Shady Side Academy Middle School
Calendar of Events – School year 2022-2023
REVISION IN RED – 3/8/2023

AUGUST:
19 – New Faculty Orientation
22 – New Parents Orientation – 5:30pm
22-25 -- Opening Middle School Faculty Meetings
26 – Academy Opening Meetings
27 – 6th Grade Ice Cream Social – 4:00 -5:30 pm, Front Lawn, Middle School Campus
28 – Form I & Form II Ice Cream Social – 4:30 -6:00 pm, Front Lawn, Middle School Campus
29 – Grade 6 and New Student Orientation 8:00am - Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m. @ MS
30 – First Day of School – School Photos - Regular Dismissal – Meet the Coaches
31 – First official practice
31 – Ganesha Chaturthi (H)

SEPTEMBER:
2 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:30 a.m.
5 – Labor Day. No Classes. Academy Closed.
6 – MS Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day. No Classes (Middle School only) – Zoom Optional
13 – 7th Grade Parents’ Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
14 – September Faculty Meeting – 4:00 pm
15 – Parents’ Night 6:30 p.m.
20 – 8th Grade Parents’ Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
21 – 6th Grade Parents’ Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
21 – Sixth Grade Rivers of Steel Explorer Boat Trip – 8:00 – 2:15 pm
26 – Rosh Hashanah (J). (begins @ sundown Sept. 25) – Academy Closed
27 – NO HOMEWORK WEEKEND. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered
30 – Sixth Grade Creek Day @ O’Hara Township Park – Departs: 9:00 am – Returns: 2:15pm

OCTOBER:
4 – Dasera (H)
5 – Yom Kippur (J) – begins at sundown on Oct. 4 - Academy Closed
6 – “Bring Your Parents to School Day” - Open House for current parents 8:00 a.m. – DRESS UP
6– NO HOMEWORK DUE. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered
10 – Indigenous Peoples Day / Columbus Day
10-14 – Spirit Week
12 – October Faculty Meeting – 4:00 pm
14 – Form II Students visit Senior School - 8:00 – 11:00am (1of 2)
15 – Homecoming
24 – Diwali (H) - Academy Closed
25 – NO HOMEWORK DUE. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered
31 – MS Halloween Celebrations - 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER:
1 – All School – No Classes – In-Service Day
2 – Parent coffee with Head – 7:00 p.m.
4 – Form II Students visit Senior School - 8:00 – 11:00am (2 of 2)
9 – Faculty Meeting - 4:00
11 - Sixth Grade World Religions Field Trip
11 – Veterans’ Day
11 – “Flavors of Fall” Faculty/Parent Party – 6:30pm
14 – Form II Parents’ Night - Senior School Panel of Faculty and Students – 6:15–8:30pm
16 – Fall Drama Production for MS students – DRESS UP DAY
17 – Fall Drama Production for Junior School and Country Day students – 9:30am
17 – Fall Drama Production for parents and guests 7:00 p.m.
18 – Last Day of practice for Term I
18 – Term II Begins
21 – MS Evaluation Day. No Classes
28 - Classes Resume
NOVEMBER – CONTINUED
28 - Meet Winter Coaches/Team Meetings
29 – Current CDS 5th Grade students visit the Middle School
29 – First official practice
30 - Athletic Assembly – DRESS UP

DECEMBER:
1 – Current JS 5th Grade students visit the Middle School
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3 – Science Olympiad – Dick Smith Invitational @ the Middle School - Remote
6 – Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
7 – Holiday Choral Concert for parents & guests (Hillman Center)  7:00 p.m.
8 – Holiday Instrumental Concert for parents & guests (Hillman Center) -  7:00 p.m.
8 – NO HOMEWORK DUE.  NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered
9 – MS Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day.  No Classes (Middle School only) – Zoom Optional
9 – Form I & Form II Dance – MS Cafetorium – 7:00 – 9:30pm
10 – Admissions Testing 9:00 a.m. – Registration begins 8:15 a.m.
14 – Junior School/Middle School Concert - leave @ 8:00am to the Junior School
16 – Regular Dismissal (4:00 p.m.) for Winter Break
18 – Hanukkah (J) (begins @ sundown, ends Dec 26)
25 – Christmas (C)
26 – Kwanzaa (AH) begins; end Jan. 1

JANUARY:
1 – New Year’s Day
2 – All schools – No Classes – In-Service
3 – Classes Resume
7 – Orthodox Christmas Day (OC)
10 – Bodhi Day (B)
10 – Faculty Meeting  4:00 p.m.
14 – Science Olympiad – Kenston Invitational @ Kenston, OH
14 – Orthodox New Year (OC)
16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.  No Classes.  Academy Closed.
21 – Science Olympiad – University of Pittsburgh Invitational - Pitt
22 - Lunar New year (CH)
28 – Admissions Testing 9:00 a.m. – Registration begins 8:15 a.m.

FEBRUARY:
1– Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
11 – Science Olympiad - Mentor Invitational @ Mentor, OH
14 – Book Fair
15 – Parent coffee with Head & Mystery Lovers Bookshop Speakers – 8:30 am – MS Cafetorium
15 – Book Fair
15 - Nirvana Day (B)
16 – Form I Parents’ Meeting – TALK – Zoom – 7:00pm
16 – Book Fair
18 – Science Olympiad – Michigan Invitational @ University of Michigan
20 – President’s Day.  No Classes.  Academy Closed.
22 – Winter Musical for Junior School students - 9:30 p.m.
22 – Winter Musical for Middle School students - 1:45 p.m. – DRESS UP DAY
23 – Winter Musical for Country Day School students - 9:15 p.m.
23 – Winter Musical for parents and guests – 7:00 pm
23 – Last day of practice for Term II
24 – MS Evaluation Day.  No Classes.
25 – Science Olympiad – West Liberty-Salem Invitational @ West Liberty, OH-CANCELED
27 – Term III Begins
27 – Meet the Coaches
28 – First official practice
MARCH:
1 - Athletic Assembly – **DRESS UP**
1 - Science Olympiad – Regional Tournament @ CALU, PA
1 – Form II Parents’ Night – Senior School presents SS course selections - 6:15pm
9 - MS Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day. **No Classes (Middle School only) - Zoom Optional**
10 – Sixth Grade Field Trip to Carnegie Museum – Departs 9:00am – return 3:30pm - CANCELED
10 -- Form I and Form II Dance – MS Cafetorium 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
14 – Reception for Newly Admitted Students - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
16 – “Battle of the Books” – 6:00-7:30pm (Cooper-Siegel Library)
17 – Regular Dismissal (4:00 p.m.) for Spring Break
22 – **Ramadan (I) begins at sundown; ends April 21**

APRIL:
3 – **Classes Resume**
5 – Passover (J) *(begins at sundown; ends April 13)*
5 – **NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
6 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.
7 – **Good Friday (C) – Academy Closed**
8 – Visakha Puja (B)
9 – **Easter Sunday (C)**
13 – Grandparents’ and Special Friends Day – **Middle School (No Test/Quizzes) – DRESS UP – Tentative**
14 – 6th Grade Creek Symposium *(Invited Students ONLY)* – Departs: 8:00am – Returns: 2:15 pm *(Location: Camp Kon-O-Kwee)*
14 – **Orthodox Holy Friday (OC)**
16 – Pascha (Orthodox Easter) *(OC)*
19 – Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
20 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:30 a.m.??
21 – **Ramadan (I) ends**
22 – Science Olympiad - State Tournament @Penn State Altoona
24 – **Eid Al Fitr (I) begins at sundown**
25 – **NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
25, 26, 27 - **ERB Testing**
27 – Form II Parent Meeting regarding Washington, DC Field Trip – 7:00pm – 8:00pm

MAY:
1 – **All Schools – No Classes; In-Service Day**
3 – May Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
4 – Country Day School/Middle School Concert – Great Hall @ CDS – 9:00
10, 11, 12 – Form II Washington, DC Field Trip
12 - 6th Grade “Around the World Party”
15 – **6th Grade Science Center – Mars Project**
16 – Spring Instrumental Concert for parents & guests – Hillman Center – 7:00 pm
17 – Spring Choral Concert for parents & guests – Hillman Center – 7:00 pm
18 – **Book Swap Day**
22-26 – Special Grade Project Week – Black Box
23 – Form I Guyasuta Field Trip
24 – Form II Andy Warhol Field Trip
29 – **Memorial Day – Academy Closed**
30 – Athletic Awards – **DRESS UP**
31 – Field Day – Early Dismissal – 12:00 Noon

JUNE:
1 – Awards Day – **DRESS UP** – Early Dismissal – 12:00 Noon - Faculty Appreciation Luncheon – 12:30pm
2 – Senior School Commencement
2 - Middle School Evaluation Day - **No Classes**
5 – Closing Exercises at 9:00 a.m. **DRESS UP - Early Dismissal 10:30 a.m.**
7 – Kennywood Day
6-9 – In Service - Closing Faculty Meetings

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**BUS & CARPOOL DISMISSALS**

If your activity is at the Middle School, the carpool riders can be picked up at the Middle School @ 3:40pm. Student bus riders will be bussed to the Senior School for 4:00pm departure.

If your activity is at the Senior School – all carpool and bus riders will depart from the Senior School.

If you have multiple children with activities in different spots, the default is the Senior School.

**NOTE: For early dismissals ONLY:** Early dismissal is defined as 12:00 PM except where noted. Carpool students only are picked up at the Middle School. Bus riders are bussed to the Senior School gym where they transfer to busses. Busses leave Senior School at 12:30. If a school district or bus company is unable to provide transportation, parents must pick up their children at the Senior School. **Early dismissals for the Middle School are noted in bold print.**