



SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL

2019-2020 Academic Calendar

Updated Dec. 6, 2019. A full calendar listing of events for 2019-2020 is posted online Buses leave campus at 1:30 pm on 1:00 pm early dismissal days.

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
August 20-25 (Tues-Sun)	“Spring to Success” Summer Bridge Program	Required for new international Upper School students
August 21-22 (Wed-Thurs)	New Faculty Orientation	
August 23 (Friday)	Opening Meetings for Upper School Faculty/Staff	
August 26-29 (Mon-Thurs)	Opening Meetings for All SSFS Faculty/Staff	Fri, Aug. 30 is an optional classroom prep day
August 27-30 (Tues-Fri)	9th Grade Trip	Required for all incoming 9th grade students
August 29-31 (Thurs-Sun)	Dorm opens for dorm students @ 8:00 am Thursday	All dorm students should arrive by Sunday noon
September 2 (Monday)	Labor Day - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm orientation
September 3 (Tuesday)	First Day of School Opening Meetings and Orientations	LS family orientation, classroom visits, & conferences MS & US orientation events for new parents/guardians
September 4 (Wednesday)	First Full Day of Classes (LS, MS, US)	Upper School Yearbook Photos for Grades 9-11
October 14 (Monday)	Fall Holiday - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm open
October 16 (Wednesday)	Professional Development - 1:00 pm Early Dismissal	See LS or MS Admin Assistants for Aftercare options
November 1 (Friday)	Lower School Professional Day - No LS Classes	Middle and Upper School in session
November 4 (Monday)	Middle & Upper School Professional Day - No Middle & Upper School Classes	Lower School in session
November 25-26 (Mon-Tues)	Professional Days for Faculty and Staff No Classes (LS, MS, & US)	No classes during Thanksgiving Week Dorm closes @ 12 noon on Tues, Nov. 26; Dorm re-opens @ 12 noon on Sat, Nov. 30
November 27-29 (Wed-Fri)	Thanksgiving Break - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm closed (see above)
December 20 (Friday)	Lower School Professional Day - No LS Classes Middle & Upper School: 1:00 pm Early Dismissal	Winter Break begins at 1:00 pm for MS & US
December 23 - January 3 (Mon-Fri)	Winter Break - School Closed Classes Resume Monday, Jan. 6	Offices closed; Dorm closes @ 12 noon Sat, Dec. 21; Dorm re-opens @ 4 pm on Fri, Jan. 3
January 20 (Monday)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No Classes	All-School Day of Service (optional)
January 21-24 (Tues-Fri)	Upper School Exams (Friday is end of 1st semester)	Mon, Jan. 27 is a weather make-up day
January 21 (Tuesday)	Lower School Professional Day - No LS Classes	Middle and Upper School in session
January 27 (Monday)	Middle & Upper School Professional Day - No Middle & Upper School Classes	Lower School in session
January 29 (Wednesday)	Professional Development - 1:00 pm Early Dismissal	See LS or MS Admin Assistants for Aftercare options
February 14-17 (Fri-Mon)	Mid-Winter Break/President’s Day - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm open
February 18 (Tuesday)	Professional Day - No Classes (LS, MS, & US)	Possible weather make-up day
March 16-20 (Mon-Fri)	Upper School Intersession Trips, Middle School Immersion Week	Some Upper School Intersession trips may extend beyond this week.
March 23-27 (Mon-Fri)	Spring Break - School Closed Classes resume Monday, Mar. 30	Offices closed; Dorm closes @ 5 pm on Sat, Mar. 21; Dorm re-opens @ 12 noon on Sat, Mar. 28
April 6 (Monday)	Professional Day - No Classes (LS, MS, & US)	LS Parent Conferences; Possible weather make-up day
April 15 (Wednesday)	Professional Development - 1:00 pm Early Dismissal	See LS or MS Admin Assistants for Aftercare options
May 25 (Monday)	Memorial Day - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm open
June 5 (Friday)	1:00 pm Early Dismissal (LS, MS, US)	Senior Graduation Rehearsal and Events
June 6 (Saturday)	Class of 2020 Graduation - 9:00 am, On-Campus	Note the earlier date (before US exams) this year!
June 8-11 (Mon-Thurs)	Upper School Exams	For Grades 9-11
June 11 (Thursday)	Last Day of Classes - 1:00 pm Early Dismissal	Dorm closes @ 12 noon on Sun, June 14