

Shady Side Academy Middle School
Calendar of Events – School year 2019-2020
REVISED - 10/10/19

AUGUST:

- 11 - *Eid al-Adha (I) begins at sundown; ends Aug 12*
- 15 - Middle School Pre-Season Athletics Begin for some sports
- 19, 20 – New Faculty Orientation
- 19 – Meeting for new parents 6:00 p.m. – MS Cafetorium
- 21 -- Opening Middle School Faculty Meetings
- 22 – Opening Middle School Faculty Meetings
- 23 – Academy Opening Meetings
- 24 – 6th Grade Ice Cream Social – 4:00 -5:30 pm, Front Lawn, Middle School Campus
- 24 – *Krishna Janmashtami (H)*
- 26 – Grade 6 and New Student Orientation 8:00 a.m. **Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.**
- 27 – Opening Day – School Photos - Regular Dismissal. – First day of athletic practices

SEPTEMBER:

- 2 – Labor Day. No Classes. Academy Closed.**
- 2 – *Ganesha Chaturhi (H)*
- 4 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:30 a.m. MS Cafetorium.
- 5 – Parents’ Night 6:30 p.m.
- 12 – September Faculty Meeting – 4:00 pm
- 19 – 8th Grade Parents’ Meeting – MS Cafetorium 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 25 – 6th Grade Parents’ Meeting – MS Cafetorium 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 26 – 7th Grade Parents’ Meeting – MS Cafetorium 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 27 – Sixth Grade River Quest Field Trip – 8:00 – 2:15 pm
- 28 – Performing Arts Series: Blackbox**
- 30 – *Rosh Hashanah (J). Academy Closed. (begins @ sundown Sept. 29; ends Oct. 1)*

OCTOBER:

- 1 – NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered
- 2 – October Faculty Meeting – 4:00 pm
- 3 – “Bring Your Parents to School Day” - Open House for current parents 8:00 a.m.
- 8 – Sixth Grade Creek Day @ Squaw Valley Park – Departs: 8:00 am – Returns: 2:15pm
- 8 – Form I Zone 28 Field Trip – 9:15-1:45pm
- 8 – Dasera (H)
- 9 – *Yom Kippur (J) – Academy Closed – begins at sundown on Oct. 8*
- 10 – NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered
- 12 – *Homecoming*
- 14 – Columbus Day – All Schools – No Classes - In-Service Day
- 18 – Form II Students visit Senior School - 8:00 – 11:00am (1of 2)
- 18 – “Flavors of Fall” Faculty/Parent Party – 6:30-9:00pm
- 19 – FIRST Lego League Robotics Scrimmage @ Carnegie Mellon University – 8:30am – 12:30pm**
- 19 – Performing Arts Series: Main Stage**
- 22, 23, 24 - ERB Testing
- 26 – Admissions Open House for Prospective Parents 10:00 am.- 12:00 p.m.
- 27 – *Diwali (H)*
- 28 – NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 31 – 6th Grade Halloween Party - 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.
- 31 – Form II students to Senior School for Fall Drama Dress Rehearsal – 1:15 pm
- 31 – Form I Halloween Assembly

NOVEMBER:

- 1 – Form II Students visit Senior School - 8:00 – 11:00am (2 of 2)
- 1 - Sixth Grade World Religions Field Trip
- 5 – MS Movie @ the Middle School (drama students do not attend) - 2:15 – 3:20 pm
- 5 – Form II Parents’ Night @ the Senior School-Panel of Faculty and Students – 6:15pm – 8:30pm
- 6 – MS Movie @ the Middle School (drama students do not attend) - 2:15 – 3:20 pm
- 7 – Fall Drama Production for MS students – **DRESS UP DAY**
- 7 – Faculty Meeting - 4:00
- 8 – Fall Drama Production for Junior School and CDS students 9:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER (continued):

- 8 – Meet Winter Coaches Assembly/Team Meetings
- 8 – Fall Drama Production for parents and guests 7:00 p.m.
- 11 – Fall Athletic Awards – 2:15pm – **DRESS UP DAY**
- 12 – First day of practice
- 13 – Parent coffee with Head – 7:00 p.m. - Glimcher Tech & Design Hub - Robotics Classroom.
- 15 – MS Evaluation Day. **No Classes**
- 16 – FIRST Lego League Robotics Scrimmage, MS Gym – 8am – 4pm (Set-up Friday 11/14)**
- 16 – Performing Arts Series: Blackbox**
- 18 – Term II Begins
- 19 - Open House for current 5th grade parents - 9:00 a.m.
- 20 – Current CDS 5th Grade students visit the Middle School
- 21 – Current JS 5th Grade students visit the Middle School
- 22 – Current JS 5th Grade students visit the Middle School
- 23 – Admissions Open House for Prospective Parents - 10:00 a.m.
- 27, 28, 29 – *Thanksgiving Holiday. No Classes. Academy Closed.*

DECEMBER:

- 2 – All Schools - No Classes – In-Service Day
- 3 - Classes Resume
- 4 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.-Wednesday
- 5 – MS Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day. No Classes (Middle School only)
- 6 – Early dismissal 12:00 MS students only – In-Service Day – MS Faculty only**
- 7 – Science Olympiad – Northview Invitational
- 11 – Holiday Concert for parents & guests (Hillman Center) 7:00 p.m.
- 12 – NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 13 -- Form I and Form II Dance – MS Cafetorium 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- 14 – Admissions Testing 9:00 a.m. – Registration begins 8:15 a.m.
- 14 – FIRST Lego League Robotics Championship @ Sewickley Academy – 8am – 4pm**
- 14 – Performing Arts Series: Main Stage**
- 17 - Country Day/Middle School Concert at Country Day – 9:00 – 10:00 am
- 20 – Regular Dismissal (4:00 p.m.) for Winter Break
- 22– *Hanukkah (J) (begins @ sundown; ends Dec. 30)*
- 25 – *Christmas (C)*
- 26 – *Kwanzaa (AH) begins; end Jan. 1*

JANUARY:

- 1 – *New Year's Day*
- 2 – *Bodhi Day (B)*
- 6 – Classes Resume
- 7 – *Orthodox Christmas Day (OC)*
- 9 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- 14 – *Orthodox New Year (OC)*
- 14 – Form II Parents' Night at the Senior School – 6:15pm
- 17 – Parent Association Ski Trip to Hidden Valley - CANCELED
- 17 – 6th Grade Energy Quest Town Meeting (MS Cafetorium) 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. -
- 18 – Science Olympiad – Northmont Invitational
- 20 – *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No Classes. Academy Closed.*
- 23 – Parent coffee with Head – 7:00 p.m. MS Cafetorium.
- 25 – *Chinese New Year (CH)*

FEBRUARY:

- 1 – Admissions Testing 9:00 a.m. – Registration begins 8:15 a.m.
- 1 – Science Olympiad – Solon Invitational, Ohio
- 6 – Winter Musical for MS Students @ Senior School
- 6 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- 8 - *Nirvana Day (B)*
- 11 – Book Fair
- 12 – Parent coffee with Head & Mystery Lovers Bookshop Speakers – 8:30 am – MS Cafetorium
- 12 – Book Fair
- 13 – Book Fair

FEBRUARY (continued):

15 – Performing Arts Series: Main Stage

- 17 – President's Day. **No Classes.** Academy Closed.
- 21 – MS Evaluation Day. No Classes. (PA Seven Springs Ski Trip - CANCELED – NEW OPTION TBA)
- 22 - Science Olympiad – Mentor Invitational, Ohio
- 24 – Term III Begins
- 25 – MS Movie @ the Hillman (drama students do not attend) - 2:15 – 3:20 pm
- 26 – MS Movie @ the Hillman (drama students do not attend) - 2:15 – 3:20 pm
- 27 – Winter Musical for JS Students @ Middle School – 9:30 am
- 27 – Winter Musical for Middle School students - 1:45 p.m. – **DRESS UP DAY**
- 28 – Winter Musical for CDS students – 9:30 am
- 28 – Winter Musical for parents and guests – 7:00 pm
- 28 – Meet the Coaches/Team Meetings
- 29 – Science Olympiad – West Liberty-Salem Invitational, Ohio - TENTATIVE**

MARCH:

- 2 - Athletic Awards – 2:15 pm - **DRESS UP DAY**
- 3 – First day of practice
- 4 - Science Olympiad – Regional Tournament - CalU
- 4 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.-Wednesday
- 5 - MS Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day. **No Classes** (Middle School only)
- 6 – Sixth Grade Field Trip to Carnegie Museum - Departs: 9:00 a.m. – Return: 3:30 p.m**
- 10 – Reception for Newly Admitted Students - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 13 – Regular Dismissal (4:00 p.m.) for Spring Break
- 14 – Performing Arts Series: Blackbox**
- 30 – All Schools – No Classes; In-Service Day
- 31 – *Classes Resume*

APRIL:

- 2 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- 3 – 6th Grade Creek Symposium (Invited Students ONLY) – Departs: 8:00am – Returns: 2:15 pm (Location: Camp Kon-O-Kwee)**
- 7 – Grandparents' and Special Friends Day – **DRESS UP DAY** - Middle School **(No Test/Quizzes)**
- 8 – *Passover (J) (begins at sundown; ends April 15)*
- 8 – *Visakha Puja (B)*
- 10 – *Good Friday (C)* – **Academy Closed**
- 12 – *Easter Sunday (C)*
- 14 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:30 a.m. MS Cafetorium.
- 16 – Junior School/Middle School Concert - 9:30 a.m. at the Junior School
- 17 – *Orthodox Good Friday (OC)*
- 17 – Form I and Form II Dance – MS Cafetorium 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- 18 – Performing Arts Series: Main Stage**
- 19 – *Orthodox Easter (OC)*
- 22 – Spring Concert for parents & guests – Hillman Center – 7:00 pm
- 23 – Global Action Day
- 23 – *Ramadan (I) begins at sundown; ends May 23*
- 24 – NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 25 – Science Olympiad - State Tournament – Juniata College
- 28 – Spring Open House for Prospective Parents – 9:00 a.m.
- 28 – Form II Washington, DC Field Trip Parents' Meeting – MS Cafetorium 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 29 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.

MAY:

- 5 – New Middle School Family Night - 6:30 – 7:30pm
- 6 - Form I Zoo Field Trip
- 6 - 6th Grade "Around the World Party"
- 6, 7, 8 – Form II Washington DC Field Trip
- 13 – May Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- 21 – Athletic Awards – **DRESS UP DAY**
- 22 – Exam Day – Early Dismissal – 12:00 pm

MAY (Continued):

- 23 – *Eid Al Fitr (I) begins at sundown; ends May 24*
- 25 – *Memorial Day – Academy Closed*
- 26 – Exam Day - Early Dismissal 12:00 pm
- 27 – Exam Day - Field Day – **Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m.**
- 28 – Exam Make-Up Day - No Classes
- 29 – Senior School Commencement
- 29 - Middle School Evaluation Day - No Classes

JUNE:

- 1 – Book Return – Final Locker Clean Out – Academic Awards. **DRESS UP DAY. Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m.**
- 2 – Exam Return - Practice for Closing Exercises. **Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m.**
Faculty Appreciation Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
- 3 – Students report to Middle School at regular time. Closing Exercises at McKnight Hockey Rink (Senior School)
9:00 a.m. – **DRESS UP DAY. Kennywood Day - Early Dismissal 10:30 a.m.**
- 4 – In Service - Closing Faculty Meetings
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Early dismissal is defined as 12:00 PM except where noted. Students are bussed to the Senior School gym where they transfer to car pools and busses. Busses leave at 12:30 but carpool can begin at 12:15. 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.** Regular dismissal is at 4:00 from the Senior School gym area.