

**Shady Side Academy Middle School**  
**Calendar of Events – School year 2023-2024**  
**REVISIONS IN RED – 11/06/2023**

**AUGUST:**

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

**SEPTEMBER:**

- 1 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:30 a.m. – MS Cafetorium
- 4 – Labor Day. No Classes. Academy Closed.**
- 6 – September Faculty Meeting – 4:00 pm
- 7 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 12 – Parents' Night 6:30 p.m.
- 16 – *Rosh Hashanah (J)*. (*begins @ sundown Sept. 15*)
- 18 - 22 – Spirit Week**
- 18 – NO HOMEWORK DUE. NO PROJECTS DUE, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 21 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents' Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 23 – Homecoming**
- 25 – *Yom Kippur (J)* – *begins at sundown on Sept. 24 - Academy Closed*
- 26 – NO HOMEWORK DUE. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 28 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 29 – Sixth Grade Creek Day @ O'Hara Township Park – Departs: 8:00 am – Returns: 2:15pm

**OCTOBER:**

- 2 – Form I Zoo Field Trip – leaves 9:00am – returns 1:45pm
- 4 – October Faculty Meeting – 4:00 pm
- 9 – Indigenous Peoples Day / Columbus Day
- 13 – Form II Students visit Senior School - 8:00 – 11:00am (1of 2)
- 23 – MS Parent/Student/Advisor Conference Day. No Classes – *Zoom Optional*
- 23 – Dasera (H)
- 26 – Grandparents' and Special Friends Day – Middle School (No Test/Quizzes) – DRESS UP – 8:30-11:30am**
- 31 – MS Halloween Celebrations - 2:20 – 3:20 p.m.

**NOVEMBER:**

- 1 – Faculty Meeting - 4:00
- 2 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:30 a.m. – MS Cafetorium
- 2 – Current 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting – MS Cafetorium – 6:30pm
- 2 – Fall Drama Production for Form II students @ Senior School
- 3 – Form II Students visit Senior School - 8:00 – 11:00am (2 of 2)
- 10 - Sixth Grade World Religions Field Trip
- 10 – “Flavors of Fall” Faculty/Parent Party – 6:00pm – Middle School Campus
- 11 – Veterans' Day
- 12 – *Diwali (H)*
- 13 – NO HOMEWORK DUE. NO PROJECTS DUE, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 15 – Fall Drama Production for MS students – **DRESS UP DAY**
- 16 – Fall Drama Production for Junior School and Country Day students – 9:30am
- 16 – Fall Drama Production for parents and guests 7:00 p.m.
- 17 – Last Day of practice for Term I
- 20 – MS Evaluation Day. **No Classes**
- 21, 22, 23, 24 – *Thanksgiving Holiday. No Classes. Academy Closed.*
- 27 – Term II Begins
- 27 - Classes Resume and Meet the Coaches

## NOVEMBER – CONTINUED

- 28– Current CDS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students visit the Middle School
- 28 – First official practice – **BRING ALL GEAR**
- 29 - Athletic Assembly – **DRESS UP**
- 30 – Current JS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students visit the Middle School

## DECEMBER:

- 1 – Current JS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students visit the Middle School
- 1 – Form I & Form II Dance – MS Cafetorium – 7:00 – 9:30pm
- 4 – Junior School/Middle School Concert - leave @ 8:00am to the Junior School
- 4 – Faculty Meeting – 2:30pm-4:30pm**
- 7 – *Hanukkah (J) (begins @ sundown, ends Dec 15)*
- 8 – *Bodhi Day (B)*
- 8 – NO HOMEWORK DUE. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 9 – Admissions Testing 9:00 a.m. – Registration begins 8:15 a.m. @ Senior School
- 12 – Holiday Choral Concert for parents & guests (Hillman Center) 7:00 p.m.
- 13 - Holiday Instrumental Concert for parents & guests (Hillman Center) - 7:00 p.m.
- 15 – Regular Dismissal (4:00 p.m.) for Winter Break
- 25 – *Christmas (C)*
- 26 – *Kwanzaa (AH) begins; end Jan. 1*

## JANUARY:

- 1 – *New Year's Day – Academy Closed*
- 2 – **All schools – No Classes – In-Service**
- 3 – Classes Resume
- 7 – *Orthodox Christmas Day (OC)*
- 10 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- 14 – *Orthodox New Year (OC)*
- 15 – *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No Classes. Academy Closed.*
- 23 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Symphony Field Trip – Leave 9:30am – return 12:30pm
- 27 – Admissions Testing 9:00 a.m. – Registration begins 8:15 a.m. @ Senior School

## FEBRUARY:

- 1 – Ruta Sepetys visit with Form I & II students – MS Cafetorium
- 7 – Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- 10 - *Lunar New year (CH)*
- 13 – Book Fair
- 14 – Parent coffee with Head & Mystery Lovers Bookshop Speakers – 8:30 am – MS Cafetorium
- 15 – Book Fair
- 15 - *Nirvana Day (B)*
- 19 – President's Day. **No Classes. Academy Closed.**
- 22 – Winter Musical for MS Students @ Senior School
- 27 – Winter Musical for Junior School students - 9:30 p.m.
- 27 – Winter Musical for Middle School students - 1:45 p.m. – DRESS UP DAY
- 28 – Winter Musical for Country Day School students - 9:15 p.m.
- 28 – Form I Parents' Meeting – TALK – MS Cafetorium - 7:00pm
- 29 – Winter Musical for parents and guests – 7:00 pm
- 29 – Last day of practice for Term II

## MARCH:

- 1 – MS Evaluation Day. No Classes.**
- 4 – Term III Begins
- 4 – Meet the Coaches
- 5 – First official practice
- 6 - Athletic Assembly – **DRESS UP**
- 6 – Reception for Newly Admitted Students - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 7 – Form II Parents' Night – Senior School presents SS course selections - 6:15pm – MS Cafetorium
- 8 - Form I and Form II Dance – MS Cafetorium 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- 10 – *Ramadan (I) begins at sundown; ends April 9*
- 11 – NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**

## MARCH – CONTINUED

- 15 – Regular Dismissal (4:00 p.m.) for Spring Break
- 29 – *Good Friday (C)*
- 31 – Easter Sunday (C)

## APRIL:

- 1 – Classes Resume**
- 3 – Faculty Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- 5 – MS Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day. **No Classes (Middle School only) - Zoom Optional**
- 8 – *Visakha Puja (B)*
- 9 – *Ramadan (I) ends*
- 9 – *Eid Al Fitr (I) begins at sundown; ends Apr. 10*
- 10 – NO HOMEWORK due. NO PROJECTS due, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 16, 17, 18 - ERB Testing
- 22 – *Passover (J) (begins at sundown)*
- 23 – NO HOMEWORK DUE. NO PROJECTS DUE, NO QUIZZES/TEST administered**
- 24 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:30 a.m. – MS Cafetorium
- 24 – Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m. – Awards Meeting**
- 25 – Form II Parent Meeting regarding Washington, DC Field Trip – 7:00pm – 8:00pm

## MAY:

- 1 – May Faculty Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- 3 – *Orthodox Holy Friday (OC)*
- 5 – *Pascha (Orthodox Easter) (OC)*
- 8 – Sixth Grade Rivers of Steel Explorer Boat Trip – 8:00 – 2:15 pm
- 8, 9, 10 – Form II Washington, DC Field Trip
- 10 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade “Around the World Party”
- 15 – Spring Choral Concert for parents & guests – Hillman Center – 7:00 pm
- 16 – Spring Instrumental Concert for parents & guests – Hillman Center – 7:00 pm
- 22 – Athletic Awards – **DRESS UP**
- 27 – *Memorial Day – Academy Closed*
- 29-June 4 – Special Grade Project Week – Black Box

## JUNE:

- 5 – Field Day – Early Dismissal – 12:00 Noon
- 6 - Awards Day–**DRESS UP - Hillman** – Early Dismissal – 12:00 Noon - Faculty Appreciation Luncheon – 12:30pm
- 7 – Middle School Evaluation Day - **No Classes**
- 7 – Middle School Closing Exercises – 7:00pm @ Hillman (parents drop off students at 5:30 at Hillman)
- 8 – Senior School Commencement - Evening
- 10 – Faculty/Staff Divisional Meetings
- 11 – Closing In Service & Farewell Celebration
- 13 – Kennywood Day

## **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.**