



TENTATIVE 2018-19 School Calendar Dates for St. Benedict Preparatory School

SOME THINGS TO NOTE ABOUT NEXT YEAR:

- We will take one more day after the two week Christmas vacation for Professional Development and school will resume on Tuesday, Jan 8th. I get mixed feedback on this - some parents like it, some don't, all for various reasons. The reason why this day is important for the faculty and staff is that we have a full day of planning and getting ourselves ready for the next trimester. A lot happens right before Christmas break and right after. This day of professional planning is super helpful with getting the school staff ready for next period of school. Please know we aren't taking an extra day of vacation - teachers are engaging in meaningful and important professional work. Our students benefit from this professional work and preparation.
- Easter comes late in April next year - we will take a SPRING BREAK from March 11-15th (between 2nd and 3rd trimesters). Waiting until the later part of April is difficult on a lot of people, and makes the end of the school year feel crammed, hectic and rushed. Easter Holiday - we will be in school a full day on Holy Thursday - have Good Friday and Easter Monday off for the holiday.
- **IMPORTANT** - National Catholic Education Association Conference Chicago - April 23 and 24th - The Superintendent, Dr. Rigg, has mandated that schools will close these days and that all teachers/administrators will attend this conference. I want to be clear - this is not an extended Easter Break or additional spring break for teachers. We will be engaging in professional development on April 23 and 24th. I know this may not be convenient for some families, but please know that we don't expect this to happen very often. It's been over a decade since NCEA held their conference in Chicago. Some people may ask, "Why don't we just take Easter break" that week then? The answer is this...teachers need the break just as much as everyone else does. Many teachers go home to see family in other states, some do things with their own families, etc. Since the conference is mandatory, teachers would be expected to work two days during their break. This would not be fair to them, or treat them as the professional they are. Again, this should be one year only. I appreciate your patience with this situation.

We will add other dates of events and programs later - this calendar has primarily days off, important school days and big event days. More to come!

August

August 20, 2018	Preschool Parent Orientation ***
August 21, 2018	Teacher Meet & Greet (Grades 1-5)-4:30PM-5:30PM
August 21, 2018	Secondary School Orientation Grades 6 and middle school transfers
August 22, 2018	First Day of Secondary School
August 22, 2018	First Day of Elementary School
August 22, 2018	Kindergarten Orientation
August 23, 2018	First Day of Kindergarten
August 23, 2018	Kindergarten Bye Bye Breakfast -8:00AM
August 28, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
August 28, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
August 28, 2018	First Day of Preschool
August 28, 2018	Preschool Bye Bye Breakfast-8:00AM

September

September 3, 2018	No School - Labor Day
September 4, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
September 4, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
September 7, 2018	Parent Mixer-7:00-10:00PM
September 11, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
September 11, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
September 18, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
September 18, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
September 21, 2018	PK-8 Fun Run
September 25, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
September 25, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
September 28, 2018	No School - Professional Development Day
September 28-30, 2018	OktoberFest Parish Celebration

October

October 2, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
October 2, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
October 5, 2018	VIP Day / Grandparents Day for Grades PK-5
October 8, 2018	No School - Columbus Day
October 9, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
October 9, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
October 16, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
October 16, 2018	2:15 Dismissal
October 18, 2018	First Trimester Conferences-4:00-8:00PM
October 19, 2018	No School - First Trimester Conferences- 8:00-12:00PM
October 23, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
October 23, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
October 26, 2018	Holy Fire Middle School Faith Retreat at UIC
October 30, 2018	2PM Dismissal
October 30, 2018	2:15PM Dismissal for 6-12
October 31, 2018	Halloween

November

November 1, 2018	All Saints Day
November 2, 2018	All Souls Day
November 6, 2018	2:00 Dismissal

November 6, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
November 6, 2018	Election Day
November 9, 2018	No School-Professional Development
November 13, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
November 13, 2018	2:15 Dismissal
November 16 & 19, 2018	6-12 Exams
November 20, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
November 20, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
November 20, 2018	Last Day of First Trimester (WE ARE IN SCHOOL THIS DAY)***
November 21-25, 2018	Thanksgiving Break – No School
November 26, 2018	School Resumes
November 27, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
November 27, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
December	
December 1, 2018	Chicago Catholic High School Placement Exams
December 4, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
December 4, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
December 11, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
December 11, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
December 18, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
December 18, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
December 22, 2018	Christmas Vacation Begins (December 22-January 7)
January	
January 7, 2019	No School – Professional Development Day
January 8, 2019	School Resumes (Teachers Resume January 7 for Professional Dev)
January 8, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
January 8, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
January 15, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
January 15, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
January 21, 2019	No School – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 22, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
January 22, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
January 24, 2019	Second Trimester Conferences-4:00-8:00PM
January 25, 2019	No School – Second Trimester Conferences-8:00-12:00PM
January 27-Feb 1	Catholic Schools Week
January 29, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
January 29, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
February	
February 5, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
February 6, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
February 12, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
February 12, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
February 18, 2019	No School -- Presidents Day Holiday
February 19, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
February 19, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
February 26, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
February 26, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12

March

March 5, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
March 5, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
March 6, 2019	Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
March 6-7, 2019	6-12 Exam Days
March 8, 2019	Last Day of Trimester Two
March 11-March 15	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL (School Resumes March 18th)
March 18, 2019	Trimester Three Begins
March 19, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
March 19, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
March 26, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
March 26, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12

April

April 2 nd -5 th	ASPIRE testing (grades 3-8)
April 2, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
April 2, 2019	2:15 Dismissal
April 9, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
April 9, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
April 14, 2019	Palm Sunday, Holy Week Begins
April 18, 2019	Holy Thursday (School in session)
April 19, 2019	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
April 21, 2019	Easter Sunday
April 22, 2019	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
April 23 & 24	NCEA CONFERENCE – NO SCHOOL (mandatory PD Days by Office of Catholic Schools)
April 25, 2019	School Resumes
April 29 – May 3, 2019	AGORA WEEK for 6-12***
April 30, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
April 30, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12

May

May 7, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
May 7, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
May 10, 2019	Senior Prom ***
May 10, 2019	No School - Professional Development Day
May 14, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
May 14, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
May 21, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
May 21, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
May 27, 2019	No School - Memorial Day Holiday
May 28, 2019	2:00 Dismissal
May 28, 2019	2:15 Dismissal 6-12

June

June 1, 2019	12 th Grade Graduation 10:00am
June 1-2, 2019	St. Benedict High School Closing Weekend
June 2, 2019	St. Benedict High School Closing Mass and Alumni Event
June 4, 2018	2:00 Dismissal
June 4, 2018	2:15 Dismissal 6-12
June 4, 2018	Last Day of Preschool and Kindergarten
June 5, 2018	Kindergarten Promotion Ceremonies

June 6, 2018	8 th Grade Graduation 7:00pm
June 11, 2018	Field Day Grades 1-7
June 11, 2018	Last Day of Extended Care
June 12, 2018	Last Day of School Grades 1-7 HALF DAY – Noon Dismissal
June 17, 2018	SBPS Summer Camp Begins