



IDEAL FAMILY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-25

Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences <i>9 AM-12 PM Upper School and Next Steps; 12:45-4 PM, all grades</i>	Thursday, August 29
Optional Parent Teacher Conferences <i>9 AM-12 PM Lower School</i>	Friday, August 30
Labor Day <i>*Building closed</i>	Monday, September 2
New Student Orientation <i>*Required for all new students, kindergarteners, Grade 6 students, and Grade 9 students</i>	Tuesday, September 3,* 8:30-11:45 AM
Opening Day	Wednesday, September 4
Upper School Pioneer Period	Thursdays, 2:45-3:30 PM
Lower School Convocation	Thursday, September 5, 9-9:45 AM
Upper School Convocation	Thursday, September 5, 10-10:45 AM
Lower School Assembly <i>Gym, third floor</i>	Friday, September 13, 8:30-9:15 AM
Hispanic Heritage Month	September 15-October 15
Fall APEX, After-School Activities Begin	Monday, September 16
Fall Play Auditions	Tuesday-Thursday, September 17-19, 3:45-5:45 PM
Professional Open House	Wednesday, September 25, 12-1:30 PM
Senior Family Meeting <i>*Required for all senior families</i>	Thursday, September 26, 5:30-6 PM
Back to School Night <i>In-person</i>	Thursday, September 26, 6-8 PM
Lower School Assembly	Friday, September 27, 8:30-9:15 AM
Next Steps Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Next Steps suite</i>	Friday, September 27, 8:30-9:30 AM



Kindergarten and First Grade Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Head of School office, video link also available</i>	Monday, September 30, 8:30-9:30 AM
Picture Day	Tuesday, October 1
Fifth Grade Middle School Sneak Peek	Tuesday, October 1
Coffee and IDEAL Middle School Information Session for Grade 5 Families <i>In-person, Head of School office, video link also available</i>	Wednesday, October 2, 9-10 AM
Next Steps Professional Open House	Tuesday, October 2, 12-1 PM
Erev Rosh Hashanah <i>*No after-school activities</i>	Wednesday, October 2
Rosh Hashanah <i>*School closed</i>	Thursday-Friday, October 3-4
Standardized Testing Week	October 7-11
PA Class Rep Meeting	Monday, October 7, 12-12:30 PM
Next Steps Preview for Grades 11 and 12	Tuesday, October 8, 1-1:45 PM
An IDEAL Day of Golf Fundraiser <i>Siwanoy Country Club, Bronxville, NY</i>	Tuesday, October 8, 10:30 AM-7:30 PM
Next Steps Preview for Grade 11-12 Families <i>In-person, Next Steps suite</i>	Wednesday, October 9, 8:30-9:30 AM
LatinX Assembly	Thursday, October 10, 2:30-3:15 PM
First Dress Down Day	Friday, October 11
General PA Meeting <i>Google Meet meet.google.com/duq-miku-fmo</i>	Friday, October 11, 12-1 PM
Next Steps Social Event	Friday, October 11, 12-2 PM
Yom Kippur	Saturday, October 12



Indigenous Peoples Day <i>*School closed</i>	Monday, October 14
Professional Development Day <i>*School closed for students</i>	Tuesday, October 15
Second Grade Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Head of School office, video link also available</i>	Wednesday, October 16, 9-10 AM
Eighth Grade High School Sneak Peek	Thursday, October 17
Middle School Dance	Thursday, October 17, 3-4:30 PM
Lower School Identity Museum	Friday, October 18, 8:30-9:30 AM
Spirit Week	Monday-Friday, October 21-25
Coffee and IDEAL High School Information Session for Grade 8 Families <i>In-person, Head of School's office, video link also available</i>	Tuesday, October 22, 8:30-9:30 AM
Third Grade Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Head of School office, video link also available</i>	Wednesday, October 23, 8:30-9:30 AM
The IDEAL Speaker Series #1 Special Education 101: A to Z of Special Ed. <i>Google Meet meet.google.com/vdc-euob-yoh</i>	Thursday, October 24, 2024, 12-1 PM
Fourth Grade Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Head of School office, video link also available</i>	Friday, October 25, 8:30-9:30 AM
All-School Open House	Saturday, October 26, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
Black and Orange Dress Down Day <i>*No after-school activities</i>	Thursday, October 31
Diwali <i>*School closed</i>	Friday, November 1
IDEAL Food Drive	Monday, November 4-Friday, November 22
Second Quarter Begins	Monday, November 4



Picture Retake Day	Monday, November 4
Election Day <i>*No after-school activities</i>	Tuesday, November 5
Grade 6-7 Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Head of School's office, video link also available</i>	Tuesday, November 5, 8:30-9:30 AM
High School Dance	Thursday, November 7, 3-4:30 PM
Dress Down Day	Friday, November 8
Upper School Virtual Open House	Friday, November 8, 12-1 PM
Report Writing Day <i>*School closed for students</i>	Monday, November 11
Next Steps Virtual Open House	Tuesday, November 12, 12-1 PM
APEX End of Fall Season Event	Wednesday, November 13, 4-5 PM
PA Class Rep Meeting	Thursday, November 14, 12-12:30 PM
Lower School Assembly	Friday, November 15, 8:30-9:15 AM
Next Steps Social Event	Friday, November 15, 12-2 PM
APEX Winter Season Begins	Monday, November 18
High School Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Head of School's office, video link also available</i>	Monday, November 18, 8:30-9:30 AM
Nonprofit of the Night at the Brooklyn Nets	Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 PM
Potluck Dinner <i>*No after-school activities</i>	Thursday, November 21, 6-7:30 PM
General PA Meeting <i>Google Meet meet.google.com/ykg-hikd-sdz</i>	Friday, November 22, 12-1 PM
Harvest Assembly	Tuesday, November 26, 1:30-2:30 PM
PA Used Uniform Sale	Tuesday, November 26, 8-9 AM



PA Hot Chocolate and Used Uniform Sale	Tuesday, November 26, 3-4 PM
Thanksgiving Recess <i>*School closed</i>	Wednesday-Friday, November 27-29
Giving Tuesday	Tuesday, December 3
Scholastic Book Fair	Wednesday-Friday, December 4-6, 8-10 AM
The IDEAL Speaker Series #2 How NeuroMovement® Kickstarts Learning and Connection in Parents, Caregivers, and Kids <i>In-person and on Google Meet meet.google.com/iie-qzit-bsn</i>	Friday, December 4, 2024, 4-6 PM
Parent-Teacher Conferences <i>*Noon dismissal, no after-school activities</i>	Thursday, December 5, 12:30-6:30 PM
Dress Down Day	Friday, December 6
Lower School Assembly	Friday, December 6, 8:30-9:15 AM
Lower School Virtual Open House	Friday, December 6, 12-1 PM
Next Steps Social Event	Friday, December 6, 12-2 PM
Parent-Teacher Conferences <i>*Noon dismissal, no after-school activities</i>	Monday, December 9, 12:30-6:30 PM
Fall Play	Tuesday-Wednesday, December 10-11, 6-7:30 PM
Next Steps Virtual Open House	Tuesday, December 10, 12-1 PM
Fall Play Matinee	Thursday, December 12, 1-3 PM
Upper School Virtual Open House	Friday, December 13, 12-1 PM
The IDEAL Speaker Series #3 How to Carry Over School and Therapy Goals at Home <i>Google Meet meet.google.com/kof-rpnm-cwj</i>	Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 5-6 PM
Peace and Light Rehearsal <i>*No after-school activities, IDEAL staff holiday party</i>	Thursday, December 19



Peace and Light Ceremony <i>*Noon dismissal, no after-school activities</i>	Friday, December 20, 10-11:30 AM
<i>Winter Break Begins</i>	Monday, December 23
Classes Resume	Monday, January 6
Spring Musical Auditions	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, January 6, 8, 9, 3:45-5:45 PM
Alumni Reunion	Thursday, January 9, 3-4:30 PM
Dress Down Day	Friday, January 10
Lower School Assembly	Friday, January 10, 8:30-9:15 AM
Lower School Virtual Open House	Friday, January 10, 12-1 PM
Next Steps Social Event	Friday, January 10, 12-2 PM
Third Quarter Begins	Monday, January 13
Grade K-3 Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Head of School's office, video link also available</i>	Tuesday, January 14, 8:30-9:30 AM
Next Steps Virtual Open House	Tuesday, January 14, 12-1 PM
The IDEAL Speaker Series #4 College and Postsecondary Alternatives for Students with Disabilities <i>Google Meet meet.google.com/juo-qgdt-jkw</i>	Wednesday, January 15, 2024, 5-6 PM
PA Class Rep Meeting	Thursday, January 16, 12-12:30 PM
MLK Day of Service	Friday, January 17
Upper School Virtual Open House	Friday, January 17, 12-1 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>*School closed</i>	Monday, January 20
Grade 9-10 Intro to the Postsecondary Process <i>Google Meet meet.google.com/yes-ekuf-snr</i>	Tuesday, January 21, 6-7 PM



Grade 4-5 Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Head of School's office, video link also available</i>	Wednesday, January 22, 9-10 AM
Lunar New Year Assembly	Thursday, January 23, 2:30-3:15 PM
General PA Meeting Google Meet meet.google.com/tff-ippq-bme	Friday, January 24, 12-1 PM
Lunar New Year <i>*School closed</i>	Wednesday, January 29
Black Heritage Month Starts	Saturday, February 1
Grade 11 College/Postsecondary Info Session Google Meet meet.google.com/xim-boym-vqy	Wednesday, February 5, 6-7 PM
Upper School Celebration of Black Culture	Thursday, February 6, 2:30-3:15 PM
Dress Down Day	Friday, February 7
Lower School Celebration of Black Culture	Friday, February 7, 8:30-9:15 AM
Lower School Virtual Open House	Friday, February 7, 12-1 PM
Next Steps Social Event	Friday, February 7, 12-2 PM
Next Steps Virtual Open House	Tuesday, February 11, 12-1 PM
Middle School Science Expo	Thursday, February 13, 8:45-11 AM
PA Class Rep Meeting	Thursday, February 13, 12-12:30 PM
Lower School Movie Night <i>Gym and Multipurpose Room</i>	Thursday, February 13, 6-8 PM
Valentine's Day <i>*Red, white, or pink dress-down day</i>	Friday, February 14
Upper School Virtual Open House	Friday, February 14, 12-1 PM
Presidents Day <i>*School closed</i>	Monday, February 17



Professional Development Day <i>*School closed for students</i>	Tuesday, February 18
The IDEAL Speaker Series #5 Intro to Adult Services and OPWDD Google Meet meet.google.com/hbn-znbh-ohq	Thursday, February 20, 2024, 5-6 PM
Lower School Science Expo	Friday, February 21, 8:30-10 AM
General PA Meeting Google Meet meet.google.com/zgc-faxj-twt	Friday, February 21, 12-1 PM
The IDEAL Gala <i>Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers</i>	Tuesday, February 25, 6-10 PM
Voting on Door Decorating Contest	Thursday, February 28, 2:30-3:15 PM
Women's History Month Starts	Saturday, March 1
The IDEAL Speaker Series #6 Self-Direction Funding Google Meet meet.google.com/xzn-dbvz-zar	Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 12-1 PM
Women's History Month Assembly	Thursday, March 6, 2:30-3:15 PM
Dress Down Day	Friday, March 7
Lower School Assembly	Friday, March 7, 8:30-9:15 AM
Lower School Virtual Open House	Friday, March 7, 12-1 PM
Next Steps Social Event	Friday, March 7, 12-2 PM
Women's International Day	Saturday, March 8
Next Steps Virtual Open House	Monday, March 10, 12-1 PM
APEX End of Winter Season Event	Monday, March 10, 4-5 PM
Report Writing Day <i>*School closed for students</i>	Tuesday, March 11
High School Dance	Wednesday, March 12, 3-4:30 PM



World Down Syndrome Day Assembly <i>*Noon dismissal, no after-school activities</i>	Friday, March 14, 11-11:45 AM
Upper School Virtual Open House	Friday, March 14, 12-1 PM
<i>Spring Break Begins</i>	Monday, March 17
World Down Syndrome Day	Friday, March 21
Eid al-Fitr <i>*School closed</i>	Monday, March 31
Classes Resume	Tuesday, April 1
APEX Spring Season Begins	Wednesday, April 2
World Autism Awareness Day	Wednesday, April 2
Senior Civil Rights Journey	Wednesday-Friday, April 2-4
The IDEAL Speaker Series #7 Supported Decision Making as an Alternative to Guardianship Google Meet meet.google.com/uhw-grkq-mxi	Thursday, April 3, 2025, 5-6 PM
Dress Down Day	Friday, April 4
Lower School Virtual Open House	Friday, April 4, 12-1 PM
Fourth Quarter Begins	Monday, April 7
Frost Valley YMCA Trip for Grade 8 Students	Wednesday-Thursday, April 9-10
Literary Character Day	Friday, April 11
Lower School Assembly	Friday, April 11, 8:30-9:15 AM
Upper School Virtual Open House	Friday, April 11, 12-1 PM
Next Steps Social Event	Friday, April 11, 12-2 PM
Passover	Saturday, April 12



Next Steps Virtual Open House	Monday, April 14, 12-1 PM
Parent-Teacher Conferences <i>*Noon dismissal, no after-school activities</i>	Tuesday, April 15, 12:30-6:30 PM Wednesday, April 16, 12:30-6:30 PM
Musical Rehearsals	Wednesday, April 15, 12:30-2:30 PM Thursday, April 16, 12:30-3:30 PM
Good Friday <i>*School closed</i>	Friday, April 18
Easter	Sunday, April 20
Professional Development Day <i>*School closed for students</i>	Monday, April 21
Lower School Earthfest Celebration	Tuesday, April 22, 8:30-9:15 AM
Middle School Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Head of School's office, video link also available</i>	Wednesday, April 23, 9-10 AM
PA Class Rep Meeting	Thursday, April 24, 12-12:30 PM
High School and Grade 8 Mixer	Thursday, April 24, 3-4:30 PM
High School Parent Coffee <i>In-person, Head of School's office, video link also available</i>	Wednesday, April 30, 8:30-9:30 AM
Dress Down Day	Friday, May 2
General PA Meeting <i>Google Meet meet.google.com/hpw-ibfh-ihq</i>	Friday, May 2, 12-1 PM
Lower School Virtual Open House	Friday, May 2, 12-1 PM
Next Steps Social Event	Friday, May 2, 12-2 PM
Spring Musical Dress Rehearsal	Monday, May 5, 11 AM-6 PM
Spring Musical Matinee <i>Edmond J. Safra Hall</i>	Tuesday, May 6, 1-3 PM



Spring Musical <i>Edmond J. Safra Hall</i>	Tuesday-Wednesday, May 6-7, 6-7:30 PM
Lower School Civil Rights Museum	Friday, May 9, 8:45-10 AM
Upper School Virtual Open House	Friday, May 9, 12-1 PM
Next Steps Virtual Open House	Monday, May 12, 12-1 PM
College/Postsecondary Panel Google Meet meet.google.com/uuh-ahfr-kdd	Wednesday, May 14, 6-7 PM
Middle School and Grade 5 Mixer	Wednesday, May 14, 3-4:30 PM
The IDEAL Speaker Series #8 OPWDD Housing Google Meet meet.google.com/dwf-yzuz-vfp	Thursday, May 15, 2025
Upper School Civil Rights Museum	Friday, May 16
Civil Rights Community Day	Friday, May 16
Spirit Week	May 19-23
Eighth Grade Trip	Wednesday, May 21
APEX End of Spring Season Event	Thursday, May 22
Grandparents and Special Friends Day <i>*Noon dismissal, no after-school activities</i>	Friday, May 23
Memorial Day <i>*School closed</i>	Monday, May 26
Student Government Elections	Thursday, May 29, 2:30-3:15 PM
Field Day	Friday, May 30
Senior Week	Monday-Friday, June 2-6
Pride Dress Down Day	Monday, June 2



Eighth Grade Dinner <i>Fraunces Tavern</i>	Monday, June 2, 6-8 PM
Next Steps Luncheon	Wednesday, June 4, 12-1:30 PM
ArtBeat	Tuesday, June 5
Junior/Senior Prom <i>Gran Morsi</i>	Thursday, June 5, 6:30-9 PM
Last Day of Extended Day	Friday, June 6
Fifth Grade Moving Up Assembly <i>Multipurpose Room</i>	Friday, June 6, 8:30-10:30 AM
Lower School Virtual Open House	Friday, June 6, 12-1 PM
Next Steps Social Event	Friday, June 6, 12-2 PM
Upper School Virtual Open House	Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 12-1 PM
Moving Up Rehearsal	Wednesday, June 11, 8-10:30 AM
Senior Dinner <i>Fraunces Tavern</i>	Wednesday, June 11, 6-8 PM
Last Day of School for Grades K-8	Thursday, June 12
Grade K-8 Moving Up Ceremony <i>Edmond J. Safra Hall</i>	Thursday, June 12, 1-3 PM
Grade 9-11 Moving Up Ceremony Grade 12 and Next Steps Graduation <i>Horace Mann School *Required for all faculty and High School students</i>	Friday, June 13, 10-11:30 AM
Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences	Monday, June 16
Faculty Work Days	Tuesday-Wednesday, June 17-18
Juneteenth <i>*Building closed</i>	Thursday, June 19