

# BLAIR ACADEMY

## School Calendar

### The One Hundred Seventy-Sixth Year

**2023-2024**

#### Fall Semester

Monday, August 21	<b>Football pre-season athletes arrive &amp; register...</b> TBD a.m.
Tuesday, August 29	<b>Student Leaders &amp; Prefects arrive and register...</b> TBD.
Thursday, August 31	<b>Registration for pre-season fall sports</b> (those invited by coaches)... TBD a.m.
Monday, September 4	<b>Registration for international students...</b> TBD.
Tuesday, September 5	<b>Registration for all remaining boarding &amp; day students...</b> 9 a.m. Orientation program begins in the afternoon
Wednesday, September 6	First semester begins <b>CONVOCATION...</b> 7 p.m. (required for all students)
Saturday, September 9	<b>Community Weekend #1</b>
Saturday, September 16	<b>Community Weekend #2</b>
Monday, September 25	No classes. Varsity athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7 p.m.
Friday, October 20 & Saturday, October 21	<b>Family Weekend.</b> Students may depart for the weekend after athletic competitions on Saturday.
Monday, October 23	No classes. Varsity athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 4	<b>PEDDIE DAY</b> at Blair; weekend departures begin after the conclusion of athletic contests.
Saturday, November 18*	Classes end by noon. <b>Thanksgiving vacation</b> begins; dormitories close.
Monday, November 27	Boarding students return by 7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 28	Classes resume
Thursday, December 14*	Assessments end by 3 pm; first semester ends. <b>Holiday break</b> begins; dormitories close. <i>Grades &amp; comments reported to parents after processing.</i> <b>No student may depart for vacation prior to December 14.</b>

## Winter/Spring Semester

Wednesday, January 3*	Boarding students return by 7 p.m.
Thursday, January 4	<b>J-Term begins</b>
Monday, January 15	Second Semester begins
Saturday, January 20	<b>Winter Ball</b>
Friday, February 2*	<b>Winter Long Weekend</b> begins at noon after last class; dormitories close
Wednesday, February 7*	Boarding students return by 7 p.m.
Thursday, February 8	Classes resume
Saturday, March 9*	<b>Spring break</b> begins at noon after last class; dormitories close. <i>Grades reported to parents after processing.</i>
Monday, March 25*	Boarding students return by 7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26	Classes resume
Monday, April 15	No classes. Varsity athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17	<b>Grandparents' Day</b>
Tuesday, May 21	<b>Junior/Senior Prom</b>
Wednesday, May 22	Packing Day for seniors; <b>Class of 2024 Senior Assembly &amp; Baccalaureate</b>
Thursday, May 23	<b>Graduation</b>
Sunday, May 26	<b>Underclass exams begin in the afternoon</b>
Tuesday, May 28	<b>Underclass Prize Assembly</b>
Wednesday, May 29	<b>Underclass exams end at noon.</b> Students may depart for summer vacation; <b>dormitories close for the summer.</b> <i>Grades reported to parents after processing.</i>

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**\*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. Parents may visit campus on those weekends, but are asked not to take their children off campus.

**\*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) 362-3120