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A Message from Alicia

The end of the school year is upon us. This will be the final Weekly Update of what has turned out to be a phenomenal year. The long days filled with extra daylight and warm weather allow us to shed classroom routine and make way for field days, adventurous competitions, and award ceremonies. Student achievement has been showcased through many noteworthy events. Students in grades K-12 showcased their brilliant work at the second annual Art Show in May. In addition to classroom Exhibitions of Mastery, the Spring Concerts were an outstanding display of student talent. We are thrilled to be able to celebrate all our students have accomplished together.

The Class of 2025 was honored at their Commencement on Friday, June 6, 2025 at the Music Circus in Cohasset. This group of students has left an indelible impression. In addition to academic, athletic, and artistic achievements, their commitment to service and

to one another serves as a true example of who they are innately, as well as the values instilled at home, and honed at South Shore Charter. This year, nine seniors were inducted into the Fraternity of Thirteen, a prestigious recognition for students who have been attending South Shore Charter since kindergarten. Seventeen graduating seniors are members of the National Honor Society. Twenty-one graduates were awarded eligibility for the John and Abigail Adams Merit Scholarship.



SSCPS Class of 2025 presenting the Trailblazer Scholarship to the Class of 2026.

Scholarship awards were presented to Hajar Abouyoussef for Highest GPA, Emily Houghton for the Citizenship Award, Andesky Occeus for the Leadership in Workshop Award, and Neveah Eddins for the Mentorship Award. Five students earned the Silver Seal of Biliteracy: Jaeger Furst, Niamh Hickey, Hope Manigat, John Olaoye, and George Seabury. Four students earned the Gold Seal of Biliteracy: Hajar Abouyoussef, Alexandre Clement, Wunyoh Loc, and Faith Manigat. Hajar Abouyoussef was awarded the worldwide 2025 VHS Learning Scholarship. Hope Manigat and Niamh Hickey were awarded the Jacquelyn Marie Block Memorial Scholarship. Nevaeh Eddins was awarded the Joanne F. Harrington Memorial Scholarship. Soraya Nicolas, Anngiah Theodore, and Nevaeh Eddins were awarded a one-year Karen Yelen Scholarship; Adrielly Da'Silva was awarded the four-year Yelin Karen Scholarship. Emily Houghton was awarded the Trailblazer Scholarship which was presented by alumnus Jordan Alexandre, Class of 2024.



Left: Hajar Abouyoussef was awarded the worldwide 2025 VHS Learning Scholarship and highest GPA. Right: SSCPS alumnus Jordan Alexandre, Class of 2024, presents the Trailblazer Scholarship.





Left: Alexandre Clement receives the Gold Seal of Biliteracy. Right: Adrielly Da'Silva receives the Karen Yelin Scholarship.

The JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship was awarded for the first time to celebrate and honor the legacy of JJ Facey, Class of 2024. We are grateful for the ongoing work of the Facey family. Jason, Melissa, and Jalysa awarded four scholarships at commencement to Misha Attardo, Emily Houghton, Khai Francis, and Andesky Occeus.



Jason, Melissa, and Jalysa award the JJ Facey SSPCS scholarship to Misha Attardo, Emily Houghton, Khai Francis, and Andesky Occeus.

This year, the Class of 2025 continued the precedent set by the Class of 2024 and presented a Senior Class Gift: a one thousand dollar scholarship for the Class of 2026 as a way of giving back to the school community. As you may remember, seniors on the Student Board brought the Spring Fair to our school community last April. In continuing the tradition established last year by the Class of 2024, designated funds raised from the fair to institute a scholarship for upcoming graduating classes.

A favorite highlight of the evening is always the student speakers. This year was no exception; four students addressed the audience: Neveah Eddins, Khai Francis, Andesky Occeus, and Breana Paul. Congratulations to the Class of 2025.



Student speakers Neveah Eddins, Khai Francis, Andesky Occeus, and Breana Paul.

The end of the school year is also a time of transition. I would like to thank our Trustees who are stepping off the Board at the end of this month. We owe a great deal of thanks to Ken Poudrier and Natacha Julien for their years of service to the South Shore Charter Public School Board of Trustees. Ken has worked tirelessly on the Finance Committee overseeing our institutional growth and financial sustainability over the years. Natacha has served on the Finance and Governance Committees and has been instrumental in planning Multicultural Food Night. We will miss their keen insights and commitment to our students. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Change will also be occurring among our faculty and staff. There are five individuals who will be ending this phase of their lives to embark upon another. All have integral roles and responsibilities, and all will be greatly missed.

Kathleen Sobol, Learning Services Executive Assistant

So much of a quality education happens behind the scenes. For 18 years, Kathy has been there for our Learning Services program; sometimes working late into the night managing the nuances that make the day to day lives of students and teachers better. Thank you Kathy.



Deb came to South Shore Charter as a Level II paraprofessional four years ago. The following year, Deb became a fifth grade teacher. Over the past three years, Deb has brought history to life for her fifth graders, including a wonderful wax museum that delights us all every year. She has taught the hard topics thoughtfully and engaged every student deliberately. We are grateful for her time with us.





David Rogers, School Safety Guard

Not enough can be said about how much Dave Rogers has brought to our school community. Every day since 2014, his morning welcome has greeted students at 100 Longwater. With his warm smile and festive fist bumps, Dave is well woven into the fabric of our day to day lives. We thank Dave for his service and commitment to our students.

Pam Golden, Elementary Art Teacher

Pam had been teaching art to children on the South Shore for 30 years before she arrived at South Shore Charter eight years ago. An established artist herself, Pam has brought her talent of paint and sculpture to our students instilling in them a love of all things creative, and the confidence to take risks. We have been fortunate to have her among us.

June Fontaine, Grade 1 Teacher

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, author and aviator, wrote, "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye." No truer words exist to describe our first grade teacher June Fontaine, who has seen rightly from the heart every day for over 27 years. June began at South Shore Charter in 1998 as a kindergarten teacher. Since that time June has served as a classroom teacher, project leader, experiential learning practitioner, and social justice advocate. June has touched the lives of generations of students, including some of you sitting here today.







As a Project Leader, June guided students through drives and initiatives supporting Wellspring as they learned the importance of teamwork, and caring for one another. In June's first grade classroom June exemplified stewardship of the Earth in the Organic Gardening Project. Carrots harvested in that garden were shared with local food banks each year.

June has demonstrated through teaching with purpose that the true value of our lives lies not in what we have, but what we share with others. June is the heart of South Shore Charter representing the best of the teaching profession. We are honored to have had June among us.

We thank these five educators and for their time and commitment to the students of the South Shore Charter Public School. Every day they represented the best of the South Shore Charter Public School and our community is a better place because they were part of it. I. Each has been a gift to our school community and we wish them the best as they head out to greet their next venture.

We wish all of our families a wonderful summer filled with adventures and time together. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We are thankful for the time we have with them every day. We look forward to next year and to the next thirty years of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

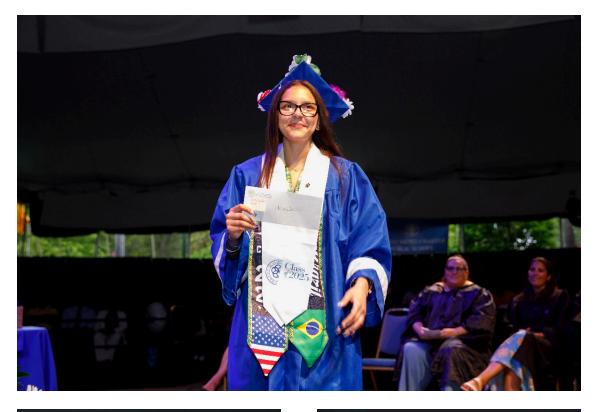
Alicia Savage Executive Director

Class of 2025 Graduation

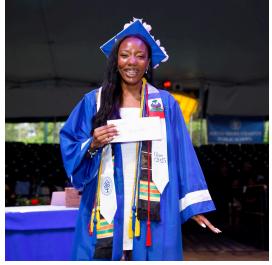
All graduation photos courtesy of Patricia Walsh.

2025 Scholarship Recipients

Adrielly Da'Silva (Karen Yelin Scholarship), Anngiah Theodore (Karen Yelen Scholarship), Nevaeh Eddins (Karen Yelen Scholarship, Joanne F. Harrington Memorial Scholarship, & Mentorship Award), Soraya Nicolas (Karen Yelen Scholarship), Emily Houghton (Citizenship Award, Trailblazer Scholarship, JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship), Hajar Abouyoussef (Highest GPA & Worldwide 2025 VHS Learning Scholarship), Andesky Occeus (Leadership in Workshop Award), Niamh Hickey (Jacquelyn Marie Block Memorial Scholarship), Hope Manigat (Jacquelyn Marie Block Memorial Scholarship)





















2025 JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship Recipients



Misha Attardo, Emily Houghton, Khai Francis, and Andesky Occeus.

2025 Seal of Biliteracy Recipients

Gold Seal of Biliteracy: Alexandre Clement, Wunyoh Loc, Faith Manigat, and Hajar Abouyoussef Silver Seal of Biliteracy: George Seabury, Jaeger Furst, Hope Manigat, Niamh Hickey, and John Olaoye



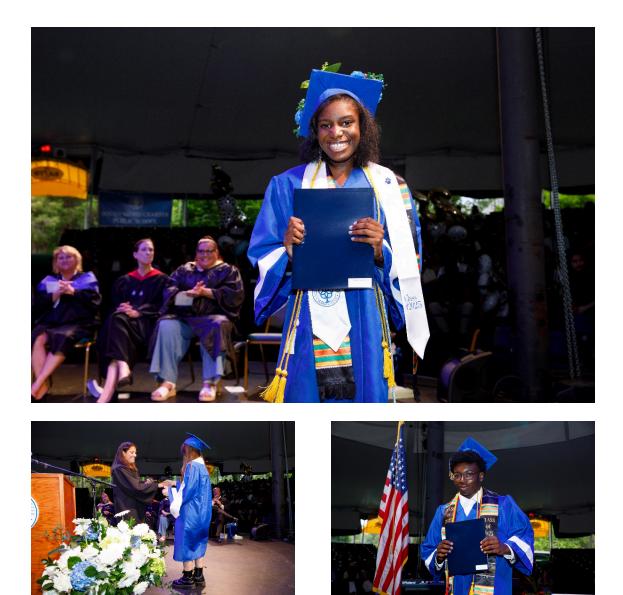












2025 SSCPS Fraternity of Thirteen



Congratulations Class of 2025!















School Calendar & Announcements

Click here for the complete SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR JUN 11 - JUN 18

| Wed 11 | Thu 12 | Fri 13 | Sat/Sun |
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| | Level III Field Day | Level I Field Day | |
| ă. | Board of Trustees Annual Meeting at 700 Longwater and via Zoom - 5:30PM | 8th Grade Award Ceremony in the P.E. Space - 9:30AM | |
| • | | Last Day of Classes (Early Release) | |
| Mon 16 | Tue 17 | Wed 18 | Upcoming |
| Summer Break | Summer Break | Summer Break | June 20 - K-8 Virtual Book Fair Ends |
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SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

Youth Employment Permits

CLICK HERE

Please email or call Dee Delaney at <u>ddelaney@sscps.org</u> or 781-982-4202 x159 to make an appointment to receive your youth employment permit.

Bring the completed "Promise of Employment" section to Dee. Students must be present to sign and have proper identification.

From the Health Office

Student Medication Update

Medication pick up will start on Wednesday, June 11th during drop off and dismissal and will need to picked up by the last day of school. A parent must pick up all medication, it cannot be sent home on the bus with students. Any medication not picked up by June 13th will be properly disposed of.

If you are not able to pick up medication during the above mentioned times, please reach out to Jaime at **jkjelgaard@sscps.org** to arrange another pick up time. Please include your student's name and when you would like to pick up the medication in the email. If your student is attending one of the July summer school programs, please reach out to make arrangements for their medications.

When your child returns to school in the fall, we will need a parent to drop off their medication the first day of school. Please contact Jaime if you need to make other arrangements as I will be available at other times leading up to the start of the new school year. All medication needs to be accompanied by a doctor's medication order, allergy action plan or asthma action plan. No medication can be received without the proper paperwork. A new medication order is required every school year per the state and will need to be dated after July 1, 2025. All medication must be in the pharmacy container or box with the pharmacy label on it.

<u>Click here</u> for a copy of our medication form – your doctor's office may also use their own form.

Upcoming School & Community Events

Upcoming SSCPS Events

K-8 Virtual Book Fair | June 9-20

We are excited to team up with Storybook Cove for another virtual summer reading book fair! Families will get 10% off their purchases, and Storybook Cove will donate 10% of the sales to SSCPS. **The book fair will run from Monday June 9th- Friday June 20th.**

All orders can be picked up at Storybook Cove or shipped to your home address. More information can be found on the flyers below.

K-8 VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR Summer Reading SSCPS Virtual Book Fair! ummer Reading SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL SUMMER READING FUND RAISER VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR SSCPS and Storybook Cove are hosting an online Summer Reading Book Fair. SSCPS Families receive a 10% discount on books purchased, SSCPS receives 10% of each sale, and there will be NO sales tax. The online Fair will run from JUNE 9 through JUNE 20, 2025. se the below LINK to access the VIRTUAL BOOKFAIR: ps://www.storybookcove.com/sscps-summer-reading-2025 Who: Kindergarten - 8th Grade Students click on this logo What: Summer Reading Virtual Book Fair ALL PURCHASES ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH www.storvbookcove.com. Where: You can purchase summer reading books on Storybook ► For all orders you must choose <u>"In Store Pick-Up Hanover MA"</u> OR <u>"USPS Me</u> Cove's website If you choose In-Store Pick-Up, you will be contacted when your order is ready for pick-up at Storybook Cove, 775 Washington Street, Suite 2, Harver, MA (Route 53 across from Storberrs Grill. Enter the car iot of Dave Delaney's Columbia Motors through the white rail fence. Green building is at the end of IoL) https://www.storybookcove.com/sscps-summer-reading-2025 When: June 9th - June 20th CHECK-OUT TIPS-PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS. You need to complete ONLY the following sections: ENTER CUSTOME INFORMATION/ENALL COUPON DISCOUNT (ENTER THIS CODE: SSCPS) TAX-EXEMPT INFORMATION (IELDE DEVEN IF PICKING UP as TORE) EDUERYR INFORMATION (IELDE DEVEN IF PICKING UP as TORE) CLICK ON CALCULATE SHIPPING COSTS AND THEN CHOOSE EITHER Media Rate (2 to 10 days; no insurance) or in Store PICk-Up Hanover MA. We'll contact you when order is ready. CHOSE PAYMENT METHOD CONTACT/BILLING INFORMATION REVIEW; and REVIEW; and CHECK-OUT TIPS—PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS. You need to complete ONLY the following section If you are interested in purchasing any summer reading books please consider our Virtual Summer Reading Book Fair with Storybook Covel You will receive 10% of of your purchase, and SSCPS will receive 10% of the proceeds. You will find detailed information about how to order books below If you have any questions please contact Kristen Gale: kgale@sscps.org. REVIEW; and SUBMIT.

From the Foundation

2025 Annual Road Race T-Shirt Design

Calling All Student Artists! Design the Official T-Shirt for the 2025 SSCPS Annual Road Race! We're excited to bring back a beloved SSCPS tradition—inviting students to design the tshirt for our annual Road Race! This is your chance to showcase your creativity and have your artwork worn by participants at one of our biggest community events. Let your imagination run wild—and help us make this year's race shirt the best one yet!

Click the button or the flyer below for more design submission instructions, and contact Joe Kay at **jkay@sscps.org** with any questions.



CALLING ALL STUDENT ARTISTS!

Design the Official T-Shirt for the 2025 SSCPS Annual Road Race!

We're excited to bring back a beloved SSCPS tradition—inviting students to design the t-shirt for our annual 5K Road Race! This is your chance to showcase your creativity and have your artwork worn by participants at one of our biggest community events.

What We're Looking For:

- · Original artwork or digital graphics
- A bold, creative design for the **front** of the shirt
- Artwork aligned with the theme of growth & expansion at SSCPS

Design Requirements:

- Event Name: SSCPS Annual Road Race
- Date: September 27, 2025
- Location: Wompatuck State Park
- Include the SSCPS logo
- Design should fit on the front of a t-shirt (submit on a single digital sheet — it can be resized if needed)

Selection Process: All entries will be reviewed, and the final design will be selected by the Road Race Committee.

Submit Your Design By: Thursday, June 12th

Click HERE for additional details and submission requirements.

Contact Joe Kay (jkay@sscps.org) with any questions.

JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship Donations



South Shore Charter Public School will continue to raise money for a scholarship to be awarded to senior students who embody the characteristics of JJ Facey: Sportsmanship, Character, and Respect.

JJ was a consummate leader. JJ would often offer advice to his fellow students, join the principal for discussions with students, and raise the confidence of his teammates on and off the field. He is still helping his fellow students, but in a different way now: by funding their dreams in honor of his name.

Please make your donation using the button below. *All receipts will be generated electronically and can be used for Tax purposes for non-profit donations.*

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS

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Final Weeks to Donate!

For the last 30 years, South Shore Charter Public School has been a pillar of innovation, community, and academic excellence. This school year, as we celebrate this incredible milestone, we're reminded of the power of generosity in shaping our journey and strengthening our future. As we near the end of this year's 30th Anniversary Annual Fund Campaign, our goal is to raise \$50,000 and have 100% family participation. Donations will be collected through the remainder of the school year, and you can choose which department or area of SSCPS you'd like your donation to be put toward.



Help us reach 75% of our goal!



On The Levels

AP African American Studies

AP African American Studies Students inspire our younger students

In an exciting cross-grade collaboration, students from the AP African American Studies course visited 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms to share their knowledge about West Africa and key themes from their course. With enthusiasm and confidence, they presented on

topics such as the West African Empires, the African Diaspora, immigration and notable abolitionists from Massachusetts. The younger students were captivated, asking thoughtful questions and making meaningful connections to their own social studies lessons. It was a powerful and enriching experience for all students.









Level I Community Helpers Visit

Senator Patrick O'Connor visited fifth graders on Friday to hear bills they wrote and to speak with them about government and the role of state senators. For the past few months, our 8th graders have been working on Civics Action Projects and learning about democracy, civil rights, and social justice. Understanding the rights and duties of citizenship and applying that to everyday concepts will help our students immensely as they move on to high school!



AP World History Projects

Shown below are this year's AP World History final projects which include:

- A replica of the Presidential Seal wood carving, presented to the US Embassy by the Children of Russia and contained an eavesdropping device
- A painting of a soldier from World War I
- A tapestry of the hands from Michelangelo's "Creation of Adam"
- A quilt of the developing art styles of the 19th-20th centuries
- A diorama depicting the Battle of Adwa in which Ethiopia defeated the Italians in their attempt to colonize
- A dress representing a change in fashion because of the Great Depression
- A World History cookbook featuring French Revolution bread and Great Depression water pie
- A fictional journal by a girl living under Brazilian dictatorship
- Images of Margery Kemp and Joan of Arc, as well as Genghis Khan on the steppes of Mongolia.

The students also presented to their classmates and the presentations included a song in traditional Igbo that accompanied a sculpture and paper about the Biafran War. These are just some of the great submissions, which were also accompanied by a research paper. These students worked very hard and their efforts show!



What's New in Projects & Workshops

Personal Finance Workshop

This year, Jerome Ford's Personal Finance Workshop completed the online Budget Challenge simulation and finished first in the country out of twenty-two schools. The simulation is based on the life of a twenty-five-year-old corporate worker and the financial decisions that they need to make.

Students are required to set up budgeting spreadsheets, make decisions on bills such as rent, utilities service, auto insurance, cell phone service, pay bills online, and make decisions on 401k savings. The simulation lasts for 70 days and requires students to work independently, checking emails for invoices or unexpected events that affect their planning decisions. The students earn points for good financial decision making and lose points for past due payments or overdrawing their checking accounts. There are also trophies earned for financial achievements, like saving \$750 in a savings account, paying all bills on time, and transferring \$1,000 into their 401K.

Individually, Jeremy Ujialele finished in first place in the workshop. In past simulations, the highest point total falls between 14,500 and 14,800 points. Jeremy became the first student in our school to score over 15,000 points!





Afterschool Enrichment Program 2024-2025

Afterschool Enrichment Program Wrap-Up

The SSCPS Afterschool Enrichment Program has ended for the 2024-2025 school year - keep an eye on our website and future Weekly Updates for more information on next year's

SSCPS WEBSITE

Community Service

Community Service Opportunities

Need help finding a community service opportunity? Below is a link to our regularly updated Community Service Table filled with CS opportunities around the South Shore. Descriptions of organizations, contact information, and more are included.

Community Service Table

Submit Community Service Hours

If you've started your Community Service for the **2024-2025** school year, it's not too early to start recording those hours today!

Use the links below to submit your community service hours.



Below is the Board of Trustees FY25 Annual Meeting Agenda. You can find more information on the SSCPS Board of Trustees on our website <u>here</u>.

Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

Parents Association



Other Ways to Get Engaged in Our School Community

Did you know there is more than one way to get engaged in our school community? Visit the PA website **Parent Volunteer Opportunities** page to learn more about the following three way you can get engaged:

1. Search through <u>parent volunteer opportunities list</u> – This dynamic list houses onetime and ongoing volunteering opportunities at the school.

2. Join a PA Committee – Email the PA if you want to join one of our standing committees including Outreach, Events, and Fundraising <u>PAatSSCPS@gmail.com</u>

3. Join the <u>SSCPS Connect</u> Database - SSCPS Connect is a community engagement platform that connects the skills, talents and expertise of our community members to our school's faculty, staff, and community leaders to support our mission to "Inspire students to excel in academics, service, and life." Through a comprehensive survey, we gather how individuals want to contribute, allowing school leaders to easily search and connect to the resources that exist right here in our community.

PA Website Quick Links

SSCPS Parent Directory Update

We are pleased to announce that the Parent Directory is now active on our <u>PlusPortals</u> website. The Parent Directory provides families with a means to connect with other SSCPS families. In order to be listed in the Parent Directory, you must opt-in. Information will not be shared without your consent.

The first step is to activate your <u>**PlusPortals**</u> account. If your account is not yet activated you should have received activation instructions in a separate email.

Next, click on your name and choose "Directory Listing."

From this page, select the information that you would like shared with the community.

Please find detailed instructions here.

Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website <u>www.sscps.org</u>.

School Documents

- 1. Afterschool Enrichment Program
- 2. DESE Student Attendance Letter Translated: (Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese)
- 3. Back-to-School Information
- 4. Food Services
- 5. Health Office
- 6. <u>Massachusetts Department of Transitional</u> <u>Assistance</u>
- 7. <u>Community Service</u>
- 8. Visit the Parents Association Website

2024-2025 School Calendar

Student and Family Handbook

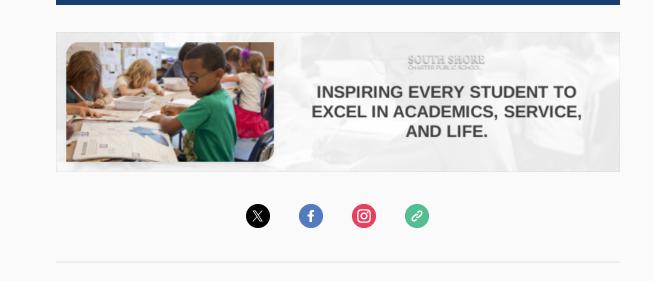
Arrival and Dismissal Procedures SSCPS By-Laws

Next Year: <u>Updated 2025-</u> 2026 School Calendar

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