

Dayspring Christian Academy
Preliminary School Calendar for 2026-2027
Last edits: 3/30/2026

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: No School for Preschool 3 Day Pre-K and Kindergartens come to school!
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
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 10th grade Washington DC Field Study
- 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
- 15-16 8th Grade STEM New Jersey Field Study
- 13 ASVAB Test - 10th Grade
- 19, 20, 22 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
- 21 MACSA Track and Field Meet (6th-12th Grade track/field athletes), All Day
- 26 LS Talent Show
- 27-30 7th Grade Creation Museum Field Study
- 27-30 Grade 3 Plymouth Field Study
- 29 Kindergarten Testing
- 30 Flex Friday (Upper School)

TBD

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Seniors PEERS Test

CCAC Track and Field Championships (6th-12th grade track/field students), all day

May

3-4

6th Grade History Field Study

3-5

Senior Thesis Defense

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Spring Concert Rehearsal

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Spring Concert: 6:30 p.m. – Manor Church

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National Day of Prayer

6-7

Senior Finals

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ECCS Track and Field Championships

10-23

Senior Field Study to Israel

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Kindergarten Testing

14, 17

Junior Apprenticeship Shadowing Days

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LS Field Day

18-20

9th-11th Grade Finals

20-21

5th Grade Overnight Field Study to New Jersey

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Last Day Preschool; Preschool Graduation: 9:30 a.m.

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SFE Blessing Day, Upper School

24-26

Shakespeare Study Days

25

Evening Awards, invitation only

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Commencement Rehearsal: 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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Recognition Assemblies (Morning)

26

Kindergarten Graduation: 1:00 p.m.

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Senior Dinner: 6:30 p.m. (Location and exact time TBA)

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Shakespeare Festival

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Last Day of School (**Full Day**)

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Senior Commencement: **6:30 p.m.** – DCA Auditorium

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Memorial Day

June

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New Family Orientation (for 2027-2028 school year)

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Report Cards Available on FACTS (3:00 pm)