2026-27 School Calendar

Major Dates & Activities for Students, Parents, Boards, & Alumni

Please always check ves.org/calendar for the most current dates as days and times often change.

August 1	New & Returning Student Medical Forms Complete
August 7 - 9	VES Family Camp
August 19	Pre-Season Football Camp for All Football Players
August 22	Opening Faculty/Staff Picnic at the Head of School Home
August 25	Move-In for Returning International Boarding Student Leaders *Dulles Shuttle 5:30 pm departure - 9:30 pm arrival on campus*
August 26	Move-In for Returning Domestic Boarding Student Leaders
August 26 - 27	Training for Elected Student Leaders
August 27 - 30	Pre-Season Sports *By Invitation: Soccer, Volleyball, Field Hockey, Cross Country, Tennis*
August 27	Arrival of New International Students and Families | Dulles Shuttle
August 28 - 29	New International Student Orientation
August 29	Move-In for Returning International Students
August 30	Arrival of New & Returning Domestic Boarders & Day Students New Student Orientation
August 31	First Day of School
September 4 - 6	**Campus Weekend**
September 5	End of Summer Carnival
September 11 - 13	**Campus Weekend**
September 12	Opening School Dance
September 20 - 21	9th Grade Retreat

October 2-3	Fall Board of Trustees Meeting
October 3	Bishop's Ball
October 7	Special Schedule: SAT and PSAT Testing; 9th Grade Day of Service
October 9 - 13	**Fall Break**
October 14	**Classes Resume**
October 23 - 25	Fall Family Weekend **Campus Weekend**
October 22 - 23	Fall Drama Production
October 26 - November 7	BRAC Conference Championships for Fall Sports
November 1 - 2	Discover VES: A Prospective Student Event
November 7	VISAA Championship Finals
November 13 - 15	**Campus Weekend**
November 14	Holiday Dance
November 15	Fall Athletic Awards Ceremony
November 18	10th Grade Day of Service & Challenge
November 19	Thanksgiving Seated Dinner & Fall Athletics Awards Ceremony
November 20	Classes end at 1:00 pm
November 21 - 30	**Thanksgiving Break |** Campus closes at noon on November 21st
December 1	**Classes Resume**
December 11 - 13	**Campus Weekend**
December 12	Lessons & Carols; Christmas Seated Dinner for Students & Faculty
Monday, December 11	Last Class Day of Fall Semester
December 14 - 16	Fall Assessment Week
December 17 - January 4	**Christmas Break** | Campus closes at noon on December 18th
January 4	Faculty Development Day - Boarders Return by 7:30
January 5	**Classes Resume**

January 8 - 10	**Campus Weekend**
January 9	Dorm Olympics
January 17 - 18	Discover VES: A Prospective Student Event
January 22 - 23	Winter Board of Trustees Meeting
January 29 - February 2	**Winter Break**
February 3	**Classes Resume**
February 5 - 7	**Campus Weekend**
February 6	Casino Night
February 26 & 27	VES Musical
February 27	VISAA Championship Finals
March 3	#everyonegiVES Day
March 7	Winter Athletics Awards Ceremony
March 12	Classes end at 1:00 pm
March 13 - 29	**Spring Break** | Campus closes at noon March 13
March 30	**Classes Resume**
April 2 - 4	Campus Weekend
April 3	Bishop to Be
April 16 - 18	Spring Family Weekend **Campus Weekend**
April 24	Finals Dance
April 26	Expo Day: Student Advanced Study Presentations
April 30 - May 1	Spring Board of Trustees Meeting
May 3 - 14	AP Exams
May 12	Community Awards (3:00 pm- Special Schedule)
May 14 - 15	Senior Exams
May 15	VISAA State Championship Finals
May 16 - 19	Senior Seminar

May 17	Final Day of Classes for Underclass Students
May 18 - 20	Underclass Assessments
May 20	Academic Awards Ceremony, Spring Athletic Awards Ceremony, End-of-School Video, and Bell Tower Ceremony
May 21	Baccalaureate for the Class of 2027
May 22	Commencement for the Class of 2027
May 28 - 30	Reunion Weekend