

SHADY SIDE ACADEMY
Residential Life Events 2023-2024
~For Parents of Boarders~

ALL DATES & PROTOCOLS ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION (ACCURATE AS OF 5/17/23)

Opening Days Schedule for Boarders:

- Prefect Orientation: Thursday, August 24-August 25.

- Move-in Day for New International Students: Saturday, August 26 10:00-12:00 p.m.
 - New International Student Orientation Saturday, August 26 12:00 p.m.-Sunday, August 27th 12:00 p.m.

- Move-in Day for New Domestic Boarding Students: Sunday, August 27th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 - New boarding parent meeting beginning at 4:15 p.m.
 - Dinner at 5:00 p.m. for all new boarding students, parents, prefects, and residential life faculty.
 - New Parent Night at 6:30 p.m. for all new Senior School parents.

- New Student Orientation: Monday, August 28, 2023

- Move-In Day for Returning Boarding Students: Monday, August 28, 2023

- Opening Day (All School Orientation Day): Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

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 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

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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 2023-2024 year are:

- **Thanksgiving Break:** Begins at the end of the school day on Friday, November 17, 2023. All 5-day boarders must depart by 6:00 p.m. All 7-day boarders must depart by noon on Saturday, November 18. All students may return after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

- **Winter Recess:** Begins at the end of school day on Friday, December 15, 2023. Seven-Day Boarders may stay in the dorms Friday evening and depart Saturday, December 16, 2023 by 12:00 p.m. **International students returning from overseas may return after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 1, 2024. Domestic boarders may return on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Classes begin on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.**

- **Spring Recess:** Begins at the end of school day on Friday, March 15, 2024. Seven-Day Boarders may stay in the dorms Friday evening and depart Saturday, March 16, 2024 by 12:00 p.m. International students returning from overseas may return after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Domestic boarders may return on Sunday, March 31, 2024. Classes begin on Monday, April 1, 2024.

End of School:

All boarders should plan to depart within 24 hours of their final academic commitment. Graduating Form VI boarders and any underclassmen boarders who choose to stay through commencement must depart from the dorm by no later than 2 p.m. on the day of commencement.