

GARRISON FOREST UPPER SCHOOL 2026-27 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 16*	Sunday	Move-in for Residential Life Athletes and International Residential Life Students
August 17	Monday	Upper School sports practice begins
August 23*	Sunday	Move-in for Residential Life Students
August 31	Monday	Orientation for all divisions
September 1	Tuesday	Classes begin
September 7	Monday	No classes: Labor Day
September 9	Wednesday	Back to School Night, 5:00 - 8:00 PM
September 21	Monday	No classes: Yom Kippur
October 2	Friday	Quest trips: Grades 9 - 12
October 16-17	Fri-Sat	Garrison Forest Family Weekend
October 23	Friday	Fall Semi-Formal Dance: Grades 9 – 12
October 26	Monday	No classes: PSAT testing (Grades 9 – 11) & College Visit/Application Day (Grade 12)
October 30	Friday	Fall Break begins at the end of the academic day
November 2	Monday	Fall Break – school closed
November 3	Tuesday	No Classes: Faculty/Staff Professional Development
Nov 9-13	Mon-Fri	Ring Week: Grades 11 & 12
November 13	Friday	No classes: Middle and Upper School Conference Day
		Ring Dance: Grades 11 & 12
November 24	Tuesday	Grandfriends Day/Thanksgiving Break begins at noon: dismissal at noon (1/2 day)
December 1	Tuesday	Classes resume
December 18	Friday	No Late Start - Noon Dismissal - Winter Break: dismissal at noon (1/2 day) Dorms close at 6 pm*
January 3*	Sunday	Dorms reopen at noon
January 4	Monday	Classes resume
January 18	Monday	No classes: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 19-22	Friday	Exams: Grades 9-12
January 29		Snowball Dance: Grades 9 - 12
February 12	Friday	No classes: Faculty/Staff Professional Development
February 15	Monday	No classes: Presidents' Day
March 12	Friday	Spring Break: dismissal at the end of the academic day
March 13*	Saturday	Dorms close at noon
March 21*	Sunday	Dorms reopen at noon
March 23	Tuesday	Classes resume
March 26	Friday	No classes: Good Friday
April 23	Friday	No Late Start - dismissal at noon (1/2 day) Faculty/Staff Professional Development
TBD		Prom: Grades 11 & 12
May 3-14		AP Exams
May 14	Friday	Last day of classes: Grade 12
May 17-28		ISP (Independent Senior Projects)
May 31	Monday	No classes: Memorial Day
TBD		Exams: Grades 9 - 11
June 3	Thursday	Last day of classes for Upper School
June 4	Friday	Upper School Commencement at 10 AM
June 5*	Saturday	Dorms close at noon

The 2026-27 calendar provides **171** school days. If bad weather requires school to close more than one day, the following day may be added as an asynchronous class day: March 26.

* Residential Life Students