Welcome to the Neighborhood

The Crimson Commons staff is very excited you will be part of our neighborhood this spring. We have many great events planned for the coming year and look forward to getting to know you.

In this issue of the Commons News, we’re covering some of the things that make living in the Crimson Commons unique. As well as some tips about things you should bring with you in the spring. More detailed policies will be handed out when you arrive on campus.

Move-In

The residence halls open at 9 am on Saturday, August 17th. When you arrive on campus, please check in at the Commons Building. Please park in the parking lots surrounding the Crimson Commons. No parking is allowed on Joplin Street or Quincy Street.
Bathroom & Kitchenette

Microwaves and refrigerators (16.5 cu. ft.) are provided within the kitchenette area of the apartment. Additional microwaves and cooking in the bedrooms is prohibited. You may bring additional cooking appliances as long as they do not use or produce grease. Permitted appliances include crock-pots, toaster ovens, toasters, coffee makers, and rice cookers. Appliances such as George Foreman Grills (or similar models) and deep fryers utilize/produce grease and are prohibited. Each student may also bring one refrigerator with a maximum size of 4.0 cubic feet.

Custodial staff will enter the apartment monthly and disinfect the bathroom and kitchenette area. Residents are responsible for the cleaning of their bathroom and kitchenette area. Residents must supply their own cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and hand soap. We suggest creating a schedule with your roommates for cleaning and purchasing of supplies within the first week of school.

A shower curtain is provided in the bathroom. Many residents choose to bring in a trashcan, rugs, bathroom storage, and other decorative elements.

Laundry

Laundry facilities are located on the ground floor of each building. The machines utilize Banana Bucks to operate the machines. You may add to your Banana Bucks account at the kiosk in the Student Center or online. Only liquid detergent is allowed in the machines.

Suggested Cleaning Products

**Bathroom Counters & Toilet** – Use a mixture of an all-purpose cleaner (Lysol, Clorox, etc) and water to wipe down all surfaces. Many companies make wipes containing an all-purpose cleaner offering a quick way to wipe down all surfaces. A toilet bowl cleaner can also be applied to the inside bowl of the toilet to remove any stains in the bowl.

**Concrete Floors** – Vacuum or dust and use a mild purpose cleaner to mop when necessary.

**Showers** – Foaming bathroom cleansers work well to spray on the shower wall. Particular attention should be paid to the area where the shower wall meets the base, as mold build up tends to occur there. Automatic shower cleaners are also available that help to keep the shower clean with minimal maintenance.
Decorating Your Apartment

We encourage you to make your apartment your home, but we ask that you follow a few hanging guidelines to keep the apartments in good condition. Standard size thumbtacks or Command Strips should be used to attach items to the sheet rock walls. When you are ready to remove the Command Strips, please make sure you remove them according to the package instructions. Tape may be used to attach items to the cinder block walls. Nails, screws, tape, sticky tack, staples, or similar items are not permitted on the sheet rock walls. Items cannot be hung or attached to the ceiling or conduit. Hanging items on the sprinkler heads is strictly forbidden, as it may cause the sprinkler heads to activate.

The rooms come with blinds, but some residents choose to hang additional curtains over the windows utilizing tension curtain rods.

The closets do not have doors and due to fire marshal regulations no curtains may be hung over the closet opening.

Breezeway

Each apartment opens up to a breezeway area. Many residents choose to place a door mat in front of their door. Besides a welcome mat, no other personal items are allowed in this area.

Phone

One phone jack and one phone is provided per apartment in the living room area. Separate voice mailboxes are provided for each resident.

Furniture

Furniture may not be removed from the apartment. Each bedroom is furnished with a bed, three-drawer dresser, desk, and desk chair. Each living room is furnished with a sectional sofa.