

Shady Side Academy Middle School
Calendar of Events – School year 2022-2023
REVISION IN RED – 3/8/2023

AUGUST:

- 19 – New Faculty Orientation
- 22 – New Parents Orientation – 5:30pm
- 22-25 -- Opening Middle School Faculty Meetings
- 26 – Academy Opening Meetings
- 27 – 6th Grade Ice Cream Social – 4:00 -5:30 pm, Front Lawn, Middle School Campus
- 28 – Form I & Form II Ice Cream Social – 4:30 -6:00 pm, Front Lawn, Middle School Campus**
- 29 – Grade 6 and New Student Orientation 8:00am - **Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m. @ MS**
- 30 – First Day of School – School Photos - Regular Dismissal – Meet the Coaches**
- 31 – First official practice
- 31 – *Ganesha Chaturhi (H)*

SEPTEMBER:

- 2 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:30 a.m.
- 5 – Labor Day. No Classes. Academy Closed.**
- 6 – MS Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day. No Classes (Middle School only) – *Zoom Optional*
- 13 – 7th Grade Parents' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 14 – September Faculty Meeting – 4:00 pm
- 15 – Parents' Night 6:30 p.m.
- 20 – 8th Grade Parents' Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 21 – 6th Grade Parents' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 21 – Sixth Grade Rivers of Steel Explorer Boat Trip – 8:00 – 2:15 pm
- 26 – *Rosh Hashanah (J). (begins @ sundown Sept. 25) – Academy Closed*
- 27 – NO HOMEWORK WEEKEND. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 30 – Sixth Grade Creek Day @ O'Hara Township Park – Departs: 9:00 am – Returns: 2:15pm

OCTOBER:

- 4 – Dasera (H)
- 5 – *Yom Kippur (J) – begins at sundown on Oct. 4 - Academy Closed*
- 6 – “Bring Your Parents to School Day” - Open House for current parents 8:00 a.m. – **DRESS UP**
- 6– NO HOMEWORK DUE. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 10 – Indigenous Peoples Day / Columbus Day
- 10-14 – Spirit Week**
- 12 – October Faculty Meeting – 4:00 pm
- 14 – Form II Students visit Senior School - 8:00 – 11:00am (1of 2)
- 15 – Homecoming**
- 24 – *Diwali (H) - Academy Closed*
- 25 – NO HOMEWORK DUE. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 31 – MS Halloween Celebrations - 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER:

- 1 – All School – No Classes – In-Service Day**
- 2 – Parent coffee with Head – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 – Form II Students visit Senior School - 8:00 – 11:00am (2 of 2)
- 9 – Faculty Meeting - 4:00
- 11 - Sixth Grade World Religions Field Trip
- 11 – Veterans' Day
- 11 – “Flavors of Fall” Faculty/Parent Party – 6:30pm
- 14 – Form II Parents' Night - Senior School Panel of Faculty and Students – 6:15–8:30pm
- 16 – Fall Drama Production for MS students – **DRESS UP DAY**
- 17 – Fall Drama Production for Junior School and Country Day students – 9:30am
- 17 – Fall Drama Production for parents and guests 7:00 p.m.
- 18 – Last Day of practice for Term I
- 18 – Term II Begins
- 21 – MS Evaluation Day. **No Classes**
- 22, 23, 24, 25 – *Thanksgiving Holiday. No Classes. Academy Closed.*
- 28 - Classes Resume

NOVEMBER – CONTINUED

- 28 - Meet Winter Coaches/Team Meetings
- 29 – Current CDS 5th Grade students visit the Middle School
- 29 – First official practice
- 30 - Athletic Assembly – **DRESS UP**

DECEMBER:

- 1 – Current JS 5th Grade students visit the Middle School
- 2 – Current JS 5th Grade students visit the Middle School
- 3 – Science Olympiad – Dick Smith Invitational @ the Middle School - Remote
- 6 – Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- 7 – Holiday Choral Concert for parents & guests (Hillman Center) 7:00 p.m.
- 8 – Holiday Instrumental Concert for parents & guests (Hillman Center) - 7:00 p.m.
- 8 – NO HOMEWORK DUE. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 9 – MS Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day. No Classes (Middle School only) – Zoom Optional
- 9 – Form I & Form II Dance – MS Cafetorium – 7:00 – 9:30pm
- 10 – Admissions Testing 9:00 a.m. – Registration begins 8:15 a.m.
- 14 – Junior School/Middle School Concert - leave @ 8:00am to the Junior School
- 16 – Regular Dismissal (4:00 p.m.) for Winter Break
- 18 – *Hanukkah (J) (begins @ sundown, ends Dec 26)*
- 25 – *Christmas (C)*
- 26 – *Kwanzaa (AH) begins; end Jan. 1*

JANUARY:

- 1 – *New Year's Day*
- 2 – **All schools – No Classes – In-Service**
- 3 – Classes Resume
- 7 – *Orthodox Christmas Day (OC)*
- 10 – *Bodhi Day (B)*
- 10 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- 14 – Science Olympiad – Kenston Invitational @ Kenston, OH
- 14 – *Orthodox New Year (OC)*
- 16 – *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No Classes. Academy Closed.*
- 21 – Science Olympiad – University of Pittsburgh Invitational - Pitt
- 22 - *Lunar New year (CH)*
- 28 – Admissions Testing 9:00 a.m. – Registration begins 8:15 a.m.

FEBRUARY:

- 1– Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- 11 – Science Olympiad - Mentor Invitational @ Mentor, OH
- 14 – Book Fair
- 15 – Parent coffee with Head & Mystery Lovers Bookshop Speakers – 8:30 am – MS Cafetorium
- 15 – Book Fair
- 15 - *Nirvana Day (B)*
- 16 – Form I Parents' Meeting – TALK – Zoom – 7:00pm
- 16 – Book Fair
- 18 – Science Olympiad – Michigan Invitational @ University of Michigan
- 20 – President's Day. **No Classes. Academy Closed.**
- 22 – Winter Musical for Junior School students - 9:30 p.m.
- 22 – Winter Musical for Middle School students - 1:45 p.m. – **DRESS UP DAY**
- 23 – Winter Musical for Country Day School students - 9:15 p.m.
- 23 – Winter Musical for parents and guests – 7:00 pm
- 23 – Last day of practice for Term II
- 24 – MS Evaluation Day. No Classes.**
- 25 – Science Olympiad – West Liberty-Salem Invitational @ West Liberty, OH-CANCELED
- 27 – Term III Begins
- 27 – Meet the Coaches
- 28 – First official practice

MARCH:

- 1 - Athletic Assembly – **DRESS UP**
- 1 – Science Olympiad – Regional Tournament @ CALU, PA
- 1 – Form II Parents' Night – Senior School presents SS course selections - 6:15pm
- 9 - MS Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day. **No Classes (Middle School only) - Zoom Optional**
- 10 – Sixth Grade Field Trip to Carnegie Museum – Departs 9:00am – return 3:30pm - CANCELED
- 10 -- Form I and Form II Dance – MS Cafetorium 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- 14 – Reception for Newly Admitted Students - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 16 – “Battle of the Books” – 6:00-7:30pm (Cooper-Siegel Library)
- 17 – Regular Dismissal (4:00 p.m.) for Spring Break
- 22 – *Ramadan (I) begins at sundown; ends April 21*

APRIL:

- 3 – Classes Resume**
- 5 – *Passover (J) (begins at sundown; ends April 13)*
- 5 – NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 6 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- 7 – *Good Friday (C) – Academy Closed*
- 8 – *Visakha Puja (B)*
- 9 – *Easter Sunday (C)*
- 13 – *Grandparents' and Special Friends Day – Middle School (No Test/Quizzes) – DRESS UP – Tentative*
- 14 – 6th Grade Creek Symposium (**Invited Students ONLY**) – Departs: 8:00am – Returns: 2:15 pm
(Location: Camp Kon-O-Kwee)
- 14 – *Orthodox Holy Friday (OC)*
- 16 – *Pascha (Orthodox Easter) (OC)*
- 19 – Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- 20 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:30 a.m.??
- 21 – *Ramadan (I) ends*
- 22 – Science Olympiad - State Tournament @Penn State Altoona
- 24 – *Eid Al Fitr (I) begins at sundown*
- 25 – NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 25, 26, 27 - ERB Testing
- 27 – Form II Parent Meeting regarding Washington, DC Field Trip – 7:00pm – 8:00pm

MAY:

- 1 – All Schools – **No Classes**; In-Service Day
- 3 – May Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- 4 – Country Day School/Middle School Concert – Great Hall @ CDS – 9:00
- 10, 11, 12 – Form II Washington, DC Field Trip
- 12 - 6th Grade “Around the World Party”
- 15 – 6th Grade Science Center – Mars Project**
- 16 – Spring Instrumental Concert for parents & guests – Hillman Center – 7:00 pm**
- 17 – Spring Choral Concert for parents & guests – Hillman Center – 7:00 pm
- 18 – Book Swap Day**
- 22-26 – Special Grade Project Week – Black Box
- 23 – Form I Guyasuta Field Trip**
- 24 – Form II Andy Warhol Field Trip**
- 29 – *Memorial Day – Academy Closed*
- 30 – Athletic Awards – **DRESS UP**
- 31 – Field Day – Early Dismissal – 12:00 Noon

JUNE:

- 1 – Awards Day – **DRESS UP** – Early Dismissal – 12:00 Noon - Faculty Appreciation Luncheon – 12:30pm
- 2 – Senior School Commencement
- 2 - Middle School Evaluation Day - **No Classes**
- 5 – Closing Exercises at 9:00 a.m. **DRESS UP - Early Dismissal 10:30 a.m.**
- 7 – Kennywood Day
- 6-9 – In Service - Closing Faculty Meetings

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BUS & CARPOOL DISMISSALS

If your activity is at the Middle School, the carpool riders can be picked up at the Middle School @ 3:40pm. Student bus riders will be bussed to the Senior School for 4:00pm departure.

If your activity is at the Senior School – all carpool and bus riders will depart from the Senior School.

If you have multiple children with activities in different spots, the default is the Senior School.

NOTE: For early dismissals ONLY: Early dismissal is defined as 12:00 PM except where noted. Carpool students **only** are picked up at the Middle School. Bus riders are bussed to the Senior School gym where they transfer to busses. Busses leave Senior School at 12:30. If a school district or bus company is unable to provide transportation, parents must pick up their children at the Senior School. **Early dismissals for the Middle School are noted in bold print.**