

2026



SPARK
schools

Instructional Calendar Grades 8–11

January

M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	10
12	13	14	15	16	17
19	20	21	22	23	24
26	27	28	29	30	31

February

M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28

March

M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28
30	31				

April

M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30		

May

M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9
11	12	13	14	15	16
18	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30

June

M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27
29	30				

July

M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30	31	

August

M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29
31					

September

M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	10	11	12
14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26
28	29	30			

October

M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	10
12	13	14	15	16	17
19	20	21	22	23	24
26	27	28	29	30	31

November

M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28
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December

M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	10	11	12
14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26
28	29	30	31		

Total instructional days: 186

Key

- Senior teacher work day (closed for scholars)
- Leadership Workdays (closed for scholars)
- Staff Workdays (closed for scholars)
- Start or end of term
- Grade 8 orientation
- Grade 9 orientation
- Grade FET orientation
- School holidays (closed for staff and scholars)
- School/Public holidays (closed for all)
- Report card conferences (1:30)
- Nexus/Impact Summit
- Culture evening

2026 Term dates

26 January – 26 March
8 April – 26 June

22 July – 23 September
6 October – 4 December

2026 Public and school holidays

1 January New Years Day | 21 March Human Rights Day | 3 April Good Friday
6 April Family Day | 27 April Freedom Day | 1 May Workers Day
16 June Youth Day | 9 August National Women's Day
10 August Public Holiday | 24 September Heritage Day
16 December Day of Reconciliation | 25 December Christmas Day
26 December Day of Goodwill