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Walb, Gates Restricted Access and Closures on Wednesday (Nov.12)

To facilitate added security measures that are being implemented for the Northeast Indiana Defense Summit on Wednesday—steps that will include an expanded police presence across campus—Walb Student Union will have restricted access only in areas near the International Ballroom until 2:30 pm, and Gates Sports Center will be closed through 2:30 p.m.

Specific scheduling considerations for this Wednesday will include:

- The Herd Hideout at Walb will reopen at 2:30 p.m.
- The Mastodon Campus Store at Walb will reopen at 2:30 p.m.
- Don's at Walb will reopen for dinner at 4:30 p.m.

To assist students affected by the changes to dining service:

- Free doughnuts for all students will be provided in the main lobby of Kettler Hall from 8:30 to 10 a.m.
- Free pizza for all students will be available at Kettler between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Einstein Bros. Bagels on the ground floor at Kettler will be open for normal operations; extra food and staffing are being added.

Additional notes:

- Parking garage P2 will be closed until 2:30 p.m.
- Parking garages P1 and P3, as well as all surface lots, will remain open all day.
- Student shuttles will operate as normal, but riders may experience delays at the Walb drop-off and should plan ahead.
- Java Spot at Walb will be closed all day.
- The fitness center at Gates will be closed all day.

The Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball game versus Purdue West Lafayette at Gates will not be impacted by these temporary closures. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Before the game, all members of the university community are invited to attend "Party in the Paint" at 5:30 p.m. in Lutheran Health Fieldhouse. The first 100 students to arrive will receive a voucher for up

to \$12 in free food and beverages.

As always, PFW students can get into all athletics competitions on campus for free via the Herd Hub in the Suitable app. Faculty and staff can also claim one free upper level ticket to all games at Gates and Memorial Coliseum by presenting a valid employee ID at the ticket office.

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