2026-27 School Calendar
Major Dates & Events for VES Community Members

Please visit ves.org/calendar for additional event information and details.

August 19–30	Pre-Season Football Camp for All Football Players
August 23	Returning International Boarding Student Leader Arrival
August 24	Returning Domestic Boarding Student Leader Arrival
August 24–26	Student Leader Training
August 27	New International Student Arrival
August 27–30	Pre-Season Practice for Varsity Fall Sports *By Invitation: Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball*
August 28–29	New International Student Orientation
August 29	Returning International Student Arrival
August 30	New and Returning Domestic Boarding Student Arrival Registration, Assembly, and Dinner — *Required for all students and faculty*
August 31	First Day of School Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m — *Required for all students and faculty*
September 4–6	Campus Weekend*
September 5	Counselor Event — DJ Party
September 11–13	Campus Weekend*
September 12	Student Council Event — Carnival
September 20–21	9th Grade Retreat
September 23	Cardinal Day at VES Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m. — *Required for all students and faculty*

September 30	Counselor Day Spirit Week Evening Bonfire
October 1–2	Fall Board of Trustees Meeting
October 2	Head of School Installation Ceremony
October 2–4	Campus Weekend*
October 3	Homecoming Football Game Bishops Ball Student Homecoming Dance
October 7	Standardized Testing Day — *PSAT, SAT* 9th Grade Day of Service
October 8	Early Dismissal — *Students may depart campus beginning at 1 p.m.*
October 9–12	Fall Break
October 12	Boarding Students Return to Campus by 7 p.m.
October 13	Classes Resume
October 22–23	Fall Drama Production
October 23–25	Fall Family Weekend Campus Weekend*
October 27	Standardized Testing Day — *ACT*
October 28	Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m — *Required for all students and faculty*
November 1–2	Discover VES: A Prospective Student Event
November 17	10th Grade Service and Challenge Competition
November 18	Thanksgiving Family Dinner and Evening Programming at 5:30 p.m.— *Required for all students and faculty*
November 20	Early Dismissal — *Students may depart campus beginning at 1 p.m.*
November 21–30	Thanksgiving Break — *Campus closes at noon on November 21*
November 30	Boarding Students Return to Campus by 7 p.m.
December 1	Classes Resume
December 11–13	Campus Weekend*
December 12	Lessons & Carols

December 14–16	Fall Semester Exams
December 16	Christmas Family Dinner and Evening Programming at 5:30 p.m. — *Required for all students and faculty*
December 17–January 4	Christmas Break — *Students may depart campus beginning at 8 a.m. on December 17; campus closes on December 18 at 12 p.m.*
January 4	Boarding Students Return to Campus by 7 p.m.
January 5	Classes Resume Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m. — *Required for all students and faculty*
January 8–10	Campus Weekend*
January 9	Dorm Olympics
January 22–23	Winter Board of Trustees Meeting
January 27	Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m. — *Required for all students and faculty*
January 28	Early Dismissal — *Students may depart campus beginning at 1 p.m.*
January 29–February 1	Winter Break
February 1	Boarding Students Return to Campus by 7 p.m.
February 2	Classes Resume
February 5–7	Campus Weekend*
February 6	Casino Night
February 24	Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m. — *Required for all students and faculty*
February 26–27	VES Musical
March 3	#everyonegiVES Day
March 5–7	Campus Weekend*
March 8	Standardized Testing Day - *SAT (tentative)*
March 12	Early Dismissal — *Students may depart campus beginning at 1 p.m.*
March 13–29	Spring Break — *Campus closes at noon on March 13*
March 29	Boarding Students Return to Campus by 7 p.m.
March 30	Classes Resume
April 2–4	Campus Weekend*

April 3	Bishop to Be: An Accepted Student Event
April 6	Standardized Testing Day — *ACT*
April 7	Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m. — *Required for all students and faculty*
April 14	Confirmation and Baptism Service
April 16–18	Spring Family Weekend Campus Weekend*
April 19	Expo Day: Student Advanced Study Presentations
April 24	Finals Dance — *Grades 11 and 12*
April 28	The VESPY Awards Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m. — *Required for all students and faculty*
April 30–May 1	Spring Board of Trustees Meeting
May 3–14	AP Exams
May 14–15	Spring Exams for Grade 12
May 14–16	Campus Weekend*
May 15	End-of-Year Video and Bell Tower Ceremony
May 16–19	Senior Seminar
May 18–20	Spring Semester Exams for Grades 9–11
May 20	Academic Awards Ceremony at 1 p.m. Family Dinner and Community Awards Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. — *Required for all students and faculty*
May 21	Summer Break Begins — *Students in Grades 9–11 depart beginning at 8 a.m.* Baccalaureate for the Class of 2027 at 5 p.m.
May 22	Commencement for the Class of 2027 Commencement Luncheon — *Immediately following the ceremony for graduates and their guests*
May 28–30	Reunion Weekend

*A Campus Weekend is a designated weekend when all boarding students are required to remain on campus. Any request to leave during a Campus Weekend must be approved in advance by the Dean of Students Office. Please note that these weekends are subject to change based on school programming.