



SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL

2019-2020 Academic Calendar

Below is an outline of major dates for the **2019-2020 school year**. Please note that because of the way the calendar falls, **SSFS plans to start school the day AFTER Labor Day**, which will still allow us to meet our State requirement of providing 170 instructional days, plus additional contingency days for weather-related closings. A full calendar listing of events for 2019-2020 will also be posted online later this spring. *Updated Dec. 23, 2018*

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
August 20-25 (Tues-Sun)	“Spring to Success” Summer Bridge Program	Required for new international Upper School students
August 21-22 (Wed-Thurs)	New Faculty Orientation	
August 23 (Fri)	Opening Meetings for Upper School Faculty/Staff	
August 26-29 (Mon-Thurs)	Opening Meetings for All SSFS Faculty/Staff	Fri, Aug. 30 is an optional classroom prep day
August 27-30 (Tues-Fri)	9th Grade Trip	Required for all incoming 9th grade students
August 29-31 (Thurs-Sun)	Dorm opens for dorm students @ 8 am Thursday	All dorm students should arrive by Sunday noon
September 2 (Monday)	Labor Day - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm orientation
September 3 (Tuesday)	First Day of School Opening Meetings and Orientations	LS classroom visits, conferences, and orientation MS & US orientation events for students & families
September 4 (Wednesday)	First Full Day of Classes (LS, MS, US)	Upper School Yearbook Photos for Grades 9-11
October 14 (Monday)	Fall Holiday - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm open
November 1 (Friday)	Lower School Professional Day - No LS Classes	Middle and Upper School in session
November 4 (Monday)	Middle & Upper School Professional Day - No Middle & Upper School Classes	Lower School in session
November 25-26 (Mon-Tues)	Professional Days for Faculty and Staff No Classes (LS, MS, & US)	No classes during Thanksgiving Week Dorm closes @ 10 am Sat, Nov. 23; Dorm re-opens @ 10 am Sun, Dec. 1
November 27-29 (Wed-Fri)	Thanksgiving Break - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm closed (see above)
December 20 (Friday)	Lower School Professional Day - No LS Classes Middle & Upper School: 1:00 pm Dismissal	Winter Break begins at 1:00 pm for MS & US
December 23 - January 3 (Mon-Fri)	Winter Break - School Closed Classes Resume Monday, Jan. 6	Offices closed; Dorm closes @ 10 am Sat, Dec. 21; Dorm re-opens @ 10 am Sun, Jan. 5
January 20 (Monday)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No Classes	All-School Day of Service (optional)
January 21-24 (Tues-Fri)	Upper School Exams	
January 27 (Monday)	Lower School Professional Day - No LS Classes	Middle and Upper School in session
January 31 (Friday)	Middle & Upper School Professional Day - No Middle & Upper School Classes	Lower School in session
February 14-17 (Fri-Mon)	Mid-Winter Break/President’s Day - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm open
February 18 (Tuesday)	Professional Day - No Classes (LS, MS, & US)	Possible weather make-up day
March 16-20 (Mon-Fri)	Upper School Intersession Trips, Middle School Immersion Week	Some Upper School Intersession trips may extend beyond this week.
March 23-27 (Mon-Fri)	Spring Break - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm closes @ 10 am Sat, Mar. 21; Dorm re-opens @ 10 am Sun, Mar. 29
April 6 (Monday)	Professional Day - No Classes (LS, MS, & US)	Possible weather make-up day
May 25 (Monday)	Memorial Day - School Closed	Offices closed; Dorm open
June 6 (Saturday)	Class of 2020 Graduation - 9:00 am, On-Campus	Note the earlier date (before US exams) this year!
June 8-11 (Mon-Thurs)	Upper School Exams	
June 11 (Thursday)	Last Day of Classes - 1:00 pm Dismissal	Dorm closes @ 10 am on Sat, June 13