



## Academic Year Calendar 2024–25

*subject to change*

### August

- 30 New student registration and orientation; new boarding students move in (advisors meet new advisees & families)
- 31 Orientation for all new students continues

### September

- 1 Orientation continues for new boarding students
- 2 Labor Day; Returning student registration; Returning boarding students move in; Athletic tryouts begin
- 3 Convocation; Start of first semester classes
- 6-8 Community weekend
- 13-14 Community weekend
- 17 Mid-Autumn Festival; school in session

### October

- 2-4 Rosh Hashanah; school in session
- 3-4 No major assessments
- 12 Yom Kippur
- 14 Indigenous Peoples' Day; no classes; houses open; offices open
- 14-15 Fall break; no classes; houses open; offices open
- 16 First semester classes resume
- 25-26 Family Weekend

### November

- 1 Diwali
- 2 Admissions Open House
- 11 Veterans Day; school in session.
- 22 Thanksgiving break begins at 6:00 p.m. or after last commitment
- 23 Boarding students depart by 12:00 p.m.; houses close and school is closed

### December

- 1 Boarding students return, 2:00–6:00 p.m.
- 2 First semester classes resume
- 19 End of Fall Academic Semester; Boarding community dinner followed by holiday chapel; mandatory for all seniors and boarding students
- 20 Winter break begins; boarding students depart between 6 am - 12:00 p.m.; houses close and school is closed

### January

- 5 Boarding students return 2:00–6:00 p.m.
- 6 Second semester classes begin
- 20 MLK Day; school in session; Special Programming
- 29 Lunar New Year

### February

- 17 Presidents' Day; no classes; houses open; offices open
- 28 Ramadan begins (ends Mar 30); school in session

### March

- 5 Ash Wednesday; classes in session
- 7 Spring break begins at 12:00 p.m.; students depart between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.; houses close and school is closed
- 23 Boarding students return 2:00–6:00 p.m.
- 24 Second semester classes resume
- 28 Eid al-Fitr; no classes
- 29-30 Eid al-Fitr
- 31 No major assessments

### April

- 5 Senior Transition Seminar
- Junior Leadership Retreat (April 5-6)
- 12-20 Passover; school in session
- 18 Good Friday; school in session
- 21 Patriots' Day observed; no classes; houses open; offices closed
- 22 Founders Day
- Earth Day
- 23 No major assessments

### May

- 26 Memorial Day; no classes; offices closed
- 29 End of Spring Academic Semester
- Baccalaureate Performance
- 30 Commencement 10:00 a.m.
- boarding students depart between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

### June

- 6-8 Reunion and Alum Weekend

## Religious and Cultural Observances 2024-25

<b>July</b>	<b>Disability Pride Month</b>
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4; offices closed
<b>September</b>	<b>Hispanic Heritage Month</b>
Labor Day	Monday, September 2; returning student registration; offices open
Mid-Autumn Festival	Tuesday, September 17; school in session
<b>October</b>	<b>Hindu Heritage Month</b>
Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday, October 2 (at sundown)–Friday, October 4; school in session
Yom Kippur	Friday, October 11 (at sundown)–Saturday, October 12; no classes
Indigenous Peoples’ Day	Monday, October 14; no classes
Sukkot	Wednesday, October 16 (at sundown)–Wednesday, October 23; school in session
<b>November</b>	<b>Native American Heritage Month</b>
Diwali	Friday, November 1
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11 (observed); school in session
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28; no classes
Hanukkah	Wednesday, December 25–Thursday, January 2; school in session
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25; no classes
Kwanzaa	Thursday, December 26 - Wednesday, January 1; no classes
New Year’s Day	Wednesday, January 1; no classes
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20; school in session, special programming
Lunar New Year	Wednesday, January 29
<b>February</b>	<b>Black History Month</b>
Presidents’ Day	Monday, February 17; no classes
Tibetan New Year/Losar	Friday, February 28
<b>March</b>	<b>Women’s History &amp; Greek American Heritage Month</b>
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, March 5; school in session
Ramadan	Friday, February 28–Sunday, March 30; school in session
Eid al-Fitr	Sunday, March 30 (begins at sundown on Mar 29); no classes
<b>April</b>	<b>National Arab American Heritage Month</b>
Passover	Saturday, April 12 (at sundown) to Saturday, April 20; school in session
Palm Sunday	Sunday, April 13; no classes
Good Friday	Friday, April 18; school in session (Orthodox and Mainline)
Easter	Sunday, April 20; no classes (Orthodox and Mainline)
Patriots’ Day	Monday, April 21; no classes
<b>May</b>	<b>Asian Pacific American, Desi, &amp; Jewish Heritage Month</b>
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26; offices closed
<b>June</b>	<b>LGBTQ+ Pride, Caribbean, &amp; Immigrant Heritage Month</b>
Shavuot	Sunday, June 1-Tuesday, June 3
Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19; offices closed

For more dates and information on religious holidays, [please see this resource at Harvard Divinity School](#).

### Religious Holiday Practice at CA

At Concord Academy, we believe and affirm that all people have the right to exist as their most authentic selves, recognizing the diverse population of students and adults who observe religious and spiritual traditions. While we strive to support all of our community members in the practice and celebration of their faiths, we acknowledge that our traditional independent school calendar often facilitates the observance of Christian holidays more frequently than those of other faith traditions. Therefore, we would like to empower students and adults to be in communication when they may need an adjustment to planned meetings and deadlines, and ask that community members extend grace towards those adjustments. These practices are deeply significant and restorative, and we ask that teachers and students collaborate around accommodations that will best support our peers and colleagues in their observance. We encourage students to work with their advisors as they balance school, individual, and family commitments, and to reach out to the Academic Office if they need additional support. We likewise encourage faculty and staff to work with their supervisor as needed.