

**Dayspring Christian Academy**  
**School Calendar for 2024-2025**

*Last edited 10/25/2024*

**June**

- 20 New Family Orientation: 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
24-28 Ukulele Camp (Sally Armstrong, auditorium)

**July**

- 8-12 Creative Arts Camp (Bonnie Lucas, Art Room)  
14-21 Discover Your Voice Camp (Julie Stone, auditorium)  
15-19 Creative Arts Camp (Bonnie Lucas, Art Room)  
22-26 Creative Arts Camp (Bonnie Lucas, Art Room)

**August**

- 2 Summer Letters Mailed  
8 Fall Sports Parents Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
13 6th Grade Student and Parent Orientation: 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
15 New Family Orientation for summer enrollees: 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
21 Preschool Welcome to School Drop-In: 10:00-11 a.m.  
21 Lower School Back to School Night (Pre-K–5th Grade)
  - Open House/Supply Drop Off: 5:30 p.m.–6:15 p.m.
  - Parents drop students off in classrooms: 6:20 pm
  - Parent Meeting in Auditorium: 6:30 pm
  - Students in classroom with teachers  
22 New International Student Orientation: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
22 Upper School Back to School Night (6th-12th Grades)
  - Open House/Supply Drop Off: 5:30–6:15 p.m.
  - Students report to home rooms: 6:15 p.m.
  - Parent Meeting in Auditorium: 6:30 p.m.
  - Students in classroom with teachers
  - Senior parent meeting follows meeting in auditorium  
26 First Day of School!  
27 First Day of School for Preschool  
28 Sacred Convocation (All School)  
29 Lower School Meet the Teacher Night (Grade DK-5): 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
(2 Sessions of Classroom Meetings)  
Parent Meeting for Juniors: 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
30 Early Dismissal: 11:15 a.m.

**September**

- 2 No School: Labor Day  
5-6 Upper School Retreat: Grades 6-12 at Refreshing Mountain Retreat  
Student arrival: 8:30 a.m. - Ends 9/6 at 2:00 p.m.  
11 Upper School drop/add period ends  
17 PHEAA Financial Aid Seminar: 6:00 p.m.  
?? Health Screenings (Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
17 Remember America Lecture Series: The U.S. Constitution  
(9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8)  
20-22 Lower School Musical  
23 Pennsylvania March for Life (Seniors U.S. Government field study)

- 26 New Family Coffee with the Headmaster and Principals  
Fall Sub Sale Delivery Day
- 27 Upper School Flex Friday (9th Grade take PEERS)
- 30 School Pictures: Scheduled times will be in the morning

## October

- 1 Headmaster's Oration Finalists Assembly (Grades 4-9): 8:15-10:00 a.m.
- 2 Headmaster's Oration Finalists Assembly (Grades 10-12): During Upper School Chapel
- 7 Oration Winners Filming
- 11 Grandparents Day (GPD)
- 16 PSAT testing (10th-11th grade (and some 9th) affected): 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Fall Open House: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 17 Women's Giving Circle Annual Meeting: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. (Auditorium)
- 18 Upper School Flex Friday
- 25 Patriots Celebration Dinner (PCD) at The Wyndham  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m., event begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Last Day Quarter 1
- 28-11/1 Boston/Plymouth Trip: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

## November

- 7 Parent Teacher Conferences: 3:30-6:00 p.m.
- 8 No School  
Parent-Teacher Conferences: 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- 14 Picture Re-takes: 1:00 p.m.  
Winter Sports Parents Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Thanksgiving Exposed Prep and Dress Rehearsal
- 22 No School  
Thanksgiving Exposed Event
- 26 Pilgrim Day  
No School for Preschool-Pre-K and Kindergartens come to school!
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

## December

- 2 School Resumes
- 9 Lower School Christmas Concert daytime rehearsal
- 10 Lower School Christmas Concert at Westminster Presbyterian: 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Upper School Christmas Concert Rehearsal: DCA auditorium during the day
- 19 Upper School Christmas Concert at DCA: 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Christmas Celebrations  
Early Dismissal: 11:15 a.m.
- 21 Christmas Break Begins

## January 2025

- 6 School Resumes
- 6-10 Spirit Week
- 10 Homecoming
- 13-24 Upper School J-Term
- 17 Last Day Q2
- 20 No School for students: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 27 Q2 Report Cards Released
- 30 Towne Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Snow Date: Feb. 6)

## February

12	Pastor Appreciation Day (Snow Date: Feb. 19)
13	Early Childhood Open House (Snow Date: Feb. 20)
17	No School: President's Day (Snow Makeup Day)
19	Course Selection begins (Materials emailed home to 8th-11th grade students)
20	Kindergarten Testing
21	Math Olympics
24	Lower School Speech Meet
27	Parent Teacher Conferences: 3:30-6:30 p.m. Spring Sports Parents Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
28	Upper School Flex Friday

## March

5	High School Course Selection Deadline
6	Kindergarten Testing
12-13	New Jersey STEM Field Study: 8th Grade
13	All School Open House and Upper School Project Fair
14	No School (Snow Makeup Day)
20	Kindergarten Testing
21	Last Day Q3
27-30	Upper School Drama
28	Upper School Flex Friday
31	Q3 Report Cards Released

## April

1	Women's Giving Circle Lunch & Learn: 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
2	Upper School Student Visitation Day (Prospective Students Only/Registration Required): 8:30-2:15
7	ASVAB Test – 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade (8-11 a.m.)
7-16	Achievement Tests (Lower School)
7-9	Achievement Tests (Upper School)
10	Kindergarten Testing
10-11	Washington DC Field Study: 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
15-16	U.S. History Field Study: 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
17-21	Easter Break
23	Likely MACSA Track and Field Meet (6th-12th Grade track/field athletes): All Day
24	Kindergarten Testing Spring Sub Sale Delivery Day
25	Upper School Flex Friday Seniors PEERS Test RASS Rehearsal
26	Remember America Speaker Series at the Lancaster County Convention Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., event begins at 6:00 p.m.
28	Lower School Talent Show: 8:15 a.m.
28–5/1	Creation Museum Field Study: 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
30	CCAC Track and Field Championships (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade track/field students): All Day

## May

1	National Day of Prayer
5-6	Gettysburg Field Study: 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
7	Spring Concert Rehearsal (during the day)
7	Senior Thesis Defense
8	Spring Concert: 6:30 p.m. – Manor Church
8	Kindergarten Testing
8-9	Senior Finals
10	ECCS Track and Field Championships
12-15	Plymouth Field Study: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
13-25	Senior Field Study to Israel
15	Kindergarten Testing
15 & 19	Junior Apprenticeship Shadowing Days
16	LS Field Day in the p.m.
20-22	9th-11th Grade Finals
22-23	Overnight Field Study to New Jersey: 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
22	Last Day Preschool; Preschool Graduation: 9:30 a.m.
23	Upper School SFE Blessing Day
26	Memorial Day (No School)
27-30	Shakespeare Study Days
28	Recognition Assemblies (Morning)
	Kindergarten Graduation: 1:00 p.m.
29	Evening Awards, invitation only
30	Shakespeare Festival
	Last Day of School (Full Day)
30	Commencement Rehearsal: 9:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
	Senior Dinner: 6:30 p.m. (Location and exact time TBA)
31	Saturday Commencement: 10:00 a.m. – DCA Auditorium

## June

5	New Family Orientation (for 2025-2026 school year)
6	Report Cards Available on Renweb: 3:00 p.m.