

# BLAIR ACADEMY

## School Calendar

### The One Hundred Seventy-Ninth Year

**2026-2027**

#### Fall Semester

Friday, August 28	<b>Football preseason athletes arrive &amp; register...</b> 10:00 a.m.
Monday, August 31	<b>Senior Leaders &amp; Prefects arrive and register ...</b> 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 2	<b>Registration for preseason fall sports</b> (those invited by coaches) 9:00 a.m.
Monday, September 7	<b>Registration for all remaining boarding &amp; day students...</b> 9:00 a.m. Orientation program begins in the afternoon.
Tuesday, September 8	First semester begins.
Friday, September 11	<b>CONVOCATION...</b> 7 p.m. (required for all students)
Saturday, September 12	<b>Community Weekend #1</b>
Saturday, September 19	<b>Community Weekend #2</b>
Monday, September 28	No classes. Varsity athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Friday, October 23 & Saturday, October 24	<b>Family Weekend.</b> Students may depart for the weekend after athletic competitions on Saturday.
Monday, October 26	No classes. Varsity athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 7	<b>PEDDIE DAY</b> at Peddie; weekend departures begin after the conclusion of athletic contests. <b>(ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND PEDDIE DAY.)</b>
Friday, November 20*	Students depart after classes end at 3:15 p.m. No student may depart before 3:15 pm. <b>Thanksgiving vacation</b> begins; dormitories close.
Sunday, November 29	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Monday, November 30	Classes resume.
Thursday, December 17*	Classes end @ 1 p.m.; first semester ends. <b>Holiday break</b> begins; dormitories close. <i>Grades &amp; comments reported to parents after processing.</i> <b>No student may depart for vacation prior to December 17.</b>

## Winter/Spring Semester

Monday, January 4*	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, January 5	Second semester begins.
Saturday, January 9	<b>Community Weekend #3</b>
Saturday, January 16	<b>Winter Ball</b>
Friday, January 29*	<b>Winter Long Weekend</b> begins at noon after last class; dormitories close.
Wednesday, February 3*	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Thursday, February 4	Classes resume.
Thursday February 25	<b>Intersession begins.</b>
Friday, March 5*	<b>Spring break</b> begins at 1 p.m. after the last Intersession class; dormitories close. <b>No student may depart before 1 p.m. on Friday, March 5.</b>
Monday, March 22*	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, March 23	Classes resume.
Monday, April 12	No classes. Athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 14	<b>Grandparents' Day</b>
Tuesday, May 18	<b>Junior/Senior Prom</b>
Wednesday, May 19	Packing Day for seniors; <b>Class of 2027 Assembly &amp; Baccalaureate</b>
Thursday, May 20	<b>Graduation</b>
Tuesday, May 25	<b>Underclass Prize Assembly</b>
Wednesday, May 26	<b>Classes end at noon.</b> Students may depart for summer vacation; <b>dormitories close for the summer.</b> <i>Grades reported to parents after processing.</i>

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**Please review the calendar carefully. Each academic day in our calendar is essential; absences due to travel arrangements should be avoided.**

**COMMUNITY WEEKENDS** are designed to establish the sense of community at Blair that is central to the School's mission (or to build in structure for exam preparation). Various activities are planned for students' enjoyment. Parents may visit campus on those weekends, but are asked not to take their children off campus.

**\*A NOTE REGARDING TRAVEL PLANS:** On the dates indicated with an asterisk, the School will arrange for charter bus or State Shuttle transportation to/from Port Authority (NYC) and area airports. **Whenever possible, book reservations departing from Newark Airport**, as it is more convenient than the other New York airports. Students departing out of Newark Airport for school breaks should schedule departures of 3:30 p.m. or later and 4:30 p.m. or later for other area airports. All questions regarding transportation should be directed to the student life office at (908) 362-3120.