

BLAIR ACADEMY

School Calendar

The One Hundred Seventy-Eighth Year

2025-2026

Fall Semester

Sunday, August 24	Football pre-season athletes arrive & register... 10:00 a.m.
Monday, August 25	Senior Leaders & Prefects arrive and register ... 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 27	Registration for pre-season fall sports (those invited by coaches) 9:00 a.m.
Monday, September 1	Registration for all remaining boarding & day students... 9:00 a.m. Orientation program begins in the afternoon
Tuesday, September 2	First semester begins
Friday, September 5	CONVOCATION... 7 p.m. (required for all students)
Saturday, September 6	Community Weekend #1
Saturday, September 13	Community Weekend #2
Monday, September 29	No classes. Varsity athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Friday, October 17 & Saturday, October 18	Family Weekend. Students may depart for the weekend after athletic competitions on Saturday.
Monday, October 20	No classes. Varsity athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 8	PEDDIE DAY at Blair; weekend departures begin after the conclusion of athletic contests.
Saturday, November 22*	Classes end by noon. Thanksgiving vacation begins; dormitories close.
Monday, December 1	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, December 2	Classes resume
Tuesday, December 16*	Classes end @ 3:15 pm; first semester ends. Holiday break begins; dormitories close. <i>Grades & comments reported to parents after processing.</i> No student may depart for vacation prior to December 16.

Winter/Spring Semester

Monday, January 5*	Boarding students return by 7 p.m.
Tuesday, January 6	Second Semester begins
Saturday, January 10	Community Weekend #3
Saturday, January 17	Winter Ball
Friday, January 30*	Winter Long Weekend begins at noon after last class; dormitories close
Wednesday, February 4*	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Thursday, February 5	Classes resume
Thursday February 26	Intersession Begins
Friday, March 6*	Spring break begins at noon after last Intersession class; dormitories close. No student may depart before 3:30 pm on Friday, March 6th.
Monday, March 23*	Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24	Classes resume
Wednesday, April 15	Grandparent's Day
Monday, April 20	No classes. Athletes due back for afternoon practices. Boarding students return by 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19	Junior/Senior Prom
Wednesday, May 20	Packing Day for seniors; Class of 2026 Senior Assembly & Baccalaureate
Thursday, May 21	Graduation
Saturday, May 24	Community Weekend #4
Monday, May 25	Underclass Prize Assembly
Wednesday, May 27	Classes end at noon. Students may depart for summer vacation; dormitories close for the summer. <i>Grades reported to parents after processing.</i>

***Please review the calendar carefully. Each academic day in our calendar is essential; absences due to travel arrangements should be avoided.**

COMMUNITY WEEKENDS are designed to establish the sense of community at Blair that is central to the School's mission (or to build in structure for exam preparation). Various activities are planned for students' enjoyment. Parents may visit campus on those weekends, but are asked not to take their children off campus.

***A NOTE REGARDING TRAVEL PLANS:** On the dates indicated with an asterisk, the School will arrange for charter bus **or** State Shuttle transportation to/from Port Authority (NYC) and area airports. **Whenever possible, book reservations departing from Newark Airport**, as it is more convenient than the other New York airports. Students departing out of Newark Airport for school breaks should schedule departures of 3:30 p.m. or later and 4:30 p.m. or later for other area airports. All questions regarding transportation should be directed to the Student Life Office at (908) 362-3120