



August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Online Resources Internal <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online purchases (Edutrak)• Online emergency cards• Online internet permission• Online info sheets (website)	29 Check/Re-Check Online B-T-S Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHMS webpage docs• Campus Student Schedules• Edutrak (live)	30	31	1 Internal B-T-S Forms Launch (not yet announced) B-T-S Mailing (goes to Post Office)	2
3	4 Online Back-to-School Resources Launch (ongoing parent online access to B-T-S materials) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass em, vm prompts	5	6	7	8	9 (ongoing)
10	11	12 MN Election Primary (no activities from 6-8 PM) District 196 Food Service Workshop: 7 AM - 2 PM (DHMS Cafeteria)	13	14	15	16
17	18 WEB Leader Training (9 AM-3 PM: WEB Leaders only) New Teacher Workshop	19 WEB Leader Training (9 AM-3 PM: WEB Leaders only) New Teacher Workshop	20 All Teachers Workshop Begins	21 6th Gr WEB Day (9 AM to Noon: students) 6th Gr Parent-Student Afternoon (Orientation) (4-6 PM) Teacher Workshop	22 Back-to-School Day Virtual or In-person 8a-12p Student Schedules 6-7-8 (made "live" in Campus) Teacher Workshop (half-day)	23
24	25 New 7th & 8th Grade Family Orientation 3:00 PM 7th and 8th Grade Student-Parent Night (4 - 6 PM) All Teachers Workshop	26 DHMS Visitation Hours (Access to locker areas) (3 - 7 PM) All Teachers Workshop	27 1st Day / Green Day All Grades 6, 7, 8 School Day 8:20 AM-3:10 PM	28 2nd Day / Blue Day All Grades 6, 7, 8 School Day 8:20 AM-3:10 PM EHS Football Vs Shakopee 7 pm	29 No School	30 Trimesters 2025-26 T1: Aug 27 - Nov 25 = 58 days T2: Dec 1 - Mar 5 = 55 days T3: Mar 9 - June 4 = 55 days T1 + T2 + T3 = 168 days
31 DHMS Student Council Spirit Clothing Sale 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. (spirititclothing.com)	August 21st: 6th Grade Student-Parent Afternoon 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. August 25th: New 7th or 8th Grade Family Orientation (@3:00 PM) 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.					Back-to-School Day: Virtual or In-Person August 22, 8 AM - 3 PM Student schedules will be viewable on Infinite Campus on the morning of August 22nd All back-to-school tasks are via the DHMS website, Campus, Edutrak, Schoology. Parents option to come to DHMS from 8 AM to 3 PM for tech assistance and access.



September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Labor Day No School	2 FLEX 6-8 Gr Rules Review	3	4	5 6	6
7	8 Fall Sports Begin (Season: Sept. 8 - Oct. 24) (see p. 24 for sports info) FLEX 6-8 Gr Rules Review	9	10 LifeTouch Portraits • Phy Ed classes p. 1-5 • Math classes p. 1-5 (tentative date)	11	12 Emergency Drills (each hour, mixed zones) Intruder drills (each hour) Fire Drills (1 zone/hour) EHS Home Football Vs. Eastview 7 p.m.	13
14	15 Emergency Drills (Each hour, 2nd day) FLEX 6-8 Gr Rules Review	16 DHMS Parent Booster Mtg DHMS Media Center 6:30 PM Staff Q-Comp Meet & Confer Mtg: Lect A at 7:30 AM	17 DHMS Direct Donation Fundraiser Kick-Off Info/Materials to FLEX Groups	18	19 16	20
21 Constitution Day	22 Rosh Hashanah (Sundown) FLEX 6-8 Gr Rules Review	23	24 MAP Testing Begins (Reading: 6, 7, 8)	25 DHMS Direct Donation (Fundraiser Ends) DHMS Emergency Drills (Fire, Intruder, Evacuation) during the day 20	26 No School Staff Data, Analysis and Instruction Workshop	27
28	29 FLEX 6-8 Gr Rules Review	30 MAP Testing begins (Reading: 6, 7, 8) 22				Trimesters 2025-26 T1: Aug 27 - Nov 25 = 58 days T2: Dec 1 - Mar 5 = 55 days T3: Mar 9 - June 4 = 55 days T1 + T2 + T3 = 168 days
Direct Drive Fundraiser This replaces the magazine sales fundraiser. Dakota Hills asks each family to make a direct donation using the Edutrak item "DHMS Direct Drive Donation" . The suggested amount is \$25 per student; this will replace the amount formerly raised via magazine sales.		LifeTouch School Portraits: September 10th (re-takes on Oct. 22nd) Students will have their school portraits taken during school on September 10th. This will occur during the regular school day. Students are to dress in accordance with our dress code. Any students who have Phy. Ed. on portrait day, will have their portraits taken before 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.			DHMS Parent Boosters 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 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Homecoming Week (TBD Date, Spirit Days)	30	1 Yom Kippur (sundown)	2	3 EHS Home Football vs Farmington HS 7:00 PM 25	4
5	6 MAP Testing (cont'd) (Math: 6, 7, 8)	7 DHMS Parent Booster Mtg DHMS Media Center 6:30 PM	8	9	10 EHS Home Football vs Rosemount HS 7:00 PM 30	11
12	13 Indigenous People's Day Theater Access for Fall Play	14	15 Evacuation Drill (if weather allows) FLEX Time 33	16 No School State Teacher Convention EHS Home Football (7 PM, vs. Eastview)	17 No School State Teacher Convention	18
19	20	21 Diwali DHMS Fall Play (Final Dress Rehearsal)	22 LifeTouch Portrait Re-Takes (Moming: 8:20-10:20 AM) (tentative date)	23 DHMS Fall Play 7:00 PM (Auditorium)	24 DHMS Fall Play 7:00 PM (Auditorium) End of Fall Sports 38	25 DHMS Fall Play 2:00 PM (Auditorium) FLL/Lego Robotics Practice Tournament (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
26	27 Winter I Sports Begin (Season: Oct. 27 - Dec. 17) (see p. 24 for sports info)	28	29 Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences (3:30 PM - 7:30 PM) 41	30 No School Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences (11:00 AM - 7:30 PM) No School	31 No School	
		LifeTouch School Portrait Re-takes: Thursday, October 22nd: Students who were not in school on the first portrait day (September) will have their portraits taken on the morning of October 22nd . Students or families who wish to have re-takes must have some obvious, visible defect in their original portrait (like eyes closed) and must return the entire original portrait package to the LifeTouch photographer on the day of re-takes.			DHMS Parent Booster Club Meetings 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 2025



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Trimesters 2025-26 T1: Aug 27-Nov25=58 days T2: Dec 1 - Mar 5 = 55 days T3: Mar 9-June 4=55 days T1 + T2 + T3 = 168 days	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends (turn clocks back one hour)	3	4 Election Day (no activities 6 - 8 PM)	5	6	7	
9	10	11 Veterans Day DHMS Parent Booster Mtg DHMS Media Center 6:30 PM	12	13	14 Prospective Student- Family Tour (Main Office - 8:30 AM)	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 End of 1st Trimester (58 days)	26 Staff Development Day No School	27 Thanksgiving No School (Thanksgiving Break)	28 Native American Heritage Day No School	29
30	District 196 Intra-District Transfers 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 availability.					Notes: Dates for Prospective Family Tours Friday, November 14th at 8:30 AM (DH Office) Friday, December 12th at 8:30 AM (DH Office) Friday, January 9th at 8:30 AM (DH Office) Dates oriented on the Dec.15th (intra-district) and Jan.15th (inter-district) deadlines for application.



December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Start of 2nd Trimester Speech Team Begins Beginners Meeting (First Meeting & Practice) (3-5 PM)	2	3	4	5	6 DHMS Holiday Boutique Holiday Craft Sale (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM) EHS Speech Tournament
7	8	9	10	11	12 Prospective Student- Family Tour (Main Office - 8:30 AM)	13
14 Hanukkah (Sundown)	15 Gr 6-7-8 Choir Concert (4 PM - Auditorium) Choir Rehearsals (during the school day) Intra-District xfer App Deadline	16 6th Gr Band Concerts (Time TBD) Band Rehearsals (during the school day) Pyramid Jazz (7 PM)	17 Band Rehearsals (during the school day) End of Winter 1 Sports	18 7th Gr Band Concert (5:30 PM - Auditorium) 8th Gr Band Concert (7 PM - Auditorium)	19	20
8	22 No School Staff Data, Analysis and Instruction Workshop	23 No School Staff Development and Workshop Day	24 Christmas Eve No School (Winter Break)	25 Christmas Day No School (Winter Break)	26 Kwanzaa (begins) No School (Winter Break)	27
28	29 No School (Winter Break)	30 No School (Winter Break)	31 No School (Winter Break)	Dakota Hills Prospective Student & Family Tour (Friday, December 12th at 8:30 AM) 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. These tours take place on a Friday at 8:30 AM in November, December, and January		
District 196 Intra-District Transfers (from <i>within</i> District 196) 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.			Trimesters 2025-26 T1: Aug 27 - Nov 25 = 58 days T2: Dec 1 - Mar 5 = 55 days T3: Mar 9 - June 4 = 55 days T1 + T2 + T3 = 168 days		Open-Enrollment Transfers (from <i>outside</i> Dist. 196) 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 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 No School (Winter Break)	30 No School (Winter Break)	31 No School (Winter Break)	1 New Years Day No School (Winter Break)	2 No School (Winter Break)	3
4	5 Winter II Sports Begin (Season: Jan. 5- Feb. 20) (see p. 24 for sports info)	6 DHMS Parent Booster Mtg DHMS Media Center - 6:30 PM	7 Christmas(Orthodox) 6 - to - 7 Registration Presentation (FLEX Time)	8 7 - to - 8 Registration Presentation (FLEX Time)	9 Prospective Family Tour (Main Office - 8:30 AM)	10 MS Speech Team Meet (@ DHMS at 9 AM)
11	12	13 All Registrations Due (for 2025-26 School Year) (5-to-6, 6-to-7,7-to-8)	14	15 Open-Enrollment Transfer Request Deadline (for Fall, 2026)	16	17 MS Speech Team Meet (@ RMS at 9 AM)
18	19 Martin L. King, Jr. Day No School	20	21 8th-to-9th Grade Parent Orientation (6:00 PM-EHS Auditorium)	22 8th-to-9th EHS Prep Video (during the day-FLEX Time)	23 8th-to-9th Online Registration (with EHS Counselors) (during the day-8th graders)	24 MS Speech Team Meet (@ BHMS at 9 AM)
25	26 Beginning of ACCESS Testing Window (for Learners of English)	27	28	29	30	31 MS Speech Team Meet (@Cottage Grove MS Cottage Grove)
Open-Enrollment Transfers (from <i>outside</i> 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 (Friday, 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 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Precinct Caucus Night (No Activities after 6 PM)	4 Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences (3:30 - 7:30 PM)	5 No School Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences (11:00 AM - 7:30 PM) No School	6 No School	7
8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday 5th-to-6th Grade Parent Night-Orientation 5:00 PM: GT Info (optional) 5:15 PM: Site Tours (optional) 6:00 PM: Overview Presentation	13	14
15	16 Presidents' Day No School	17 Ramadan Begins DHMS Parent Booster Mtg DHMS Media Center (6:30 PM)	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20 Winter II Sports Ends	21
22 Washington's Birthday	23 Winter III Sports Begin (Season: Feb. 23 - Apr. 15) (see p. 24 for sports info)	24	25	26	27	28
		5th-to-6th Grade Parent Night (Orientation) Thursday, February 12th We welcome the parents of incoming 6th grade students for the 2026-27 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. 5:00 PM: GT Info (optional) 5:15 PM: Site Tours (optional) 6:00 PM: Overview Presentation Glacier Hills Northview Pinewood Red Pine Woodland				



March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Spring Musical Rehearsal Theater Access <i>(Rehearsals)</i>	3	4	5 End of 2nd Trimester (55 days) 55	6 No School End of Trimester Workshops and Grading	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Starts (turn clocks ahead one hour)	9 Start of 3rd Trimester Spring Musical Rehearsal (Theatre/Stage Access)	10	11 DHMS Spring Musical Dress Rehearsal (extended rehearsal)	12 DHMS Spring Musical 7:00 PM - Auditorium	13 DHMS Spring Musical 7:00 PM - Auditorium 5	14 DHMS Spring Musical 2:00 PM - Matinee (Auditorium)
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day DHMS Parent Booster Mtg DHMS Media Center 6:30 PM	18 (Ramadan ends) Eid al-Fitr Gerten's Plant Card Fundraiser (PBC Fundraiser) 9	19	20 No School Staff Data, Analysis and Instruction Workshop	21
22	23 No School (Spring Break)	24 No School (Spring Break)	25 No School (Spring Break)	26 No School (Spring Break)	27 No School (Spring Break)	28
29	30	31				
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April 2026



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



May 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 No School Staff Development	2
3 Teacher Appreciation Week	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Penny Wars May 11-16	12 DHMS Parent Booster Mtg DHMS Media Center 6:30 PM	13	14 8th-to-9th Transition 8th graders visit EHS (10 AM)	15	16
17 8th Grade Comm. Marketing Projects (commercials, sales)	18 Gr 6-7-8 Choir Concert (4 PM - Auditorium) Choir Rehearsals (during the school day)	19 Band Rehearsals (during the school day) DHMS Parent Booster Mtg DHMS Media Center 6:30 PM	20 6th Grade Band Concerts (Time TBD) Band Rehearsals (during the school day)	21 7th Gr Band Concert (5:30 PM - Auditorium) 8th Gr Band Concert (7:30 PM - Auditorium) Rehearsals (during the day)	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day No School	26 Eid al-Adha (sundown)	27	28	29 End of Spring Sports 6th Gr. Locker Clean-Out (FLEX Time)	30
Penny Wars Format: 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.						



June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 7th Gr. Locker Clean-Out (FLEX Time)	2 8th Gr. Locker Clean-Out (FLEX Time)	3 Final Locker Clean-Out (3 PM - End of Day)	4 Last Day of School (End of 3rd Trimester) (55 days) 55	5	6
7	8 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	9 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	10 District Admin. Workshop (all day) Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	11 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	12 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	13
14	15 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	16 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon) DHMS Site Plan Workshop 12:30 - 4:30	17 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	18 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	19 Juneteenth No Summer School Office Closed	20
21 Fathers Day	22 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	23 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon) DHMS Site Plan Workshop 12:30 - 4:30	24 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	25 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	26 Summer School (M-F, 8 AM to Noon)	27
28	29	30				
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July 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	30 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	1 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	2 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	3 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Closed	4 Independence Day
5	6 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	7 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	8 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	9 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	10 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Closed	11
12	13 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	14 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	15 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	16 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	17 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	18
19	20 DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	21 DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	22 DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	23 DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	24 Admin and Clerical on Vacation DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	25
26	27 DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	28 DHMS Office: Reduced Staff	29	30	31	
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August 2026 - September 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24 7th * 8th Gr New Family Orientation (3 PM) 7th & 8th Gr Parent Night (4-6 PM)	25 Visitation Hours (Access to Lockers) (3-7 PM)	26 1st Day of School (Green Day)	27 2nd Day of School (Blue Day)	28 No School	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 No School (Labor Day)	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			