



**Parent/Student Academic Calendar
August 2008 – 2009**

August 2008

- 11 Pre-Season Athletics Begin
- 24 *Krishna Janmashtami (H)*
Kindergarten Ice Cream Social
- 27 SS Student Orientation (Form III and new Form IV,V,VI)
MS Student Orientation (Grade 6 and New)
JS New Student Orientation
(for Kindergarten: 9:30AM – 11:30am)
(for 1st-5th grade: 9:30AM – 11:30am)
(PK-5 New Parent Coffee: 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM)
- 28 Academy Opening Day: SS, MS, JS
Senior School Convocation; PK/Kindergarten early dismissal at noon
- 29 SS, MS, JS Regular Schedule; Kindergarten early dismissal at noon

September 2008

- 01 ACADEMY CLOSED-Labor Day
Ganesh Chaturthi (H)
- 02 SS, MS, JS Regular Schedule
Ramadan (I) begins (ends Oct.22)
- 11 JS Parents' Night @ 6:30pm
- 14 SS Parents' Night @5:00pm
- 18 MS Parents' Night @7:00pm
- 25 Parent Coffee with (JS Head of School @ 8:30am)
- 30 *Rosh Hashanah (J)* Academy Closed

October 2008

- 02 *Eid al-Fitr (I)*
- 09 *Yom Kippur-(J)* Academy Closed
Dasera (H)
- 13 Columbus Day (No classes) In-Service Day
- 16 MS and SS Parents' Conference Day
- 24 SS Grandparents' Day
- 28 *Diwali (H)*
- 30 JS –5th grade Parent Open House at MS

November 2008

- 03 No JS Classes - Evaluation Day
- 05 MS 5th grade Open House 8:00 AM
- 12 Winter Athletics Begin
- 14 No SS or MS Classes: Evaluation Day
No JS Classes: Conference Day
- 18 Form II Parents' Meeting at SS 7:00 PM
- 26-28 ACADEMY CLOSED -Thanksgiving:

**Out of respect for the religious dimension of the lives of many of our Shady Side families, we note here and on the reverse of this page some of the major religious dates observed in our community. Please see our handbook for information regarding absences and accommodations for such observances.*

December 2008

- 01 Classes Resume
- 08 *Bodhi Day (B)*
- 09 *Eid al-Adha (I)*
- 19 JS Winter Festival of the Arts
Winter break begins at end of school day
(classes resume January 6)
- 22 *Hanukkah (J) begins (ends Dec 30)*
- 25 *Christmas (C)*
- 26 *Kwanzaa (AH)*

January 2009

- 01 ACADEMY CLOSED –New Year's Day
- 05 No Classes, JS, MS, SS-Faculty/Staff In-Service Day
- 06 Classes Resume
- 19 ACADEMY CLOSED-Martin L. King Day

February 2009

- 06 No Classes - JS Evaluation Day
- 15 *Nirvana Day (B)*
- 16 ACADEMY CLOSED -Presidents' Day:
- 20 No classes - MS and SS Evaluation Day

March 2009

- 02 Spring Athletics Begin
- 13 Spring break begins at end of day
(Classes resume March 30)
- 30 Classes Resume

April 2009

- 09 *Passover (J) begins (ends on April 26)*
- 10 *Good Friday (C)* Academy Closed
- 12 *Easter (C)*
- 13 No Classes -Faculty In-Service Day
- 16 MS Grandparents' Day (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
- 17 JS Grandparents' Day (8:45 AM – 11:00 AM)

May 2009

- 09 *Buddha Day (B)*
- 11 No JS Classes -Evaluation Day
- 25 Memorial Day: Academy Closed

June 2009

- 01 No SS, MS classes
JS Picnic and Field Day
- 02 SS Exam Review Day, Early Dismissal
JS Moving-Up Day and Early Dismissal
- 03 No SS classes; MS Athletic Awards Day
JS Closing Exercises and Early Dismissal
- 04 No SS Classes; MS Closing Exercises and Early Dismissal
- 05 SS Commencement

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Religious and cultural observances noted on our calendar

Buddhist

Bodhi Day
Nirvana Day
Visakha Puja
(Buddha Day)

Hindu

Ganesh Chaturthi
Dasera
Diwali
Krishna Janmashtami

Islamic

Ramadan
Eid al-Fitr
Eid al-Adha

Christian

Christmas
Good Friday
Easter

Judaic

Rosh Hashanah
Yom Kippur
Hanukkah
Pesach (Passover)

African Heritage

Kwanzaa

The observances listed are just a few of the primary holy days in each tradition that fall within our academic calendar. Some Shady Side families observe many more than these few events in their tradition, while others follow altogether different traditions or adhere to no religion at all. To learn more about these traditions and others as well as a more comprehensive list of observances within each, we encourage you to explore the pluralistic religious calendars at www.interfaithcalendar.org.