

**Dayspring Christian Academy**  
**Preliminary School Calendar for 2023-2024**  
*Last edited 7/18/23*

**June 2023**

- 8 New Family Orientation: 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
12-16 Ukulele Camp (Sally Armstrong, auditorium)  
25-July 2 Discover Your Voice Camp (Julie Stone, auditorium)

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- 9-16 Discover Your Voice Camp (Julie Stone, auditorium)  
17-21 Creative Arts Camp (Bonnie Lucas, Art Room)

**August (4 days)**

- 11 Fall Sports Night: 4:00 p.m.  
15 6th Grade Student and Parent Orientation: 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
17 New Family Orientation for summer enrollees: 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
24 **All Family Drop-In:**
  - Open House/Supply Drop Off – 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm
  - Students Report to Homerooms – 6:45 pm
  - Parent Meeting in Auditorium - 7:00 pm
  - Students spend 30 minutes with teacher in classroom
  - Senior parent meeting follows meeting in auditorium
- 25 New International Student Orientation: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
28 First Day of School for Grades PreK-12  
29 First day of Preschool  
30 All School Convocation  
31 Lower School Meet the Teacher Night  
Parent Meeting for Juniors – (6:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

**September (19 days, 23 total)**

- 1 No School (Labor Day Holiday)  
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5 School Resumes  
7-8 Upper School Retreat: Grades 6-12 at Refreshing Mountain Retreat  
15 Course Drop/Add Period Ends  
15-17 LS Musical  
21 New Family Coffee with the Headmaster and Principals  
21 PHEAA Financial Aid Seminar at 6:00 pm - (in-person seminar)  
22 Health Screenings, AK-12  
23 Remember America Lecture Series, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
26 Headmaster's Oration Finalist Assembly  
28 Fall Sub Sale Delivery Day  
29 Flex Friday (Upper School)

**October (22 days, 45 total)**

- 2 School Pictures.  
6 Oration Winners Filming

- 11 PSAT testing 8 am -12:15 pm -10th-11th grade (and some 9th) affected.
- 12 Women's Giving Circle Annual Meeting: 8:00 am – 10:00 am (Auditorium)
- 13 Grandparents Day (AM and PM sessions)
- 16 Columbus Day: Upper School Bring a Friend Day  
Pennsylvania March for Life (TBD as to which students/teachers will attend)
- 16-20 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Boston/Plymouth Trip
- 27 Patriots Celebration Dinner (Evening).  
Flex Friday (Upper School)
- 31 Last Day of Quarter 1

**November (16 days, 61 total)**

- 8-9 8th Grade Overnight Field Study
- 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences with Report Cards (3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.)  
School Picture Retakes (1:00 p.m.)
- 10 No School  
Parent Teacher Conferences (10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.)
- 14 Winter Sports Night (7:00 pm)
- 17 No School  
TE Outreach 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- 21 Pilgrim Day Celebration
- 22-27 Thanksgiving Vacation
- 28 School Resumes

**December (15 days, 76 total)**

- 11 All School Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 12 Christmas Concert—Westminster Presbyterian Church
- 21 Early Dismissal – Student Christmas Celebration (all grades): 8:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Alumni Christmas Drop-in: 9:45 – 11:00 am
- 22 - Jan. 2 Christmas Vacation – No School

**January 2024 (20 days, 96 total)**

- 3 School Resumes
- 5 Spirit Week Begins  
Homecoming - LBC
- 8-11 Spirit Week.
- 12-25 J-Term
- 15 Martin Luther King Day: No School for Students (Not a snow makeup day)
- 22 Last Day Quarter 2
- 26 Flex Friday (Upper School)

**February (20 days, 116 total)**

- 1 Towne Meeting - 7:00 pm (Snow Date: **Feb. 8**)
- 2 Q2 report cards available on Renweb: 3:00p.m.
- 5 Math Olympics - Grades 4-8 (2/9 snow makeup day)
- 7 Pastor Appreciation Day (am, only) -  
(Snow Make-Up Day- Wednesday, February 14)
- 8 Early Childhood Open House: 10:00 am. (Snow Date: **Feb. 15**)
- 9 Math Olympics (Snow Makeup Day)

- 16 HS Winter Retreat
- 19 President's Day: No School (Snow Makeup Day)
- 21 Speech Meet (AK-Grade 5): 8:15 a.m.  
High School 2024-2025 online Course Selection materials emailed (grades 8-11)
- 23 Flex Friday (Upper School)
- 29 \*Parent-Teacher Conferences: 3:30 pm-6:30 pm

\* All parents are *invited* to attend. This conference will be *required* for parents whose students have a D or F at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period (cumulative).

### March (18 days, 134 total)

- 7 High School 2024-2025 Course Selection deadline (grades 8-11)  
Women's Giving Circle Lunch and Learn: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- 7 All School Open House and Upper School Project Fair: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 8 No School for Students and Staff
- 11 ACSI HS & MS Fine Arts Festival – All Day Messiah College
- 21-24 US Drama
- 21 Kindergarten Testing
- 22 Flex Friday (Upper School)
- 27 Last Day Quarter 3
- 3/28-4/1 Easter Break

### April (21 days, 155 total)

- 8 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report cards available on Renweb 3:00 p.m.
- 8-19 Achievement Tests
- 10-12 Achievement Tests
- 15-18 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Creation Museum Field Study
- 18 Women's Giving Circle Information Meeting: 8:00 am – 9:00 am
- 19 RASS Rehearsal Pull-Outs from class
- 20 Remember America Speaker Series, Lancaster County Convention Center. Doors open at 5:30. Event begins at 6:00.
- 24 LS Talent Show
- 24 Likely MACSA Track and Field Meet (6th-12th Grade track/field athletes), All Day
- 25-26 11th Grade NYC Field Study
- 25 Kindergarten Testing
- 25 Spring Sub Sale Delivery
- 26 Seniors PEERS Test  
Flex Friday (Upper School)

### May (22 days, 177 total)

- 2-3 5th Grade Field Study
- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 2 CCAC Track and Field Championships (6th-12th grade track/field students),  
all day
- 6-7 6<sup>th</sup> grade Gettysburg Field Study
- 9-10 10th grade Washington DC Field Study

13-15	Senior Thesis Defense
15	Spring Concert Rehearsal
16	Spring Concert: 7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Testing
17	LS Field Day in the p.m. Bring your sunscreen. (Rain Date: May 20)
21-23	Senior Finals
21-24	Grade 3 Plymouth Field Study
21-22	Junior Apprenticeship Shadowing Days
23	Last Day Preschool; Preschool Graduation: 9:30 a.m.
23, 28-29	9th-11th Finals
24	SFE Blessing Day, Upper School
27	Memorial Day (No School)
29	Recognition Assemblies (Morning) Kindergarten Graduation: 1:00 p.m.
30	Evening Awards, invitation only
30-6/4	Shakespeare Study Days
31	Commencement Rehearsal: 11:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.
31	Senior Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

**June (3 days, 180 total)**

May 30-6/4	Shakespeare Study Days
1	Saturday Commencement: <b>10:00 a.m.</b> – DCA Auditorium
3-15	Senior Field Study in Israel
5	Last Day of School: Shakespeare Festival/ Early Dismissal 11:15a.m.
10	Report Cards Available on Renweb (3:00 pm)