

# BLAIR ACADEMY

## School Calendar

### The One Hundred Seventy-Third Year

**2020-2021**

#### Fall Semester

Saturday, August 29 and Sunday August, 30	<b>Full-day orientation program for all students...9 a.m.</b>
Sunday, August 30	<b>CONVOCATION...7 p.m.</b> (required for all students)
Monday, August 31	First semester begins
Saturday, September 5	<b>Community Weekend #1</b>
Saturday, September 19	<b>Community Weekend #2</b>
Tuesday, Oct 13	Midterm grades posted to students and families
Wednesday, Oct 14	No classes
Thursday, Oct 22- Saturday, Oct 24	Virtual Family Weekend Programming.
Saturday, November 7	<b>PEDDIE DAY</b> experience for Blair students.
Saturday, November 21	Classes end by noon. <b>Thanksgiving vacation</b> begins; students depart campus and finish first semester virtually.
Monday, November 30*	Virtual classes begin to close the first semester period.
Wednesday, December 16*	Assessments end by noon; <b>Holiday break</b> begins ; <i>Grades &amp; comments reported to parents after processing.</i>

#### Winter/Spring Semester

Monday, January 18	J-term experience begins virtually.
Monday, February 1	Second semester begins virtually
Monday, February 15	<b>Mid-winter break begins</b>
Saturday, February 20 & Sunday, February 21	<b>Boarding students begin return to campus</b>
Monday, February 22nd	<b>Classes start again, all classes virtual during this week.</b>
Monday, March 1st	<b>In-person classes begin for day and boarding students</b>

Thursday, May 27

**Graduation**

Wednesday, June 2

**Underclass exams end at noon.** Students may depart for summer vacation; **dormitories close for the summer.** *Grades reported to parents after processing.*

**\*Please review the calendar carefully & plan well in advance when making travel arrangements. Each academic day in our calendar is essential...absences due to travel arrangements should be avoided.**

**COMMUNITY WEEKENDS** are designed to establish the sense of community at Blair that is central to the School's mission (or to build in structure for exam preparation). Various activities are planned for students' enjoyment.

**\*A NOTE REGARDING TRAVEL PLANS:** On the dates indicated with an asterisk, the School will arrange for charter bus **or** State Shuttle transportation to/from Port Authority (NYC) and area airports. **Whenever possible, book reservations departing from Newark Airport,** as it is more convenient than the other New York airports. Students departing out of Newark Airport for school breaks should schedule departures of 3:30 p.m. or later and 4:30 p.m. or later for other area airports. All questions regarding transportation should be directed to the Student Life Office at (908) 362-6121, ext. 5605.