



SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL

2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Updated Jan. 2020. This calendar meets our State requirement of providing 170 instructional days, plus additional contingency days for weather-related closings. A full calendar listing of events for 2020-2021 will be posted on our website in Spring 2020.

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
August 22-25 (Sat-Tues)	Dorm opens for 9th Grade boarding students, and US boarding students playing on a fall varsity sports team	All 9th Grade Boarding Students - arrive by noon 8/25; Upper School varsity athletics preseason begins 8/22
August 26-27 (Wed-Thurs)	New 10th-12th Grade International Students Arrive	New 10th-12th Internat'l Students - arrive by noon 8/27 for Spring to Success Program
August 26-29 (Wed-Sat)	9th Grade Trip	Required for all incoming 9th grade students
August 29 (Sat)	Dorm opens for all returning dorm students at 9:00 am	Returning boarding students - arrive by noon 8/30
September 1 (Tuesday)	Orientation Day activities for all divisions 8:00 am - 12:00 noon	LS orientation, classroom visits, & conferences MS & US orientation events for new students & families
September 2 (Wednesday)	First Full Day of Classes (LS, MS, US)	
September 7 (Monday)	Labor Day - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm open
October 12 (Monday)	Fall Holiday - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm open
October 14 (Wednesday)	Professional Development - 1:00 pm Early Dismissal	See LS or MS Admin Assistants for Aftercare options
October 30 (Friday)	Last Day of 1st Quarter No LS Classes - LS Parent-Teacher Conferences	No LS Classes; Middle and Upper School in session
November 2 (Monday)	Middle & Upper School Professional Day	No MS/US Classes; Lower School in session
November 23-24 (Mon-Tues)	Professional Days for Faculty and Staff No Classes (LS, MS, & US)	Dorm closes @ 12 noon on Tues, Nov. 24; Dorm re-opens @ 9:00 am on Sun, Nov. 29
November 25-27 (Wed-Fri)	Thanksgiving Break - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm closed (see above)
December 9 (Wednesday)	Professional Development - 1:00 pm Early Dismissal	See LS or MS Admin Assistants for Aftercare options
December 18 (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 21 - January 1 (Mon-Fri)	Winter Break - School Closed Classes Resume Monday, Jan. 4	Offices closed; Dorm closes @ 12 noon Sat, Dec. 19; Dorm re-opens @ 9:00 am on Sun, Jan. 3
January 18 (Monday)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No Classes	Offices closed; All-School Day of Service (optional)
January 19-26 (Tues-Tues)	Upper School Exams	No exams Wed, 1/20 (Inauguration Day)
January 20 (Wednesday)	Inauguration Day - No Classes	Offices closed; Dorm open
January 25 (Monday)	Lower School Professional Day - No LS Classes	No LS Classes; Middle and Upper School in session
January 26 (Tuesday)	Last Day of 2nd Quarter/End of 1st Semester	
January 29 (Friday)	Middle & Upper School Professional Day	No MS/US Classes; Lower School in session
February 12-15 (Fri-Mon)	Mid-Winter Break/President's Day - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm open
February 16 (Tuesday)	Professional Day - No Classes (LS, MS, & US)	Possible weather make-up day
March 15-19 (Mon-Fri)	Upper School Intersession Trips, Middle School Immersion Week	Some Upper School Intersession trips may extend beyond this week.
March 22-26 (Mon-Fri)	Spring Break - School Closed Classes resume Monday, Mar. 29	Offices closed; Dorm closes @ 5 pm on Sat, Mar. 20; Dorm re-opens @ 9 am on Sun, Mar. 28
April 1 (Thursday)	Last Day of 3rd Quarter	
April 2 (Friday)	Professional Day - No Classes (LS, MS, & US)	LS Parent Conferences; Possible weather make-up day
April 14 (Wednesday)	Professional Development - 1:00 pm Early Dismissal	See LS or MS Admin Assistants for Aftercare options
May 31 (Monday)	Memorial Day - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm open
June 4 (Friday)	1:00 pm Early Dismissal (LS, MS, US)	Senior Graduation rehearsal and events
June 5 (Saturday)	Class of 2020 Graduation - 9:00 am, On-Campus	Note that Graduation takes place before US exam week
June 7-10 (Mon-Thurs)	Upper School Exams	For Grades 9-11
June 10 (Thursday)	Last Day of Classes - 1:00 pm Early Dismissal	Dorm closes @ 12 noon on Sat, June 12