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Take note of a **minor adjustment to the school calendar** for Semester 2. Owing to a significant number of families travelling during the holiday period, we have amended the schedule to ensure **full learner attendance on the first day of Semester 2.**

Please be advised that **this date does not mark the beginning of a new academic year.**

All academic activities—including lessons, assessments, quizzes, and tests—will commence **immediately upon learners' return, and no absences will be permitted** on this day.

### Revised Key Dates

- **First day back for students: 13 January 2026**
- **Final day of school: 19 June 2026, which will conclude with our Graduation Ceremony.**

# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear NAIS Community,

As we reach the final month of 2025, I am delighted to share our **December updates** and reflect on a truly memorable and successful **first semester** at NAIS. This semester has been filled with growth, achievement, and community spirit, and I could not be prouder of what we have accomplished together.

## December Activities

To close the semester on a joyful note, our students enjoyed exciting activities designed to build friendships, celebrate achievements, and create lasting memories:

- **School Camp** – fostering independence, teamwork, and outdoor confidence.
- **Fun Day/Water Day**– a celebration of creativity, collaboration, and school spirit a refreshing, energetic finale to mark the end of the semester.

These events remind us of the importance of balance—hard work paired with fun, exploration, and community.

## First Semester Highlights

This semester has been one of the most transformative in NAIS history. Below are the key milestones that shaped our journey over the past months:

### 1. Opening of Our New Property

A major accomplishment this year was the successful opening of our **new school property**, expanding our capacity and providing students with new, spacious, and inspiring learning environments. This marks an important step in NAIS's ongoing growth and commitment to excellence.

### 2. Cambridge Accreditation (Year 6–IGCSE II)

We proudly achieved our **new Cambridge accreditation**, officially covering **Year 6 through IGCSE II**. This strengthens our academic framework and ensures our students follow a globally recognized, high-quality curriculum that prepares them for future opportunities around the world.

### 3. Continued Teaching Collaboration

Our teachers continued to embrace a strong culture of **collaborative planning and professional development**. This ongoing teamwork enhances instructional quality, aligns best practices across departments, and directly enriches the learning experience for every student.

## 4. Sports Growth and Student Participation

Sports continued to flourish, with students showing enthusiasm, commitment, and teamwork across various disciplines. Our sports program is building participation, discipline, and school pride.

## 5. Successful NAIS Color Run

One of the highlights of the semester was our joyful and vibrant **Color Run**, which brought together students, and staff in an energetic celebration of health, unity, and fun.

## 6. Welcoming New Families

We were honored to welcome many **new families** into the NAIS community this semester. Your trust and partnership are essential to our mission, and we look forward to growing together in the coming months.

## 7. The NAIS Impact Program (Special Needs Education)

A major step forward this year has been the continued development of our **Impact Program**, supporting students with special needs through inclusive, individualized, and compassionate education. This program reflects our commitment to ensuring that every learner, regardless of need, receives the support, resources, and opportunities they deserve.

## Looking Ahead

As we enter the holiday season, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our students, families, teachers, and staff for your unwavering support. This semester has been a testament to what we can achieve when we work together with purpose and passion.

I wish all of you a joyful December, a relaxing break, and a refreshed start to the new year. We look forward to welcoming you back for an exciting second semester at NAIS.

Warm regards,

**Grant Tate**

**NAIS Director**



# NAIS IN PHOTOS



📖 ✨ Celebrating Our Love for Reading! ✨ 📖

Book character assembly was an absolute delight! Students and teachers brought their favorite stories to life. 🌟

Events like this remind us how powerful reading can be. Books spark imagination, build empathy, and open doors to endless possibilities. ❤️

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped nurture a joyful culture of literacy at NAIS. Here's to many more stories, adventures, and characters that inspire us! 📖 🌟



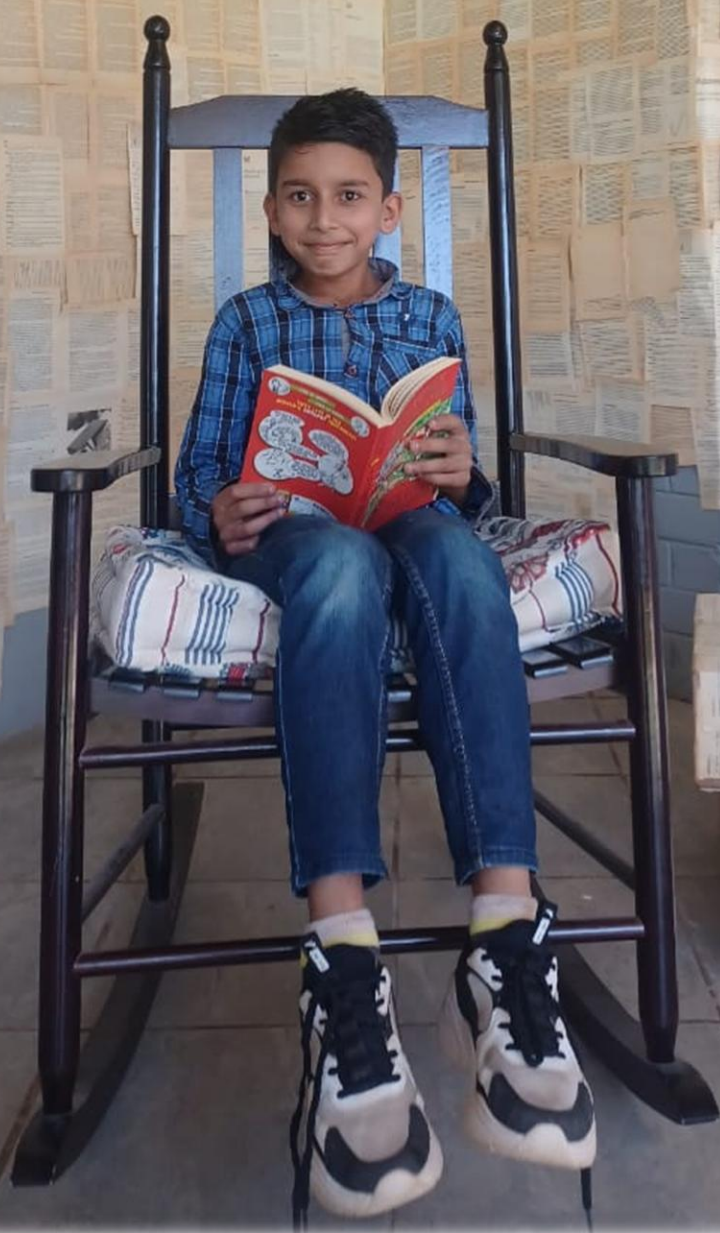






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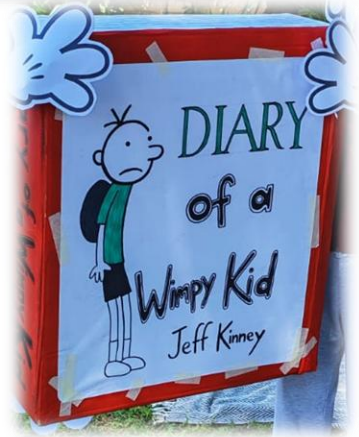
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# READING PLEDGE

















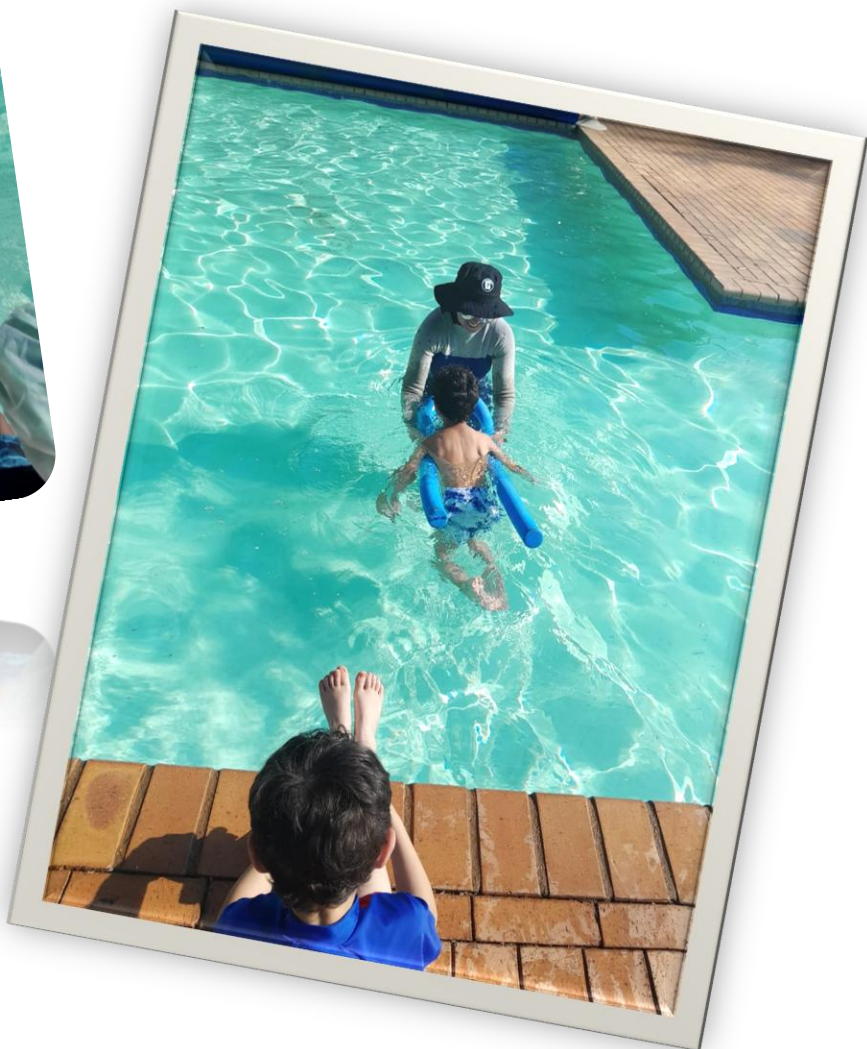




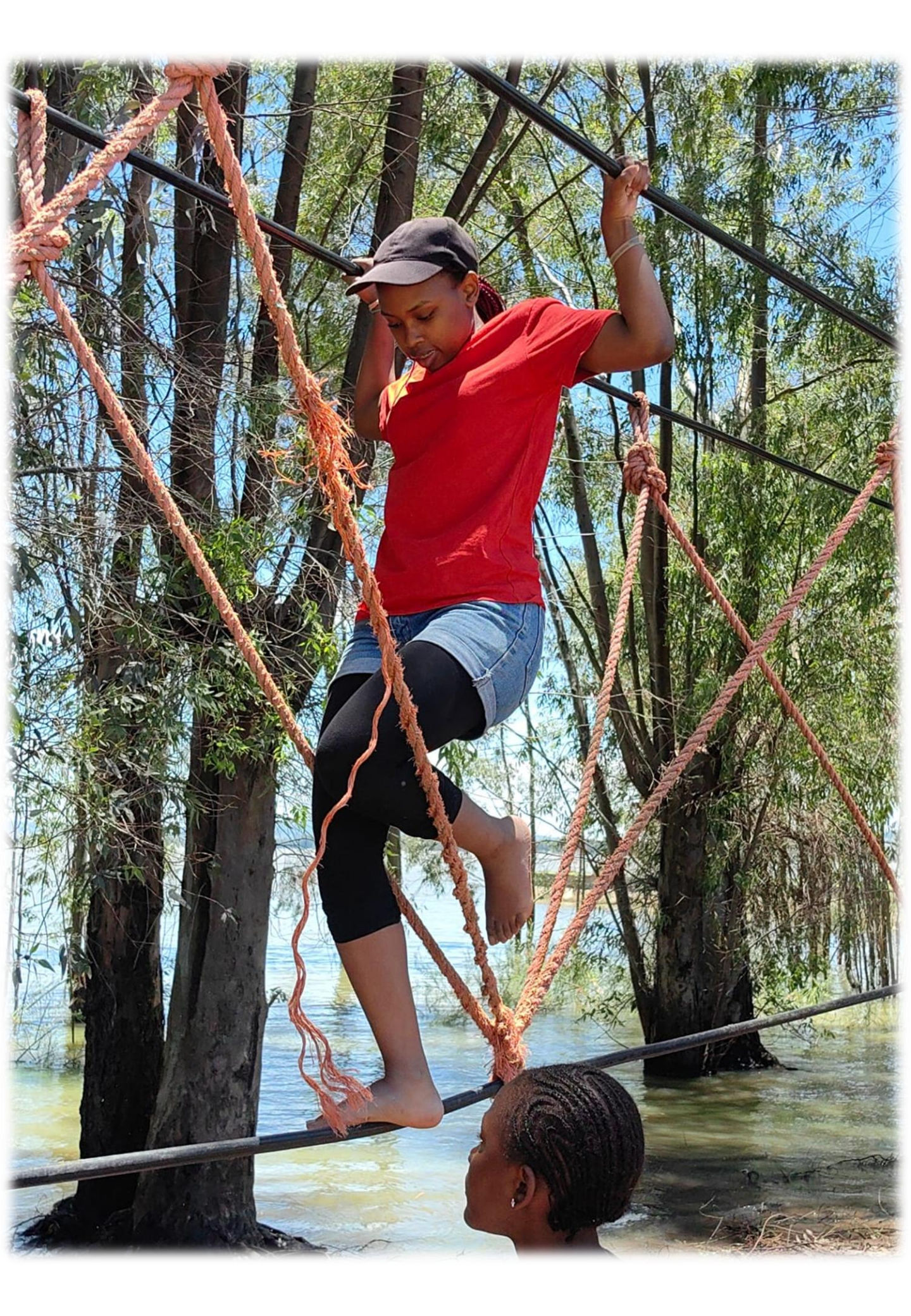


















# WATER FUN DAY













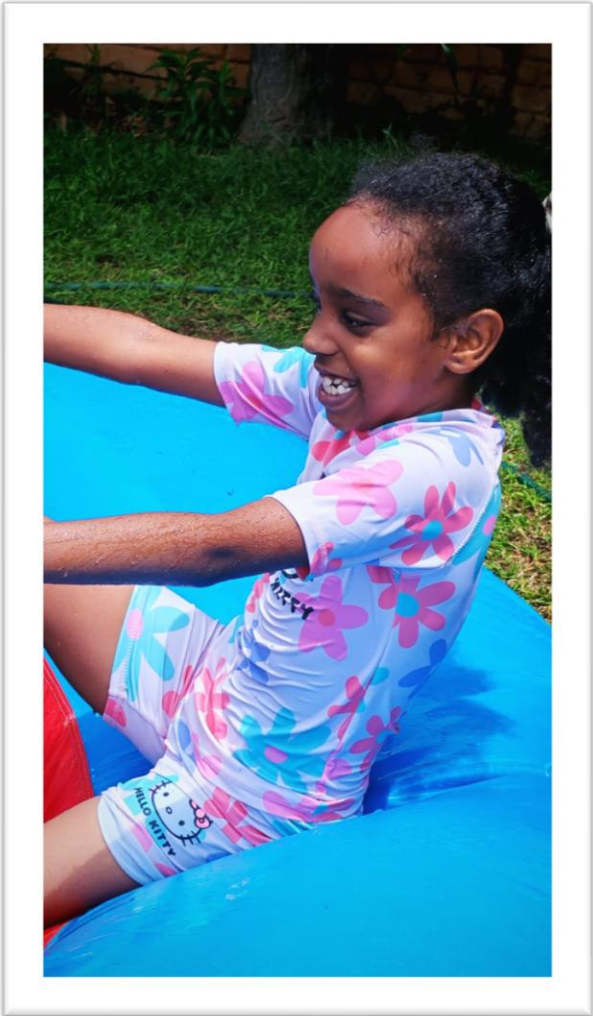


















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## 2025/2026 NAIS School Calendar

| August '25 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 24         | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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| September '25 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 14            | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21            | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28            | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |
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| October '25 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 12          | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19          | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 26 |
| 26          | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |
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| November '25 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 16           | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23           | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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| December '25 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| January '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| February '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| March '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| April '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| May '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 17      | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24      | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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| June '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 28       | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |
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| July '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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School Closed / Holidays



Teacher in-Service Days (no school for students)



First and Last Day of School

Minor changes may be announced throughout the year.

|  |  | <b>School Holidays:</b>                                             |                                                                                                    |
|--|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  |  | <b>2025</b>                                                         | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>                                                                     |
|  |  | Sept 24<br>Oct 13-17<br>Nov 27-28<br>Dec 13-Jan 12                  | Heritage Day<br>Spring Break<br>Thanksgiving Holiday<br>December Holiday                           |
|  |  | <b>2026</b>                                                         | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>                                                                     |
|  |  | Feb 16<br>March 20<br>March 14-22<br>April 3-6<br>April 27<br>May 1 | Presidents Day<br>Human Rights Day<br>Autumn Break<br>Family Weekend<br>Freedom Day<br>Workers Day |

| <b>Teacher in-Service Days:</b> |                                |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>2025</b>                     | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b> |  |  |
| Aug 06-20                       | No school for Students         |  |  |
| <b>2026</b>                     | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b> |  |  |
| January 5                       | No school for Students         |  |  |
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| <b>First and Last Days of School:</b> |                                                  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2025</b>                           | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>                   |
| Aug 21<br>Dec 12                      | First Day of School<br>School dismissal at 11:00 |
| <b>2026</b>                           | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>                   |
| January 13<br>June 19                 | First Day Back<br>Last Day of School             |

Additional special events will be communicated throughout the year.