligible!

The End of the Year Recognition Event will take place on April 24th. There will be lots of yummy food, gifts, and fun activities! You don't want to miss this!



# Spring Break House Safety



For many, spring break is a time to relax and vacation somewhere fun and exciting. This also means in many instances, homes are left vacant and unattended. If you and your housemates are planning on leaving your home completely unattended during this extended period of time, please take the following measures to prevent potential situations:

- ◇ **Use Your Light Timers:** Off-Campus & Commuter Communities distributed light timers to each home in the off-campus community in December 2013. The light timers give the illusion the home is occupied, and are programmable to when you would like it to turn on/off automatically.
- ◇ **Unplug Appliances:** Items such as curling/flat irons, stoves and irons for example can cause steam, smoke, and fire which can potentially lead to activation of fire alarms and actual home damage.
- ◇ **Lock All Doors, Windows and Set Home Alarm:** This seems second nature, but it is often a misstep. Walk through all areas of your home with housemates to ensure all areas of home are secure.
- ◇ **Notify Your Neighbors (if you are comfortable):** If you have a solid relationship with your neighbors, you may ask them to watch over your home in your absence.
- ◇ **Make Rounds of your Property:** If you aren't planning on going far for spring break, it might be a good idea to periodically visit your property from time to time .

Your safety and well-being is my top concern. If you want to talk about safety related matters, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

## Love Your Block Week <3

- ◇ Don't forget to vote your block as the best, cleanest, safest or most student friendly! Stop by the Union from 12:30-2 or vote online!
- ◇ Have a great neighbor you really like and appreciate? Email Dennis and let him know so that he can make them a special Certificate of Appreciation.



## Off Campus Ambassadors

- ◇ Interested in a student leadership position?
  - ◇ Want to spruce up your resume?
  - ◇ Like planning programs and activities?
- Consider becoming an Off Campus Ambassador!  
Email Dennis to find out more information!

