



# August 2024



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| 28   | <b>29 Online Resources Internal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online purchases (MyPaymentsPlus)</li> <li>• Online emergency cards</li> <li>• Online internet permission</li> <li>• Online info sheets (website)</li> </ul> | <b>30 Check/Re-Check Online B-T-S Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHMS webpage docs</li> <li>• Campus Student Schedules</li> <li>• MyPayments Plus (live)</li> </ul>  | 31   | 1  | <b>2 Internal B-T-S Forms Launch</b><br>(not yet announced)<br><b>B-T-S Mailing</b><br>(goes to Post Office)  | 3  |
| 4  | <b>5 Online Back-to-School Resources Launch</b><br>(ongoing parent online access to B-T-S materials) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass em, vm prompts</li> </ul>  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9   | 10<br>→ (ongoing)  |
| 11   | 12  | <b>13 MN Election Primary</b><br>(no activities from 6-8 PM)<br><b>District 196 Food Service Workshop: 7 AM - 2 PM</b><br>(DHMS Cafeteria)   | 14   | 15   | 16  | 17   |
| 18   | <b>19 WEB Leader Training</b><br>(9 AM-3 PM WEB Leaders only)<br><br>New Teacher Workshop   | <b>20 WEB Leader Training</b><br>(9 AM-3 PM WEB Leaders only)<br><br>New Teacher Workshop  | <b>21 All Teachers Workshop Begins</b>   | <b>22 6th Gr WEB Day</b><br>(9 AM to Noon: students)<br><b>6th Gr Parent-Student Afternoon (Orientation)</b><br>(4-6 PM)<br>Teacher Workshop | <b>23 Back-to-School Day</b><br>Virtual or in-person, 8 AM - Noon<br><br><b>Student Schedules 6-7-8</b><br>(made "live" in Campus)<br>Teacher Workshop (half-day)   | <b>24</b>  |
| 25   | <b>26 New 7th &amp; 8th Gr Family Orientation</b><br>(3:00 PM)<br><b>7th and 8th Grade Student-Parent Night</b><br>(4 - 6 PM)<br>All Teachers Workshop  | <b>27 DHMS Visitation Hours</b><br>(Access to locker areas)<br>(3 - 7 PM)<br><br>All Teachers Workshop   | <b>28 1st Day / Green Day</b><br>All Grades 6, 7, 8<br>School Day: 8:20 AM - 3:10 PM | <b>29 2nd Day / Blue Day</b><br>All Grades 6, 7, 8<br>School Day: 8:20 AM - 3:10 PM  | <b>30</b>   | <b>31 Trimesters 2024-25</b><br>T1: Aug 28 - Nov 26 = 57 days<br>T2: Dec 2 - Mar 6 = 55 days<br>T3: Mar 10 - June 5 = 56 days<br>T1 + T2 + T3 = 168 days |
| <b>DHMS Student Council Spirit Clothing Sale</b><br>A variety of t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, sweats, and clothing with the Eagan Wildcat green-and-blue logo and theme will be on sale in the DHMS foyer at Back-to-School Day and at each grade level parent night event. |   | <b>August 22nd: 6th Grade Student-Parent Afternoon</b><br>Incoming 6th graders and one parent come back to school at 4 PM to move items into lockers and then proceed thru a mini-version of your student's daily schedule.<br><b>August 26th: New 7th or 8th Grade Family Orientation (@3:00 PM)</b><br>For 7th and 8th grade families new to DHMS. This includes orientation, class schedules, a tour, locker access, meeting the DHMS administrators and counselors, etc. |  |  | <b>Back-to-School Day: Virtual or In-Person</b><br><b>August 23, 8 AM - 3 PM Student schedules will be viewable on Infinite Campus on the morning of August 23rd</b><br>All back-to-school tasks are via the DHMS website, Campus, MyPayments Plus, Schoology. Parents option to come to DHMS from 8 AM to 3 PM for tech assistance, access, or in-person help. |  |

**August 22nd: 6th Grade WEB Day (9 AM to Noon)**  
 Parents will need to transport their incoming 6th grade student(s) to and from this event... starting at 9 AM and ending at Noon. Please car pool as much as possible.

**22 6th Gr WEB Day**  
(9 AM to Noon: students)

**23 Back-to-School Day**  
Virtual or in-person, 8 AM - Noon

**26 New 7th & 8th Gr Family Orientation**  
(3:00 PM)  
**7th and 8th Grade Student-Parent Night**  
(4 - 6 PM)  
All Teachers Workshop



# September 2024



| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| 1  | 2<br>Labor Day<br>No School  | 3<br>FLEX: 8th Gr Rules Review  | 4<br>Fire Drills<br>(each hour, mixed zones)<br>FLEX: 7th Gr Rules Review  | 5<br>FLEX: 6th Gr Rules Review   | 6<br>EHS Home Football<br>(7 PM, vs. Rochester Mayo)<br>6  | 7<br>Ganesh Chatur  |
| 8  | 9<br>Fall Sports Begin<br>(Season: Sept. 9 - Oct. 23)<br>(see p. 24 for sports info) | 10<br>LifeTouch Portraits<br>• Phy Ed classes p. 1-5<br>• Math classes p. 1-5   | 11   | 12<br>Blue Day<br>Emergency Drills<br>(each hour, mixed zones)<br>• Intruder drills (each hour)<br>• Fire drills (1 zone/hour) | 13<br>Green Day<br>Emergency Drills<br>(each hour, mixed zones)<br>• Intruder drills (each hour)<br>11   | 14  |
| 15   | 16<br>Mawlid an-Nabi   | 17<br>DHMS Parent Booster Mtg<br>DHMS Media Center<br>6:30 PM   | 18<br>DHMS Direct Donation<br>Fundraiser Kick-Off<br>Info/Materials to FLEX Groups<br>Staff Q-Comp Meet & Confer<br>Mtg: Lect A at 7:30 AM | 19<br>EHS Home Football<br>(7 PM, vs. Lakeville South)<br>16   | 20   | 21  |
| 22<br>Constitution Day   | 23   | 24  | 25<br>MAP Testing Begins<br>(Reading: 6, 7, 8)   | 26   | 27<br>DHMS Direct Donation<br>(Fundraiser Ends)<br>DHMS Emergency Drills<br>(Fire, Intruder, Evacuation)<br><i>during the day</i> 21   | 28  |
| 29   | 30   | MAP Testing begins<br>(Reading: 6, 7, 8)<br>22  |  |  |  | <b>Trimesters 2024-25</b><br>T1: Aug 28 - Nov 26 = 57 days<br>T2: Dec 2 - Mar 6 = 55 days<br>T3: Mar 10 - June 5 = 56 days<br>T1 + T2 + T3 = 168 days |
| <b>Direct Drive Fundraiser</b><br>This replaces the magazine sales fundraiser. Dakota Hills asks each family to make a direct donation using the MyPaymentsPlus item " <b>DHMS Direct Drive Donation</b> ". The suggested amount is \$25 per student; this will replace the amount formerly raised via magazine sales. |  | <b>LifeTouch School Portraits: September 4th</b> (re-takes on Oct. 15th)<br>Students will have their school portraits taken during school on September 4th. This will occur <i>during</i> the regular school day. Students are to dress in accordance with our dress code. We will be sure to have any students who have Phy. Ed. on portrait day, will have their portrait taken <i>before</i> the Phy. Ed. class. Orders can be done online, or students should bring their picture package envelope and check made out to "LifeTouch" to give to the photographer. |  |  | <b>DHMS Parent Boosters</b><br>The DHMS Booster Club organizes and supports our school thru a variety of involvement, fundraising, and school volunteer efforts. This parent group generally meets once each month (except December) at 6:30 PM in the DHMS media center, or in the DHMS front office conference room. |   |



# October 2024



| Sunday      | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|-------------|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| 29          | 30<br><b>Homecoming Week</b><br>(TBD Date, Spirit Days)  | 1  | 2 Rosh Hashanah (sundown)   | 3 Rosh Hashanah<br>Navratri  | 4 Rosh Hashanah<br><b>No School</b><br>Staff Data, Analysis and<br>Instruction Workshop<br>→ <b>EHS Home Football</b><br>(7 PM, vs. Farmington)   | 5   |
| 6           | 7<br><b>MAP Testing</b> (cont'd)<br>(Math: 6, 7, 8)  | 8<br><b>DHMS Parent Booster Mtg</b><br>DHMS Media Center<br>6:30 PM  | 9   | 10   | 11 Yom Kippur (sundown)   | 12 Yom Kippur<br>Dussehra   |
| 13 Dessehra | 14 Indigenous People's Day<br><b>Fall Play</b><br>(Theatre rehearsal access)                                   | 15   | 16 Sukkot (sundown)<br><b>Evacuation Drill</b><br>(if weather allows)<br>FLEX Time  | 17 Sukkot<br><b>No School</b><br>State Teacher<br>Convention<br><b>EHS Home Football</b><br>(7 PM, vs. Eastview) | 18 Sukkot<br><b>No School</b><br>State Teacher<br>Convention  | 19  |
| 20          | 21   | 22<br><b>LifeTouch Portrait Re-Takes</b><br>(Morning: 8:20-10:20 AM) | 23<br><b>DHMS Fall Play</b><br>(Final Dress Rehearsal)<br><br><b>End of Fall Sports</b>   | 24 Shemini Atzeret<br><b>DHMS Fall Play</b><br>7:00 PM (Auditorium)  | 25 Simchat Torah<br><b>DHMS Fall Play</b><br>7:00 PM (Auditorium)   | 26<br><b>DHMS Fall Play</b><br>2:00 PM (Auditorium)<br><b>FLL/Lego Robotics</b><br><b>Practice Tournament</b><br>(10:00 AM - 2:00 PM) |
| 27          | 28 Diwali<br><b>Winter I Sports Begin</b><br>(Season: Oct. 28 - Dec. 13)<br><i>(see p. 24 for sports info)</i> | 29   | 30  | 31 Halloween   |   |   |
|             |  |  | <b>LifeTouch School Portrait Re-takes: Thursday, October 17th:</b><br>Students who were not in school on the first portrait day (September) will have their portraits taken on the morning of October 17th. Students or families who wish to have re-takes must have some obvious, visible defect in their original portrait (like eyes closed) <u>and</u> must return the entire original portrait package to the LifeTouch photographer on the day of re-takes. |  | <b>DHMS Parent Booster Club Meetings</b><br>The DHMS Booster Club organizes and supports our school thru a variety of involvement, fundraising, and school volunteer efforts. This parent group generally meets once each month (except December) at 6:30 PM in the DHMS media center, or in the DHMS front office conference room. |   |



# November 2024



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| <b>Trimesters 2024-25</b><br>T1: Aug 28 - Nov 26 = 57 days<br>T2: Dec 2 - Mar 6 = 55 days<br><u>T3: Mar 10 - June 5 = 56 days</u><br>T1 + T2 + T3 = 168 days   | 28   | 29   | 30   | 31  | 1 Diwali   | 2 Birth of the Bab  |
| <b>3</b><br><b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b><br>(turn clocks back one hour)   | 4  | <b>5</b><br><b>Election Day</b><br>(no activities 6 - 8 PM)  | <b>6</b><br><b>Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences</b><br>(3:30 PM - 7:30 PM) | <b>7</b><br><b>No School</b><br><b>Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences</b><br>(11:00 AM - 7:30 PM)<br><b>No School</b> | <b>8</b><br><b>No School</b>   | <b>9</b><br><b>Veteran's Day</b><br><b>FLL Tournament</b><br>(MN High Tech Kids)<br>All Day<br>(DHMS Cafeteria) |
| 10   | <b>11</b><br><b>No School</b><br><b>Staff Workshop Day</b> | <b>12</b><br><b>DHMS Parent Booster Mtg</b><br>DHMS Media Center<br>6:30 PM  | 13   | 14  | <b>15</b><br><b>Prospective Student-Family Tour</b><br>(Main Office - 8:30 AM)   | 16  |
| 17   | 18   | 19   | 20   | 21  | 22   | 23  |
| 24   | 25   | <b>26</b><br><b>End of 1st Trimester</b>   | <b>27</b><br><b>Staff Development Day</b><br><br><b>No School</b>            | <b>28</b><br><b>Thanksgiving</b><br><br><b>No School</b><br>(Thanksgiving Break)                                      | <b>29</b><br><b>Native American Heritage Day</b><br><br><b>No School</b>   | 30  |
| <b>District 196 Intra-District Transfers</b><br>Students (families) who reside within School District 196 may seek to transfer (intra-district) from another 196 school zone to DHMS by submitting an application to the District Office by December 15th. Approval of transfer is subject to space and capacity at DHMS and not guaranteed. |  | <b>Dakota Hills Prospective Student/Family Tour</b> (Friday, Nov. 15th at 8:30 AM)<br>These tours are intended for families considering moving to Eagan or open enrollment from schools that do not feed into Dakota Hills by attendance boundaries. These tours include a meet and greet with DHMS administrators and counselors, an overview of the 6-7-8 curricular program, a walking site tour, and information on the school calendar, traditions, and culture.<br><i>These tours take place on a Friday at 8:30 AM in November, December, and January</i> |  |   | <b>Notes: Dates for Prospective Family Tours</b><br>Friday, November 15th at 8:30 AM (DH Office)<br>Friday, December 13th at 8:30 AM (DH Office)<br>Thursday, January 9th at 8:30 AM (DH Office)<br>Dates oriented on the Dec. 15th (intra-district) and Jan. 15th (inter-district) deadlines for application. |   |



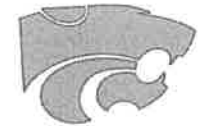
# December 2024



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| 1   | 2<br>Start of 2nd Trimester<br>Speech Team Begins<br>Veterans Meeting<br>(First Meeting & Practice)<br>(3-5 PM) | 3<br>Speech Team Begins<br>Beginners Meeting<br>(First Meeting & Practice)<br>(3-5 PM)                                | 4  | 5   | 6  | 7<br>DHMS Holiday Boutique<br>Holiday Craft Sale<br>(9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)<br>5<br>EHS Speech Tournament |
| 8 Buddha's Enlightenment  | 9   | 10  | 11   | 12  | 13<br>Prospective Student-Family Tour<br>(Main Office - 8:30 AM)<br>Stage Access<br>End of Winter I Sports 10  | 14  |
| 15<br>Intra-District Transfer Request Deadline<br>(for Fall, 2024)  | 16<br>Gr 6-7-8 Choir Concert<br>(4 PM - Auditorium)<br>Choir Rehearsals<br>(during the school day)              | 17<br>6th Gr Band Concert<br>(4 PM - Auditorium)<br>Band Rehearsals<br>(during the school day)<br>Pyramid Jazz (7 PM) | 18<br>Band Rehearsals<br>(during the school day)   | 19<br>7th Gr Band Concert<br>(5:30 PM - Auditorium)<br>8th Gr Band Concert<br>(7 PM - Auditorium) | 20 Hanukkah (ends)   | 21<br>15  |
| 22  | 23<br>No School<br>(Winter Break)   | 24 Christmas Eve<br>No School<br>(Winter Break)   | 25 Christmas Day<br>No School<br>(Winter Break)  | 26 Kwanzaa (begins)<br>Hanukkah (begins)<br>No School<br>(Winter Break)                           | 27<br>No School<br>(Winter Break)  | 28  |
| 29  | 30<br>No School<br>(Winter Break)   | 31<br>No School<br>(Winter Break)   | <b>Dakota Hills Prospective Student &amp; Family Tour</b> (Friday, December 13th at 8:30 AM)<br>These tours are for families considering moving to Eagan or for open enrollment from schools that do not feed into Dakota Hills by attendance boundaries. The tour includes a meet and greet with DHMS administrators and counselors, an overview of the 6-7-8 program, a walking site tour, and information on the school calendar, traditions, and culture.<br><i>These tours take place on a Friday at 8:30 AM in November, December, and January</i> |   |  |   |
| <b>District 196 Intra-District Transfers</b> (from <i>within</i> District 196)<br>Students (families) who reside <u>within</u> School District 196 may seek to transfer (intra-district) from another 196 school attendance area into DHMS by submitting an application to the District Office by December 15th. Approval of transfer is subject to space and capacity at DHMS, and not guaranteed. Parents granted enrollment from outside the DHMS attendance area are responsible for timely transport of their student(s) to and from school. |   |   | <b>Trimesters 2024-25</b><br>T1: Aug 28 - Nov 26 = 57 days<br>T2: Dec 2 - Mar 6 = 55 days<br>T3: <del>Mar 10 - June 5 = 56 days</del><br>T1 + T2 + T3 = 168 days   |   | <b>Open-Enrollment Transfers</b> (from <i>outside</i> Dist. 196)<br>Students (families) who reside <u>outside</u> of School District 196 may seek to transfer (open-enroll) from outside of District 196 to DHMS by submitting an application to the District Office by January 15th. Approval of open-enrollment is subject to space and capacity at DHMS and not guaranteed. |   |



# January 2025



| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| 29     | 30<br><b>No School</b><br>(Winter Break)   | 31<br><b>No School</b><br>(Winter Break)   | 1<br>New Years Day<br><b>No School</b><br>(Winter Break)                             | 2<br><b>6 - to - 7 Registration</b><br><b>Presentation (FLEX Time)</b>   | 3<br><b>7 - to - 8 Registration</b><br><b>Presentation (FLEX Time)</b>  | 4  |
| 5      | 6<br><b>Winter II Sports Begin</b><br>(Season: Jan. 6 - Feb. 21)<br><i>(see p. 24 for sports info)</i> | 7<br><b>DHMS Parent Booster Mtg</b><br>DHMS Media Center - 6:30 PM                     | 8  | 9<br><b>All Registrations Due</b><br>(for 2024 - 25 School Year)<br><i>(5-to-6, 6-to-7, 7-to-8)</i><br><b>Prospective Family Tour</b><br>(Main Office - 8:30 AM) | 10  | 11<br><b>MS Speech Team Meet</b><br>(@ DHMS at 9 AM)                     |
| 12     | 13   | 14   | 15<br><b>Open-Enrollment Transfer</b><br><b>Request Deadline</b><br>(for Fall, 2025) | 16   | 17<br><b>No School</b><br>Staff Data, Analysis and<br>Instruction Workshop<br><b>MS Speech Team Meet</b><br>(@ VMSS at 4:30 PM) | 18   |
| 19     | 20<br>Martin L. King, Jr. Day<br><b>No School</b>  | 21<br><b>8th-to-9th Grade</b><br><b>Parent Orientation</b><br>(6:00 PM-EHS Auditorium) | 22<br><b>8th-to-9th EHS Prep Video</b><br>(during the day-FLEX Time)                 | 23<br><b>8th-to-9th Online Registration</b><br>(with EHS Counselors)<br>(during the day-8th graders)   | 24  | 25<br><b>MS Speech Team Meet</b><br>(@ BHMS at 9 AM)                     |
| 26     | 27<br>Beginning of ACCESS<br>Testing Window<br>(for Learners of English)                               | 28   | 29   | 30   | 31  | 35<br><b>MS Speech Team Meet</b><br>(@ Olson MS at 9 AM,<br>Bloomington) |

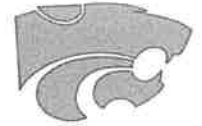
**Open-Enrollment Transfers** (from *outside* District 196)  
Students (families) who reside outside of School District 196 may seek to transfer (open-enroll) from outside of District 196 to DHMS by submitting an application to the District Office by January 15th. Approval of open-enrollment is subject to space and capacity at DHMS and not guaranteed.

**Dakota Hills Prospective Student & Family Tour** (Thursday, Jan. 9th at 8:30 AM)  
These tours are intended for families considering moving to Eagan or open enrollment from schools that do not feed into Dakota Hills by attendance boundaries. These tours include a meet and greet with DHMS administrators and counselors, an overview of the 6-7-8 curricular program, a walking site tour, and information on the school calendar, traditions, and culture.

**Student Registration for 2025 -26 Courses**  
Students in 6th and 7th grades will receive course registration and course description packets in early January. Student then complete registration via the Campus online system to select and prioritize their elective course choices.



# February 2025



| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday                         |
|--------|---|--|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 26     | 27  | 28<br>Precinct Caucus Night<br>(No Activities after 6 PM)  | 29   | 30  | 31  | 1<br>Speech Team Meet<br>(@ TBD) |
| 2      | 3   | 4  | 5<br>Parent-Student-Teacher<br>Conferences<br>(3:30 - 7:30 PM) | 6<br>No School<br>Parent-Student-Teacher<br>Conferences<br>(11:00 AM - 7:30 PM)<br>No School  | 7<br>No School  | 8<br>Chinese New Year            |
| 9      | 10<br>Lincoln's Birthday  | 11<br>DHMS Parent Booster Mtg<br>DHMS Media Center<br>(6:30 PM)  | 12   | 13<br>5th-to-6th Grade<br>Parent Night-Orientation<br>5:00 PM: GT Info (optional)<br>5:15 PM: Site Tours (optional)<br>6:00 PM: Overview Presentation | 14  | 15<br>Nirvana Day                |
| 16     | 17<br>Presidents' Day<br>No School  | 18<br>No School<br>Staff Workshop Day  | 19   | 20<br>Washington's Birthday   | 21<br>End of Winter II Sports   | 22                               |
| 23     | 24<br>Winter III Sports Begin<br>(Season: Feb. 24 - Apr. 15)<br>(see p. 24 for sports info) | 25   | 26<br>Maha Shivaratri  | 27  | 28  |                                  |
|        |   | <b>5th-to-6th Grade Parent Night (Orientation) Thursday, February 16th</b><br>We welcome the parents of incoming 6th grade students for the 2024-25 school year. This event is designed to help you become familiar with the Dakota Hills site (tours), academic program, and staff. An optional session covering GT offerings is also available.<br>5:00 PM: GT Info (optional) 5:15 PM: Site Tours (optional) 6:00 PM: Overview Presentation<br>Glacier Hills      Northview      Pinewood      Red Pine      Woodland |  |   | <b>Notes:</b><br>School Event: Blue<br>State/Fed Event or Holiday: Green<br>Religious/Cultural Event: Red |                                  |



# March 2025



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|
|  | <b>Winter III Sports Begin</b><br>(Season: Feb 24 - Apr 10)<br><i>(see p. 24 for sports info)</i> |  |   |   | 28   | 1 Ramadan (begins)  |
| 2<br><b>MCA &amp; MTAS Testing Begins</b><br>(Gr 6, 7, 8 Reading & Math) | 3<br><b>Spring Musical Rehearsal</b><br>(Theatre/Stage Access)                                    | 4  | 5 Ash Wednesday   | 6<br>End of 2nd Trimester   | 7<br><b>No School</b><br>End of Trimester<br>Workshops and Grading | 8   |
| 9<br>Daylight Savings Time Starts<br>(turn clocks ahead one hour)        | 10<br>Start of 3rd Trimester  | 11<br>DHMS Parent Booster Mtg<br>DHMS Media Center<br>6:30 PM  | 12<br>DHMS Spring Musical<br>Dress Rehearsal<br>(extended rehearsal)<br>Gerten's Plant Card<br>(PBC Fundraiser) | 13 Purim<br>DHMS Spring Musical<br>7:00 PM - Auditorium   | 14 Holi<br>DHMS Spring Musical<br>7:00 PM - Auditorium             | 15<br>DHMS Spring Musical<br>2:00 PM - Matinee<br>(Auditorium)  |
| 16   | 17 St. Patrick's Day<br><br>Prism/Ensemble Set-Up<br>(DHMS Cafeteria)                             | 18<br>DH Prism/Ensemble Concert<br>(7:00 PM, Cafeteria)  | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22  |
| 23   | 24<br><b>No School</b><br>(Spring Break)  | 25<br><b>No School</b><br>(Spring Break)   | 26<br><b>No School</b><br>(Spring Break)  | 27<br><b>No School</b><br>(Spring Break)  | 28<br><b>No School</b><br>(Spring Break)                           | 29  |
| 30   | 31 Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)<br><br><b>No School</b><br>(Staff Workshop)                       | <b>MCA Testing Information (for April)</b><br>MCA testing will be completed online (on student iPads) by each student. Generally the reading test is given first, then math. The entire student body will take the tests on a given day with an adjusted afternoon class schedule. 8th grade science students will take the MCA science test in their science class. |   | <b>Trimesters 2024-25</b><br>T1: Aug 28 - Nov 26 = 57 days<br>T2: Dec 2 - Mar 6 = 55 days<br>T3: Mar 10 - June 5 = 56 days<br>T1 + T2 + T3 = 168 days |  | <b>Notes:</b><br>Although the State (MN) MCA testing window for reading (gr. 6-8), math (gr. 6-8), and science (gr. 8 only) officially begins on March 9th, actual test dates will vary to accommodate computer availability. Each test is completed by individual students on computer (online). |





# April 2025



| Sunday                       | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday              |
|------------------------------|--------|---|---|--|---|-----------------------|
|                              | 31     | 1   | 2<br>MCA Reading Testing<br>(Schoolwide, morning)   | 3  | 4   | 5                     |
| 6                            | 7      | 8 Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)  | 9<br>MCA Reading Testing<br>(Schoolwide, morning)   | 10<br>MN Statewide Tornado Drill<br>1:45 PM (FLEX)                                     | 11  | 12 Passover (sundown) |
| 13 Palm Sunday               | 14     | 15<br>End of Winter III Sports<br><br>DHMS Parent Booster Mtg<br>DHMS Media Center<br>6:30 PM | 16<br>MCA Math Test<br>(Schoolwide, morning)<br>Spring Sports Begin<br>(Season: Apr 17 - May 31)<br>(see p. 24 for sports info) | 17<br>Spring Sports Begin<br>(Season: Apr. 17 - May 30)<br>(see p. 24 for sports info) | 18 Good Friday  | 19                    |
| 20 Easter<br>Passover (ends) | 21     | 22  | 23  | 24   | 25<br>No School<br>Staff Data, Analysis and<br>Instruction Workshop | 26                    |
| 27                           | 28     | 29  | 30<br>MCA Science Test<br>(8th Grade only)  |  |   |                       |

**MCA Testing Information (for April)**  
MCA testing will be completed online (on student iPads) by each student. Generally the reading test is given first, then math. The entire student body will take the tests on a given day with an adjusted afternoon class schedule. 8th grade science students will take the MCA science test in their science class.

**MCA Testing Information:**  
Each year, Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) tests are given in reading and math to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. In addition, the 8th grade only also take an MCA science test. These tests are completed online with students using their iPads to access the test. Generally, DHMS has students complete the reading test first, followed by the math test. For 8th grade students the final MCA science test is usually given in May.

**Notes:**



# May 2025



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|-----------|
|   |   |  |  | <b>1</b><br>MCA Science Test<br>(8th Grade only)   | <b>2</b><br>Prospective Student-<br>Family Tour<br>(Main Office - 8:30 AM)                                | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b><br>Cinco de Mayo<br><br>Teacher<br>Appreciation Week   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11</b><br>Mother's Day<br><br>Penny Wars<br>(May 12 - May 16)  | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br>DHMS Parent Booster Mtg<br>DHMS Media Center<br>6:30 PM   | <b>14</b><br><del>8th to 9th</del> Transition<br>8th graders visit EHS<br>(morning)                      | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br>MCA Testing Ends   | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b><br>8th Grade Comm.<br>Marketing Projects<br>(commercials, sales)  | <b>19</b><br>Gr 6-7-8 Choir Concert<br>(4 PM - Auditorium)<br>Choir Rehearsals<br>(during the school day) | <b>20</b><br>Band Rehearsals<br>(during the school day)<br>DHMS Parent Booster Mtg<br>DHMS Media Center<br>6:30 PM   | <b>21</b><br>6th Gr Band Concert<br>(4:00 PM - Auditorium)<br>Band Rehearsals<br>(during the school day) | <b>22</b><br>7th Gr Band Concert<br>(5:30 PM - Auditorium)<br>8th Gr Band Concert<br>(7:30 PM - Auditorium)<br>Rehearsals (during the day) | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br>Memorial Day<br>No School  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>End of Spring Sports<br><br>6th Gr. Locker Clean-Out<br>(FLEX Time).                         | <b>31</b> |
| <b>Penny Wars Format:</b><br>Via DHMS student council, each grade selects a charity for a "loose change" money drive. A unique accounting system adds to a grade level "total" for pennies and paper, but subtracting silver coinage... so silver coins can be used to lower another grade level total. |   | <b>Dakota Hills Prospective Student &amp; Family Tour</b> (Friday, May 5th at 8:30 AM)<br>These tours are intended for families considering <i>moving into</i> the Dakota Hills attendance area. Since the District 196 (December 15th) deadline for intra-district transfer and the State/MN deadline (January 15th) for inter-district transfer have passed, enrollment at Dakota Hills for the following fall (fall, 2023) will require residence at an address in the Dakota Hills attendance zone in order to enroll a student. |  |  | <b>Notes:</b><br>School Event: Blue<br>State/Fed Event or Holiday: Green<br>Religious/Cultural Event: Red |           |



# June 2025



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|-----------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b> Shavuot<br>Stage Access<br>(Awards set-up/Prep)<br><br>7th Gr. Locker Clean-Out<br>(FLEX Time) | <b>3</b> Shavuot<br>8th Gr Presidential<br>Academic Awards<br>(7:15 AM - Auditorium)<br>8th Gr. Locker Clean-Out<br>(FLEX Time)  | <b>4</b> Final Locker Clean-Out<br>(3 PM - End of Day)                                  | <b>5</b> Last Day of School<br>(End of 3rd Trimester)  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)   | <b>10</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)   | <b>11</b> District Admin. Workshop<br>(all day)<br>Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon) | <b>12</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)   | <b>13</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)             | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)  | <b>17</b> Eid al-Adha<br>Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)  | <b>18</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)  | <b>19</b> Juneteenth<br><br>No Summer School<br><br>Office Closed  | <b>20</b> Flag Day<br>Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon) | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b> Fathers Day   | <b>23</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)  | <b>24</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)<br><br>DHMS Site Plan Workshop<br>12:30 - 4:30  | <b>25</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)  | <b>26</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)   | <b>27</b> Summer School<br>(M-F, 8 AM to Noon)             | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>   |  |   |  |  |           |
| <b>Trimesters 2024-25</b><br>T1: Aug 28 - Nov 26 = 57 days<br>T2: Dec 2 - Mar 6 = 55 days<br>T3: Mar 10 - June 5 = 56 days<br>T1 + T2 + T3 = 168 days |   | <b>Grade Level Locker Clean-Out</b><br>This takes place during FLEX time as students downsize items from their lockers. Students will still be able to use their lockers thru June 5th. Final locker clean out will take place at the end of the day on June 5th. All materials are to be emptied from lockers by the end of June 5th. |   | <b>Note on end-of-year Field Trips:</b><br>The last day of school is June 5th. This is a day usually used for an end-of-year field trip. End of year field trips may vary or be separate excursions by the different grade levels. As the end of the year approaches, information about the last day plans will be communicated to students and families. Any field trips even being possible are subject to transportation availability, site hours, chaperone restrictions, raincheck capabilities, etc. |  |           |



# July 2025



| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday |
|--------|---|---|---|--|--|----------|
| 29     | <p>Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>   | <p>1 Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p> | <p>2 Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p> | <p>3 Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>  | <p>4 Independence Day</p> <p>Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Closed</p> | 5        |
| 6      | <p>7 Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p> | <p>8 Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p> | <p>9 Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p> | <p>10 Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p> | <p>11 Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Closed</p>                        | 12       |
| 13     | <p>14</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                               | <p>15</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                               | <p>16</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                               | <p>17</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                                | <p>18 Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                 | 19       |
| 20     | <p>21</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                               | <p>22</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                               | <p>23</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                               | <p>24</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                                | <p>25 Admin and Clerical on Vacation</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                 | 26       |
| 27     | <p>28</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                               | <p>29</p> <p>DHMS Office: Reduced Staff</p>                               | <p>30</p>   | <p>31</p>  |  |          |
|        |   |   |   |  | Notes:   |          |