

SHADY SIDE ACADEMY
Residential Life Events 2024-2025
~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 22-August 23.

- Move-in Day for New International Students: Saturday, August 24 10:00-12:00 p.m.
 - New International Student Orientation Saturday, August 24 12:00 p.m.-Sunday, August 25th 12:00 p.m.

- Move-in Day for New Domestic Boarding Students: Sunday, August 26th 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 26, 2024

- Move-In Day for Returning Boarding Students: Monday, August 26, 2024

- 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.** International 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 fine and/or 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 2024-2025 year are:

- **Thanksgiving Break:** Begins at the end of the school day on Friday, November 22, 2024. All domestic boarders must depart by 6:00 p.m. All international boarders must depart by noon on Saturday, November 23. All students may return after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, 2024.
- **Winter Recess:** Begins at the end of school day on Friday, December 20, 2024. International Boarders may stay in the dorms Friday evening and depart Saturday, December 21, 2024 by 12:00 p.m. **International students returning from overseas may return after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2025. Domestic boarders may return on Sunday, January 5, 2025. Classes begin on Monday, January 6, 2025.**
- **Spring Recess:** Begins at the end of school day on Friday, March 14, 2025. International Boarders may stay in the dorms Friday evening and depart Saturday, March 15, 2025 by 12:00 p.m. International students returning from overseas may return after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Domestic boarders may return on Sunday, March 30, 2025. Classes begin on Monday, March 31, 2025.

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, Saturday, June 7, 2025.