BLAIR ACADEMY

School Calendar

The One Hundred Eightieth Year

2027-2028

Fall Semester

Friday, August 27	**Football preseason athletes arrive & register**... 10:00 a.m.
Monday, August 30	**Senior Leaders & Prefects arrive & register …** 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 1	**Registration for preseason fall sports** (those invited by coaches) 9:30 a.m.
Monday, September 6	**Registration for all remaining boarding & day students**...9:00 a.m. Orientation program begins in the afternoon.
Tuesday, September 7	First semester begins.
Friday, September 10	**CONVOCATION**…7:00 p.m. (required for all students)
Saturday, September 11	**Community Weekend #1**
Saturday, September 18	**Community Weekend #2**
Monday, September 27	No classes. Varsity athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16	**Family Weekend.** Students may depart for the weekend after athletic competitions on Saturday.
Monday, October 18	No classes. Varsity athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, November 6	**PEDDIE DAY** at Blair; weekend departures begin after the conclusion of athletic contests. **(ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND PEDDIE DAY.)**
Friday, November 19*	Students depart after classes end at 3:15 p.m. No student may depart before 3:15 p.m. **Thanksgiving vacation** begins; dormitories close.
Sunday, November 28	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Monday, November 29	Classes resume.
Wednesday, December 15*	Classes end @ 1:00 p.m.; first semester ends. **Holiday break** begins; dormitories close. *Grades & comments reported to parents after processing*. **No student may depart for vacation prior to December 15.**

Winter/Spring Semester

Monday, January 3*	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, January 4	Second semester begins.
Saturday, January 8	**Community Weekend #3**
Saturday, January 15	**Winter Ball**
Friday, January 28*	**Winter Long Weekend** begins at noon after last class; dormitories close.
Wednesday, February 2*	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Thursday, February 3	Classes resume.
Thursday, March 2	**Intersession begins.**
Friday, March 10*	**Spring break** begins at 1:00 p.m. after the last Intersession class; dormitories close. **No student may depart before 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10**.
Monday, March 27*	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, March 28	Classes resume.
Monday, April 17	No classes. Athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19	**Grandparents' Day**
Tuesday, May 23	**Junior/Senior Prom**
Wednesday, May 24	Packing Day for seniors; **Class of 2028 Assembly & Baccalaureate**
Thursday, May 25	**Graduation**
Tuesday, May 30	**Underclass Prize Assembly**
Wednesday, May 31	**Classes end at noon.** Students may depart for summer vacation; **dormitories close for the summer.** *Grades reported to parents after processing.*

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.