

# EVENING HOURS AND INTERDORM VISITATION

Evening hours at Taft begin at 7:00 p.m. except in the fall and spring on Tuesday and Thursday nights of formal sit-down dinner, and will end at “lights out” for each of the respective classes. During this time, dormitory faculty will be present in the dormitory, ensuring an environment that is conducive to productive study hall conditions. Supervised evening room study is held from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. (8:00 to 9:45 p.m. for uppermids and seniors) every evening that is followed by a class day. On the evenings that students return after a long weekend or extended vacation, there will be quiet hours in lieu of a study hall. Attendance will be taken at 8:00 p.m., and students are expected to maintain an environment that is conducive to studying until 10:00 p.m. During study hours, all students must be in their rooms or at one of the allowed locations. Study hours are a sacred time; therefore, it is important that quiet be maintained throughout campus. Students are not to gather in the halls or public areas of the school, but rather are expected to go to their destinations quickly and quietly. Leaving the dormitory without permission, going to an unapproved location or intent to deceive on a dormitory sign-out is a violation of our expectation violates our Permission Rules and may result in loss of sign-out privileges. Because Taft places high value on individual responsibility, we believe in instilling more responsibility in our students as they progress through their Taft educational experience.

One of the most defining individual responsibilities at Taft is the opportunity to Interdorm. The purpose of Interdorm Visitation is to allow students to visit friends of the opposite gender in a comfortable setting, analogous to visiting in the living room of a family home. Although the comparison between a living room and a student’s room in the dormitory has limits, the spirit of this analogy should be a guiding principle for students’ behavior.

The Interdorm Visitation privilege is extended only to Taft students. Alumni and students not enrolled at the school are not permitted in the dormitories without the permission of one of the deans of students.

ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WILL BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF PROCEDURES WITH REGARD TO INTERDORM VISITATION.

1. Allowing someone without proper permission to be in a room during Interdorm Visitation.
2. Visiting a room other than your host’s room.
3. Closing a door while visiting.
4. Failure to sign in or sign out properly and in a timely fashion, in person, with the faculty member on duty.

## **LOWER SCHOOL EVENING ROUTINE**

### **7:00–7:50 PM: INTERDORMING**

- ▶ Middlers
  - ◆ Begins after Long Weekend in the fall for students who complete proper paperwork.
  - ◆ Mids may visit in uppermid, mid or lowermid rooms of students of the opposite gender from 7:00 p.m. until 7:50 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday nights.
  - ◆ Mids can only visit with lowermids during the second semester.
- ▶ Lower Middlers
  - ◆ Begins after the first semester for students who complete proper paperwork.
  - ◆ Lowermids may visit in mid or lowermid rooms of students of the opposite gender from 7:00 p.m. until 7:50 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday nights.
- ▶ Lower Middlers and Middlers may also interdorm Saturday nights.
- ▶ A faculty member must be present in the dormitory if visiting is to take place.
- ▶ Hosts and their guests must sign in, in person, with the faculty member on duty in the dormitory being visited and must sign out with that faculty member when departing.
- ▶ Guests may sign in only to the room of their host.
- ▶ The door to the student's room must be kept ajar by a standard Taft-issue trash bin.
- ▶ Students should expect faculty or other students to drop by at any time.
- ▶ Hosts and their guests must sign out, in person, with the faculty member on duty in the dormitory being visited.
- ▶ There are no visitation privileges on any nights of long weekends.

### **8:00–10:00 PM: LOWER SCHOOL STUDY HALL & ROOM INSPECTIONS**

- ▶ Doors must remain open during study hall.
- ▶ Rooms inspections can be held Sunday through Friday:
  - ◆ Beds made
  - ◆ Floors cleared and cleaned
  - ◆ Trash emptied
  - ◆ Open food removed from room
  - ◆ Closets straightened
- ▶ Students may not use computers, cell phones, iPads or other electronics for e-mail, instant messaging or Internet surfing except with permission from the faculty member on duty.
- ▶ Students may ask the permission of the faculty on duty to sign out to faculty apartments, computer labs, language lab, academic center or counseling offices. Permission will be granted to lower schoolers only if the faculty member on duty has been given advance notice by a faculty member. Students wishing to go to the Writing Center or any academic table may do so at their discretion, and they do not need prior faculty permission, although they must follow the proper sign-out procedure. Students wishing special permission to go anywhere except the above destinations must receive permission from their class dean. The lowermid deans may require some lowermids to study in a supervised room during study hall.
- ▶ Students who sign out during study hall must sign back in by 9:45 p.m.

### **10:00 PM: STUDY HALL ENDS**

### **10:00–10:15 PM: CHECK IN WITH FACULTY MEMBER ON DUTY AND REQUEST LATE LIGHTS**

### **10:30 PM: LIGHTS OUT / INTERNET ACCESS TURNED OFF**