

Shady Side Academy Middle School Calendar of Events – School Year 2008-2009

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AUGUST:

- 20 – Meeting for new parents 6:00 p.m. – MS Cafetorium
- 22 – New Faculty Orientation
- 24 – Robert Brooks – Speaker for all parents – Hillman Center 7:00 p.m.
- 25 – Academy Opening Faculty Meetings
- 26 -- Opening Middle School Faculty Meetings
- 27 – Grade 6 and New Student Orientation 8:00 a.m. **Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.**
- 28 – Opening Day – School Photos 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Regular Dismissal.
- 29 – Regular Schedule

SEPTEMBER:

- 1 – *Labor Day. No Classes. Academy Closed. Ganesh Chaturthi (H)*
- 2 -- Regular schedule. *Ramadan (I) begins.*
- 3 – Faculty Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- 4 – Parents' Association Welcome Coffee for MS Parents 8:15 a.m. – MS Cafetorium
- 18 -- Parents' Night 7:00 p.m. **Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.**
- 19 – Sixth Grade Class River Quest Field Trip - Leave: 8:15 a.m. – Return: 2:00 p.m.
- 25 – 6th Grade Parents' Meeting – MS Cafetorium 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 30 – *Rosh Hashanah (J). No Classes. Academy Closed.*

OCTOBER:

- 2 -- *Eid al-Fitr (I)*
- 3 – Performing Arts Series – MASS Ensemble - Hillman Center – 7:30 p.m.
- 7 – Faculty Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- 9 – *Yom Kippur (J). No Classes. Academy Closed. Dasera (H)*
- 11 -- Homecoming
- 13 – *Columbus Day. Faculty In-Service Day. No Classes.*
- 14 – 7th Grade Parents' Meeting – MS Cafetorium 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 16 – MS Parents' Conference Day. No Classes (Middle School only).
- 22, 23, 24 – ERB TESTING
- 23 – 8th Grade Parents' Meeting – MS Cafetorium 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 28 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:15 a.m. MS Cafetorium. *Diwali (I)*
- 31 – 6th Grade Halloween Party and Forms I & II Yearbook signing 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER:

- 5 – Open House for Junior School 5th grade parents 8:00 a.m.
- 5 – Faculty Meeting 4:15
- 6 – Fall Drama Production for students – DRESS UP DAY!
- 7 – Fall Drama Production for parents and guests 7:30 p.m.
- 12 – Book Fair. Winter Athletics Begin.
- 12 – Admissions Open House Prospective Parents 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- 13 – Book Fair
- 14 – MS Evaluation Day. No Classes.
- 15 – Performing Arts Series – Bodega – Hillman Center – 7:30 p.m.
- 17 – Term II Begins
- 18 – Form II Parent Open House at the Senior School 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- 21 – “Flavors of Fall” Faculty/Parent Party
- 24 – Advisor/Advisee Conferences (2:15 – 3:30 p.m.)
- 25 – Advisor/Advisee Conferences (2:15 – 3:30 p.m.)
- 26, 27, 28 – *Thanksgiving Holiday. No Classes. Academy Closed.*

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DECEMBER:

- 3 – MS Open House for Prospective Parents 9:00 a.m.
- 5 -- Form I and Form II Dance – MS Cafetorium 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- 6 – Admissions Skating Party – McKnight Hockey Rink 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- 8 – *Bodhi Day (B)*
- 9 – *Eid al-Adha (I)*
- 10 – Faculty Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- 17 – Holiday Concert for parents & guests (Hillman Center) 7:30 p.m.
- 19 – Regular Dismissal (4:00 p.m.) for Winter Break
- 22 – *Hanukkah (J) begins (ends December 29).*
- 25 – *Christmas (C)*
- 26 – *Kwanzaa (AH)*

JANUARY:

- 1 – *New Year's Day. Academy Closed. No Classes.*
- 5 – *Faculty In-Service. No Classes.*
- 6 – Classes Resume
- 7 – Faculty Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- 10 – Admissions Testing 9:00 a.m. – Registration begins 8:00 a.m.
Information Program for Prospective Parents 9:00 a.m.
- 13 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:15 a.m. MS Cafetorium.
- 13 & 14 -- Current 5th Grade Students visit the Middle School
- 13, 14, 15 – Form II Students visit Senior School
- 16 – Parent Association Ski Trip to Hidden Valley (Leave at 2:15 p.m.) (Tentative Date)
- 17 -- Science Olympiad Invitational at Clearview
- 19 – *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No Classes. Academy Closed.*
- 23 – Performing Arts Series – Genticorum - Hillman Center – 7:30 p.m.
- 30 – Open House for current parents 8:00 a.m.
- 31 – Admissions Testing 9:00 a.m. – Registration begins 8:00 a.m.
Information Program for Prospective Parents 9:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY:

- 4 – Faculty Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- 5 – 6th Grade Parents' Meeting – MS Cafetorium 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 6 – Form I and Form II Dance – MS Cafetorium 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- 7 – Science Olympiad Invitational at Solon
- 10 – Re-enrollment contracts due to Business Office
- 10 -- 7th Grade Parents' Meeting – MS Cafetorium 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 15 – *Nirvana Day (B)*
- 16 – *Presidents' Day. No Classes. Academy Closed.*
- 20 – MS Evaluation Day. No Classes. (Parent Association Seven Springs Ski Trip)
- 23 – Term III Begins
- 26 – Winter Musical for Junior School students – 9:00 a.m.
- 26 – Winter Musical for Middle School students - 2:15 p.m. – DRESS UP DAY.
- 27 – Winter Musical for parents and guests 7:30 p.m.

MARCH:

- 2 – Spring Athletics Begin
- 3 – Advisor/Advisee Conferences. (2:15 – 3:30 p.m.)
- 3 – 8th Grade Parents' Meeting – MS Cafetorium 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 4 – Advisor/Advisee Conferences. (2:15 – 3:30 p.m.)
- 4 -- Faculty Meeting 4:15 p.m.

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MARCH (cont.):

- 5 – Sixth Grade Field Trip to Carnegie Museum - Departs: 8:45 a.m. – Return: 2:10 p.m.
- 7 – Science Olympiad West Liberty Salem Invitational
- 10 – Reception for Newly Admitted Students 7:00 p.m.
- 13 – Regular Dismissal (4:00 p.m.) for Spring Break
- 23 -- Science Olympiad Regional Tournament
- 30 – Classes Resume.

APRIL:

- 1 – Faculty Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- 7 – Parent coffee with Head – 8:15 a.m. MS Cafetorium.
- 9 – *Passover (J) begins at sundown (ends April 16)*
- 10 – *Good Friday (C). No Classes. Academy Closed.*
- 12 – *Easter (C)*
- 13 – *Faculty In-Service. No Classes.*
- 16 – Grandparents' Day – DRESS UP DAY
- 18 – Performing Arts Series – Squonk Opera - Hillman Center – 7:30 p.m.
- 24 – Performing Arts Series – Pittsburgh Symphony – Hillman Center – 7:30 p.m.
- 29 – Spring Open House for Prospective Parents – 9:00 a.m.
- 30 – Junior School/Middle School Concert 10:00 a.m. at the Junior School

MAY:

- 1 – Science Olympiad State Tournament (Friday)
- 4 – Faculty Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- 5 – Parents' Association Meetings and All School Luncheon (tentative)
- 6, 7, 8 – Form II Trip
- 9 – *Buddha Day (B)*
- 14 – Faculty Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- 15 – 6th Grade Energy Quest Town Meeting (Hillman Center) 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 17 – Form II Cookout at Eastover
- 21 – Spring Concert for parents & guests (Hillman Center) 7:30 p.m.
- 25 – *Memorial Day. No Classes. Academy Closed.*
- 27 – Exam Day, Regular Dismissal
- 28 – Exam Day. **Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.**
- 29 – Exam Day. **Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.**

JUNE:

- 1 – MS Evaluation Day. No Classes. (Middle School only) EXAM MAKE UP DAY
- 2 – Academic Awards. Kennywood. **Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.** DRESS UP DAY.
- 2 -- Faculty Meeting 1:30 p.m. / Faculty Appreciation Luncheon 12:30
- 3 – Athletic Awards. Practice for Closing Exercises. **Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.**
- 4 – Students report to Middle School at regular time.
Closing Exercises at Senior School Hockey Rink 9:00 a.m. **Early Dismissal 11:00 a.m.**

Early dismissal is defined as 12:30 PM except where noted. Students are bussed to the Senior School gym where they transfer to car pools and busses. If a school district or bus company is unable to provide transportation, parents must pick up their children at the Senior School. **Early dismissals for the Middle School are noted in bold print.** Regular dismissal is at 4:00 from the Senior School gym area.