

**SHADY SIDE ACADEMY**  
**Residential Life Events 2021-2022**  
**~For Parents of Boarders~**

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*ALL DATES & PROTOCOLS ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION (ACCURATE AS OF 8/16/21)*

**Opening Days Schedule for Boarders:**

- Prefect Orientation: Friday, August 27 - Sunday, August 29.
- Move-in Day for New Students: Sunday, August 29, 2021 from 2-4 p.m.
  - New boarding parent meeting beginning at 4:15 p.m.
  - Followed by dinner for all new boarding students, parents, prefects, and residential life faculty.
  - Followed by meeting for all new Senior School parents.
- New Student Orientation: Monday, August 30, 2021
- Move-In Day for Returning Boarding Students: Monday, August 30, 2021
- Opening Day (All School Orientation Day): Tuesday, August 31, 2021

**Vacations and Dorm Closures:**

Dormitories close for school breaks in November, December, and March as noted below.

**Students are not permitted in the dormitories during these times and it is up to families to determine plans during these breaks.** Seven day boarding students may leave on the mornings following the beginning of each break. All other boarders must depart from campus by 6:00 pm the day that marks the start of the vacation. Students may return to the dorms after 5 p.m. on the return day, unless otherwise instructed by the Dean of Student & Residential Life or stipulated below.

Prior to departing, students are required to provide their vacation travel plans through the REACH Boarding software program, indicating specific travel information, as well as departure and arrival times. They are also required to have their rooms inspected by the Dorm Head or dormitory faculty on duty for cleanliness before they are permitted to leave on vacation. Failure to appropriately sign out and/or pass room inspection will result in a disciplinary response. During school vacations, students are not permitted to return to the dormitory (even just to stop in to pick up belongings) prior to the scheduled return date without prior approval from the Dorm Head or Dean of Student and Residential Life.

Note that INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS who are traveling internationally may return to campus up to twenty-four hours earlier than the stated return dates at the end of the winter and spring school breaks (they may not return early at the end of the Thanksgiving Break). The departure and return dates for the major school vacations for the 2021-2022 year are:

- Thanksgiving Break: Begins at the end of the school day on Thursday, November 18, 2021. All 5-day boarders must depart by 6:00 pm. All 7-day boarders must depart by

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noon on Friday, November 19. All students may return after 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 28, 2021.

- Winter Recess: Begins at end of school day on Friday, December 17, 2021. Boarders may stay in the dorms Friday evening and depart Saturday, December 18, 2021 by 12:00 pm. International students returning from overseas may return after 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 1, 2022. Domestic boarders may return on Sunday, January 2, 2022. Classes begin on Monday, January 3, 2022.
  
- Spring Recess: Begins at end of school day on Friday, March 18, 2022. Boarders may stay in the dorms Friday evening and depart Saturday, March 19, 2022 by 12:00 pm. International students returning from overseas may return after 5:00 pm on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Domestic boarders may return on Sunday, April 3, 2022. Classes begin on Monday, April 4, 2022.

**End of School:**

All boarders will be required to stay through commencement. Boarders may depart after 1:00 pm on the day of commencement, Friday, June 3, 2022. All boarding students must depart by no later than 12:00 pm on Saturday, June 4, 2022.