

LOWER SCHOOL
2024-2025 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST

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| THUR | 22 | Parent Association Kick-Off Cocktail Social, 5:30-7:30 PM. O'Zone, Manor House |
| MON | 26 | Orientation for all Lower School families, 12:15-2:45 PM (no uniforms) |
| TUE | 27 | Classes begin in all Divisions |
| FRI | 30 | All School Spirit Day: Sorting Event [First Late Start Friday] |

SEPTEMBER

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| MON | 02 | Labor Day: GFS School and Office are Closed |
| WED | 04 | Class Color Day: Kindergarten (blue) and First Grade (yellow) |
| THUR | 05 | Class Color Day: Second Grade (purple) and Third Grade (red) |
| FRI | 06 | Class Color Day: Fourth Grade (pink) and Fifth Grade (green) |
| SUN | 08 | Garrison Grand Slam, 11:00 AM-6:00 PM. Camden Yards |
| THUR | 19 | GFS Forest Day |
| TUE | 24 | Lower School Picture Day |

OCTOBER

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| THUR | 03 | Rosh Hashanah: GFS School and Office are Closed |
| THUR | 10 | Lower School Back to School Day: 8:00-11:30 AM (Full day of classes for students) |
| FRI | 11 | Faculty Professional Development Day: No school for students in all Divisions |
| WED | 16 | All-School Parent Association Meeting, 8-9:00 AM, Lohr Hall or Zoom |
| FRI | 18 | GFS Open House Fall Tailgate! 3:30-6:30 PM |
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| THUR | 31 | Halloween Parade, Families invited, 8:30 AM |

NOVEMBER

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| FRI | 01 | Faculty Professional Development Day: No school for students in all Divisions |
| FRI | 08 | Sapphires and Denim, 7:00-11:00 PM, Alumnae Hall |
| FRI | 15 | Lower School Parent Conferences, no classes for students |
| TUE | 26 | Thanksgiving Break begins at end of school day |
| TUE | 26 | Grandfriend's Day, 8:00-11:30 AM, |

DECEMBER

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| TUE | 03 | Classes resume |
| FRI | 13 | Nutcracker in the Forest 2024: 5:00 PM |
| SAT | 14 | Nutcracker in the Forest 2024: 1:00 & 5:00 PM |
| FRI | 20 | Winter Lower School Concert, details forthcoming |
| FRI | 20 | Early Dismissal (11:30 AM) for Winter Break (no late start, 8:00AM start time) |

JANUARY

MON 06 Classes Resume
MON 20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance: No classes in all Divisions

FEBRUARY

MON 12 GFS LOVE WEEK begins
FRI 14 Faculty Professional Development, no classes for students
MON 17 President's Day Observance: No classes in all Divisions
FRI 28 Lower School Parent Conferences, no classes for students

MARCH

FRI 14 Sprink Break begins at end of the academic day
TUE 25 Classes Resume

APRIL

THUR 17 Fifth Grade: Capstone Presentations
FRI 18 Good Friday Observance: No classes in all Divisions
TUE 29 GFS Art Walk

MAY

TUE 6 Fifth Grade Students Depart for Echo Hill (return on 5/09)
FRI 9 Faculty Professional Development, no classes for students
FRI 16 Field Day/Afternoon Parent Conferences (no classes for students in the afternoon)
FRI 23 Lower School End of Year Concert for Kindergarten and Grade 1
MON 26 Memorial Day, no classes in all Divisions
FRI 30 Lower School End of Year Concert for Grades 2-5

JUNE

TUE 03 Last Day of Classes
WED 04 Closing exercises for Fifth Grade, 8:30 AM