

**Dayspring Christian Academy**  
**Preliminary School Calendar for 2026-2027**  
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**June 2026**

4 New Family Orientation: 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
22-26 Ukulele Camp (Sally Armstrong, auditorium)

**July 2026**

13-17 Creative Arts Camp (Bonnie Lucas, Art Room)  
20-24 Creative Arts Camp (Bonnie Lucas, Art Room)  
31 Summer Letters Mailed

**August 2026**

13 Fall Sports Parents Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
11 6th Grade Student and Parent Orientation: 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
11 New Family Orientation for summer enrollees: 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
19 Preschool Welcome to School Drop-In (10:00-11 a.m.)  
19 Lower School Back to School Night (Pre-K–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 pm
- Parent Meeting in Auditorium - 6:30 pm  
(Students in classroom with teachers)

  
20 New International Student Orientation 9:00 a.m.--12:00 p.m.  
20 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)

  
24 First Day of School!  
25 First Day of School for Preschool  
26 Sacred Convocation  
27 Parent Meeting for Juniors – (6:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

**September**

7 No School: Labor Day  
10-11 Upper School Retreat: Grades 6-12 at Refreshing Mountain Retreat  
9 Upper School drop/add period ends  
TBD Remember America Lecture Series  
18-20 Lower School Musical  
24 New Family Coffee with the Headmaster and Principals  
25 Upper School Flex Friday  
TBD School Picture  
28 Headmaster's Oration Finalists Assembly – Grades 10-12

**October**

1	Fall Sub Sale Delivery Day
5	Oration Winners Filming
9	Grandparents and Special Guests Day (GPD)
12	Bring A Friend Day (also Columbus Day)
13	PSAT testing 8 am -12:15 pm
15	Fall Open House (4:00-6:00 p.m.)
16	Women's Giving Circle Annual Meeting: 8:30 am – 10:30 am (Auditorium)
23	Patriots Celebration (PC)
23	Last Day Quarter 1
TBD	PHEAA Financial Aid Webinar, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
26-30	9th Grade Boston/Plymouth Trip
30	Upper School Flex Friday

**November**

5	Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30-6:00 p.m.)
6	No School: Parent-Teacher Conferences: 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
TBD	Picture Re-takes: 1:00 p.m.
17	Winter Sports Parents Meeting 6:30 p.m.
19	Thanksgiving Exposed Prep and Dress Rehearsal
20	No School: Thanksgiving Exposed Event
24	Pilgrim Day: <b>No School for Preschool</b> <b>3 Day Pre-K and Kindergartens come to school!</b>
25-27	Thanksgiving Break
30	School Resumes

**December**

14	3rd-12th grade Christmas Concert daytime rehearsal
15	3rd-12th Christmas Concert: Westminster Presbyterian, 6:30 p.m.
16	Preschool-2nd grade Christmas Concert daytime rehearsal
17	Preschool-2nd grade Christmas Concert: Grace Baptist, 6:30 p.m. (Or at DCA?)
18	Early Dismissal–Christmas Celebrations (School dismissed at 11:15 a.m.)
21	Christmas Break Begins

**January 2025**

4	School Resumes
4-8	Spirit Week
8	Homecoming
11-22	Upper School J-Term (9 school days)
15	Last Day Q2
18	No School for students: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
26	Q2 Report Cards released to parents

## February

4	Towne Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Snow Date Feb. 12)
10	Pastor Appreciation Day (Snow Date Feb. 17)
11	Early Childhood Open House (Snow Makeup Date: 2/18)
12	No school for students (Teacher Inservice)
15	No School: Presidents Day
16	Course Selection begins (Materials emailed home to 8th-11th grade students)
18	Kindergarten Testing
19	Mathletics: Mount Calvary Christian School
22	Lower School Speech Meet
25	Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30-6:30)
26	Upper School Flex Friday

## March

3	High School Course Selection Deadline
4	Spring Sports Parents Meeting 6:30 p.m.
TBD	Cairn Fine Arts Festival
11	All School Open House and Upper School Project Fair
12	No School
15	Student Visitation Day
18	Kindergarten Testing
19	Upper School Flex Friday
23-24	11th Grade New York City Field Study
24	Last Day Q3
25-29	Easter Break

## April

1	Women's Giving Circle Lunch & Learn: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
2	Q3 Report Cards released to parents
5-16	Lower School Achievement Tests
8-11	Upper School Drama
8	Kindergarten Testing
TBD	10th grade Washington DC Field Study
27-30	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Creation Museum Field Study
13	ASVAB Test - 10th Grade
13-15	Upper School Achievement Tests
22	Kindergarten Testing
22	Spring Sub Sale Delivery Day
23	RASS Rehearsal
24	Remember America Speaker Series, Lancaster County Convention Center. Doors open at 5:30. Event begins at 6:00
TBD	8th Grade STEM New Jersey Field Study
21	MACSA Track and Field Meet (6th-12th Grade track/field athletes), All Day
TBD	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade History Field Study
26	LS Talent Show
27-30	Grade 3 Plymouth Field Study
29	Kindergarten Testing

30 Flex Friday (Upper School)  
TBD Seniors PEERS Test  
28 CCAC Track and Field Championships (6th-12th grade track/field students), all day

## May

3-5 Senior Thesis Defense  
5 Spring Concert Rehearsal  
6 Spring Concert: 6:30 p.m. – Manor Church  
6 National Day of Prayer  
6-7 Senior Finals  
8 ECCS Track and Field Championships  
10-23 Senior Field Study to Israel  
13 Kindergarten Testing  
14, 17 Junior Apprenticeship Shadowing Days  
14 LS Field Day  
18-20 9th-11th Grade Finals  
20-21 5th Grade Overnight Field Study to New Jersey  
20 Last Day Preschool; Preschool Graduation: 9:30 a.m.  
21 SFE Blessing Day, Upper School  
24 Memorial Day (No School)  
25-27 Shakespeare Study Days  
26 Recognition Assemblies (Morning)  
26 Kindergarten Graduation: 1:00 p.m.  
27 Evening Awards, invitation only  
28 Shakespeare Festival  
28 Last Day of School (**Full Day**)  
28 Commencement Rehearsal: 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
28 Senior Dinner: 6:30 p.m. (Location and exact time TBA)  
29 Saturday Commencement: **10:00 a.m.** – DCA Auditorium

## June

3 New Family Orientation (for 2027-2028 school year)  
4 Report Cards Available on FACTS (3:00 pm)