

Dayspring Christian Academy
2025-2026 School Year “List of Events” Calendar
Last Revised 11/11/2025

June 2025

5 New Family Orientation: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
23-27 Ukulele Camp (Sally Armstrong, auditorium)

July

6-12 Discover Your Voice Camp (Julie Stone, auditorium)
7-11 Creative Arts Camp (Bonnie Lucas, Art Room)
14-18 Creative Arts Camp (Bonnie Lucas, Art Room)
21-25 Creative Arts Camp- TBD (Bonnie Lucas, Art Room)

August

4 Summer Letters Mailed
7 Fall Sports Parents Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
12 6th Grade Student and Parent Orientation: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
14 New Family Orientation for summer enrollees: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
20 Lower School Back to School Night (Preschool–5th Grade)

- Meet the Teacher Session 1: 5:30 p.m.
- Meet the Teacher Session 2: 6:00 p.m.
- Parents leave students in classrooms: 6:20 p.m.
- Parent Meeting in Auditorium: 6:30 p.m.
Students in classroom with teachers

21 New International Student Orientation: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
21 Upper School Back to School Night (6th-12th Grades)

- Open House/Supply Drop Off: 5:30 p.m.–6:15 p.m.
- Students report to home rooms: 6:20 p.m.
- Parent Meeting in Auditorium: 6:30 p.m.
- Students in classroom with teachers
- Senior parent meeting follows meeting in auditorium

25 First Day of School for PreK-Grade 12
26 First Day of School for Preschool
27 Sacred Convocation (All School)
28 Parent Meeting for Juniors: 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

September

1 No School: Labor Day
4-5 Upper School Retreat: Grades 6-12 at Refreshing Mountain Retreat
Student arrival: 8:30 a.m. - Ends 9/5: 2:00 p.m.
10 Upper School drop/add period ends
16 Remember America Lecture Series (9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7)
19-21 Lower School Musical
23 Remember America Lecture Series (9/23, 9/30, 10/7)
25 New Family Coffee with the Headmaster and Principals
26 Flex Friday
29 School Picture: Scheduled times in the morning
30 Headmaster’s Oration Finalists Assembly (Grades 4-9)
All School: 8:15-10:00 a.m.
30 Remember America Lecture Series (9/30, 10/7)

October

1 Headmaster's Oration Finalists Assembly (Grades 10-12)
During Upper School Chapel
2 Fall Sub Sale Delivery Day
6 Oration Winners Filming
7 Remember America Lecture Series
10 Grandparents and Special Guests Day (GPD)
14 PSAT testing 8 am -12:15 pm (10th-11th grades (and some 9th)
15 Fall Open House: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
16 Women's Giving Circle Annual Meeting: 8:00-10:00 am (Auditorium)
24 Patriots Celebration (PC)
24 Last Day Quarter 1
27 PHEAA Financial Aid Webinar, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
27-31 9th Grade Boston/Plymouth Trip
31 Upper School Flex Friday

November

6 Parent Teacher Conferences: 3:30-6:00 p.m.
7 No School: Parent-Teacher Conferences: 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
13 Picture Re-takes: 1:00 p.m.
13 Winter Sports Parents Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
20 Thanksgiving Exposed Prep and Dress Rehearsal
21 No School: Thanksgiving Exposed Event
25 Pilgrim Day: **No School for Preschool**
Pre-K and Kindergartens come to school!
26-28 Thanksgiving Break

December

1 School Resumes
15 Lower School Christmas Concert daytime rehearsal
16 Lower School Christmas Concert: Westminster Presbyterian, 6:30 p.m.
17 Upper School Christmas Concert daytime rehearsal
18 Upper School Christmas Concert: at DCA, 6:30 p.m.
19 Early Dismissal—Christmas Celebrations: School dismissed at 11:15 a.m.
19 Homecoming Basketball Game @ Columbia (**Date Change**)
22 Christmas Break Begins

January 2026

5 School Resumes
5-9 Spirit Week
12-23 Upper School J-Term
16 Last Day Q2
19 No School for students: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
26 Q2 Report Cards released to parents

February

5 Towne Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Snow Date 2/12)
11 Pastor Appreciation Day (Snow Date 2/18)
12 Early Childhood Open House (Snow Date 2/19)
13 No school for students: Teacher Inservice
16 No School: President's Day
17 Course Selection begins
19 Kindergarten Testing

February Continued

19 Mathletics: Mount Calvary Christian School
20 Mathletics
23 Lower School Speech Meet
26 Parent Teacher Conferences: 3:30-6:30 p.m.
26 Spring Sports Parents Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
27 Upper School Flex Friday

March

4 High School Course Selection Deadline
10 Cairn Fine Arts Festival
12 All School Open House and Upper School Project Fair
13 No School
18 Student Visitation Day
19 Kindergarten Testing
24 Last Day Q3
26-29 Upper School Drama
27 Upper School Flex Friday
31 Q3 Report Cards released to parents
31-4/1 11th Grade New York City Field Study

April

2-6 Easter Break
7 ASVAB Test – 10th Grade
7-9 Upper School Achievement Tests
9-17 Lower School Achievement Tests
9 Women's Giving Circle Lunch & Learn: 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
9 Kindergarten Testing
9-10 10th grade Washington DC Field Study (**Date Added**)
13-16 7th Grade Creation Museum Field Study
17 RASS Rehearsal
18 Remember America Speaker Series, Lancaster County Convention Center
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Event begins at 6:00 p.m.
20-21 6th Grade History Field Study (**DATE CHANGE**)
22 MACSA Track and Field Meet (6th-12th Grade track/field athletes), All Day
23 Kindergarten Testing
23 Spring Sub Sale Delivery Day
23-24 8th Grade STEM New Jersey Field Study (**DATE CHANGE**)
24 Upper School Flex Friday
24 Seniors PEERS Test
27 LS Talent Show
28-5/1 Grade 3 Plymouth Field Study
29 CCAC Track and Field Championships (6th-12th grade track/field students), All Day
30 Kindergarten Testing

May

4-6 Senior Thesis Defense (**Date Change**)
6 Spring Concert Rehearsal
7 Spring Concert: Manor Church, 6:30 p.m.
7 National Day of Prayer
7-8 Senior Finals (**Date Change**)
9 ECCS Track and Field Championships
9-22 Senior Field Study to Israel (**Date Change**)

May Continued

14 Kindergarten Testing
15, 18 Junior Apprenticeship Shadowing Days
15 LS Field Day in the p.m. (Rain Date: 5/22)
19-21 9th-11th Grade Finals
21-22 5th Grade Overnight Field Study to New Jersey
21 Last Day Preschool; Preschool Graduation: 9:30 a.m.
22 SFE Blessing Day, Upper School
25 Memorial Day: No School
26-28 Shakespeare Study Days
27 Recognition Assemblies (Morning)
Kindergarten Graduation: 1:00 p.m.
28 Evening Awards, invitation only
29 Shakespeare Festival
Last Day of School (**Full Day**)
29 Commencement Rehearsal: 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
29 Senior Dinner: 6:30 p.m. (Location and exact time TBA)
30 Saturday Commencement: **10:00 a.m.** – DCA Auditorium

June 2026

4 New Family Orientation (for 2026-2027 school year)
5 Report Cards Available on FACTS by 3:00 pm