

Hello International Students and Friends,

Finally, it's Thanksgiving break! We wish you a happy Thanksgiving! Don't forget to take a break, reenergize, and come back to finish the rest of the fall semester. Also, don't miss some fun events during and after the break!

Have fun,
[The OIP](#)

Schedule Overview

Here is a schedule overview for the next few weeks. Scroll down if you want to know the details of each piece of information!

- 11/19: Valpo Men's basketball
- 11/19-27: Thanksgiving Break
- 11/26: Valpo town's Winter Fest
- 11/28: Winter Break Housing due
- 11/29: Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration on campus
- 11/30: Holiday Coffee Hour
- 12/2: Japan Cultural Night

Japan Cultural Night

We would like to highlight VISA's Japan Cultural Night after the break! VISA will be hosting a Japan Cultural Night on **Friday, December 2nd at 5 pm!** The event will be at the lobby of Alumni Hall.

There will be Japanese snacks, drinks, games, origami, Kahoot, and prizes for game winners! Come join us and learn more about Japanese culture! Contact visa.valpo.edu for more information.



Valpo Town's Winter Fest

The town of Valparaiso will be hosting an annual Winter Fest on **Saturday, November 26th from 5 pm to 7 pm.** It is **free entry**, and there will be free hot chocolate and cookies, live figure skating performances, free photos with Santa, the lighting of the new city holiday tree, and more!

It is such a good time to take a break from school and feel the holiday season! Visit [Valpo downtown](#) next Saturday.



Winter Break Housing

For those of you who need a place to stay during winter break, don't forget to apply for winter break housing. The application is due **at 5 pm on Monday, November 28th**, which is right after the break.

Go to Data VU and select "Housing Self-Service." Then, select the "Applications" tab and select the "Winter Break Housing."

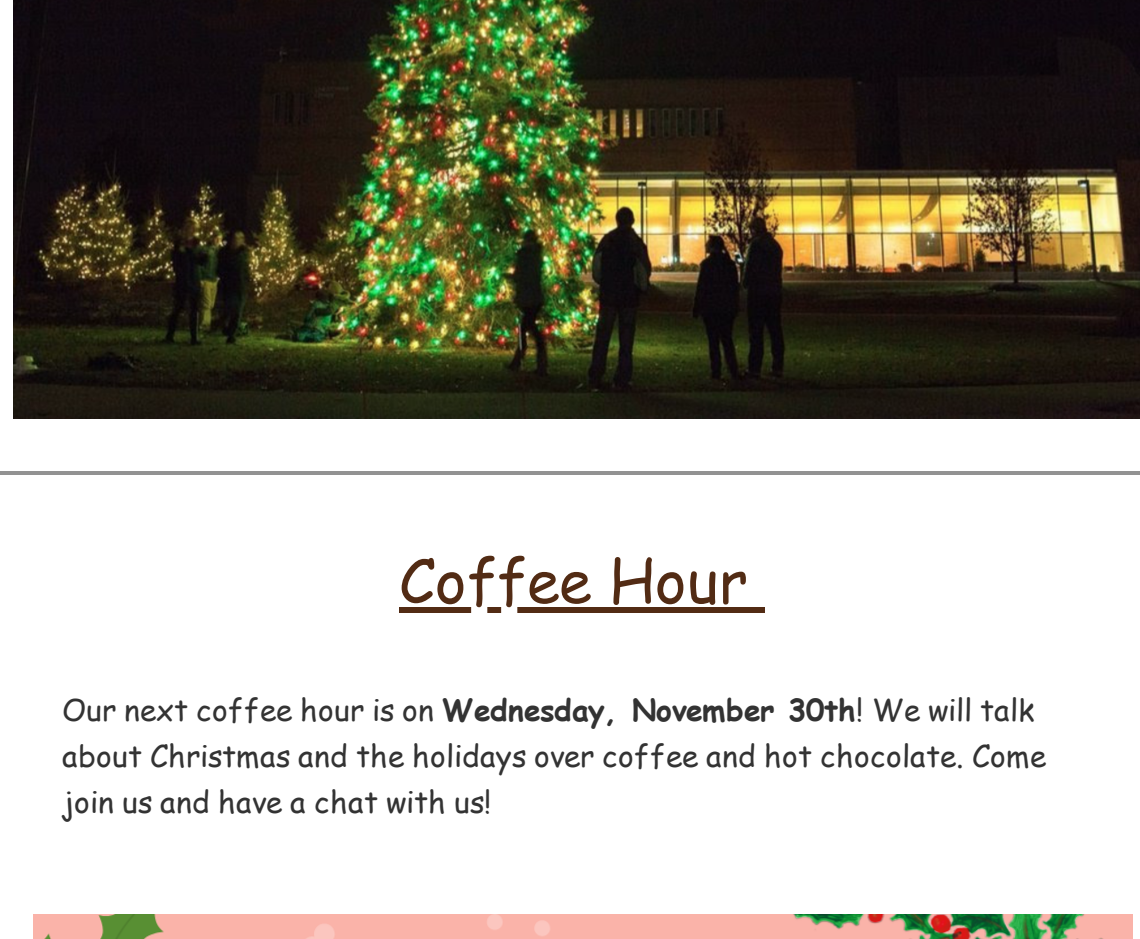


Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

Valparaiso University will kick off the holiday season with a Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration! The celebration is held between Harre Union and the library on **Tuesday, November 29th.** The tree lighting will be at **6:15 pm**, but there are lots of fun things to do before and after! Check the schedule below:

- 4:30-6 pm: Santa at Harre Union
- 5-6:30 pm: Photo Booth, Hot chocolate and Cookies, Caricatures, & more!
- 6:15 pm: Tree Lighting
- 7 pm: Julefest

Join the celebration and have fun!!



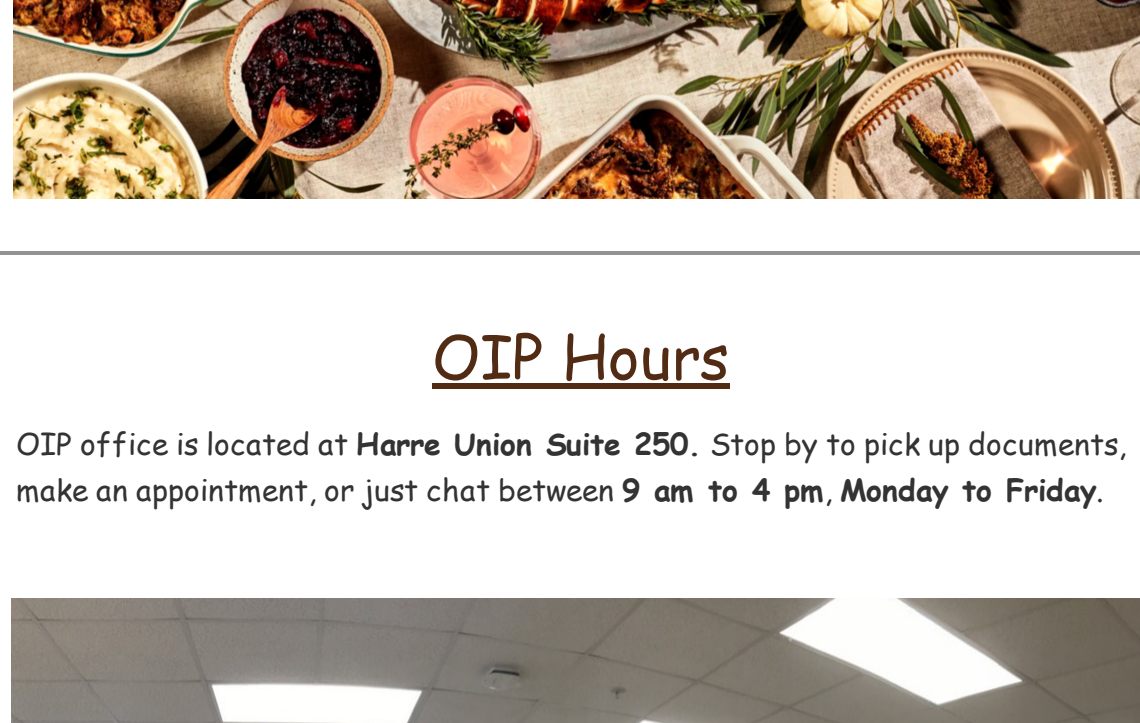
Coffee Hour

Our next coffee hour is on **Wednesday, November 30th!** We will talk about Christmas and the holidays over coffee and hot chocolate. Come join us and have a chat with us!



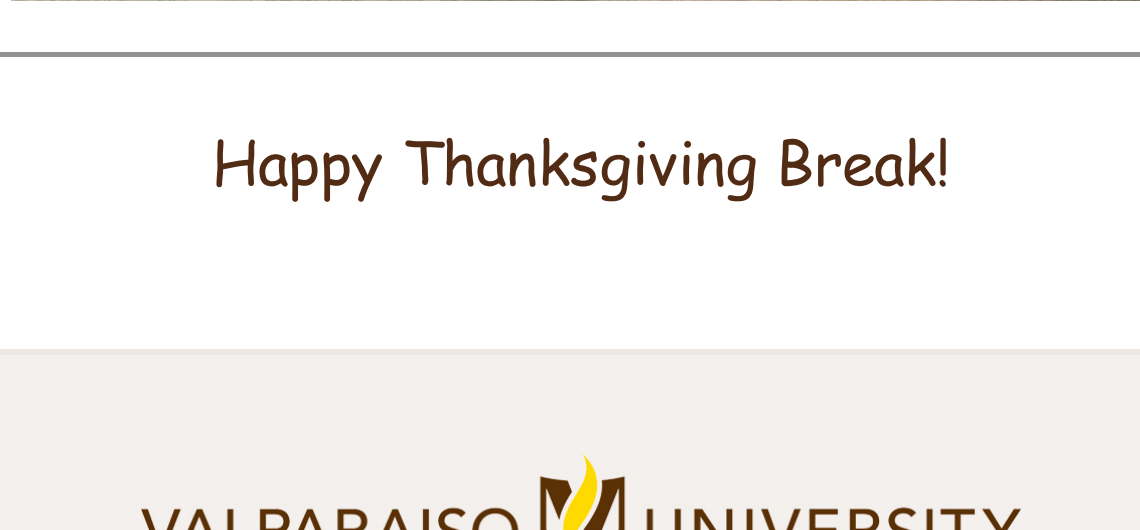
What Is Thanksgiving?

Happy Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is a national holiday, and it began back in 1621 as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and the preceding year. Traditionally, people eat roast turkey, turkey stuffing with onions and celery, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie! [Click here](#) to learn more about typical Thanksgiving foods. If you want to learn more about the history, [visit this article](#).



OIP Hours

OIP office is located at **Harre Union Suite 250.** Stop by to pick up documents, make an appointment, or just chat between **9 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.**



Happy Thanksgiving Break!