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2026–2027 FAMILY CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

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WAE SCHOOLWIDE GOALS: 90% ATTENDANCE • 90% GRADUATION RATE

Every instructional day matters. Please schedule doctors' and other appointments after school, on weekends, or during school breaks whenever possible. Please use this calendar when planning family vacations and avoid scheduling travel on days when students are expected to attend school.

Please use this calendar to plan for school closings, assessments, family conferences, student presentations, and other important events. Some school-based dates may be subject to change; families will be notified of updates.

September 2026

Date	Activity / Event	What Families Need to Know
September 10, 2026	**First Day of School**	Students should arrive on time, in uniform, and prepared for a full day of instruction.
September 11, 2026	**22nd Annual Rose Ceremony and Family Welcome**	Families are invited to attend from 9:30–11:30 a.m. A hot breakfast will be served.
September 21, 2026	**Yom Kippur — Schools Closed**	Students do not attend school.
September 24, 2026	**Family/Curriculum Night and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences**	Meet teachers, learn course expectations, and discuss how to support your scholar's progress.

October 2026

Date	Activity / Event	What Families Need to Know
October 1, 2026	**Breast Cancer Awareness Month Kickoff**	Students begin a month of awareness, education, and wellness activities.
October 1–2, 2026	**Documented Student Conference Week**	Students meet with teachers to identify strengths, a priority next step, and a learning goal. Ask your scholar to share her goal.
October 8–9, 2026	**Protected Revision and Reflection**	Students receive class time to revise major work and reflect on feedback.

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October 12, 2026	**Italian Heritage/Indigenous Peoples' Day — Schools Closed**	Students do not attend school.
October 13–14, 2026	**Marking Period 1 Assessments**	Encourage your scholar to review assignments, study, and attend school each day.
October 15, 2026	**End of Marking Period 1**	Review your scholar's grades and contact teachers promptly with questions or concerns.
October 16, 2026	**Start of Marking Period 2**	Support your scholar in setting new academic and attendance goals.
October 26, 2026	**Breast Cancer Walk**	Participation details, meeting location, and any required permission information will be shared with families.
October 27, 2026	**Senior College Trip**	A signed permission slip must be submitted at least two weeks before the trip. Seniors should follow all trip instructions.
October 27–30, 2026	**College Week**	Students will participate in college awareness activities and explore postsecondary options.

November 2026

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November 3, 2026	**Election Day — Students Do Not Attend**	Students do not attend school. There is no remote instruction.
November 3, 2026	**WAE Open House 12:30pm – 2:30pm**	Inviting all 7th & 8th Grade Middle school scholars to visit the WAE
November 6, 2026	**UFT College Fair**	Senior & Junior Students explore college options.
November 9–10, 2026	**Documented Student Conference Week**	Ask your scholar about her teacher feedback, strengths, and next academic goal.
November 11, 2026	**Veterans Day — Schools Closed**	Students do not attend school.
November 12–13, 2026	**Protected Revision and Reflection**	Students revise important work using teacher feedback.
November 17, 2026	**Junior College Trip**	A signed permission slip must be submitted at least two weeks before the trip. Juniors should follow all trip instructions.
November 17–18, 2026	**Marking Period 2 Assessments**	Ensure your scholar is present, prepared, and completing all required work.

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November 19, 2026	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences; End of Marking Period 2	Families should meet with teachers to review academic progress, attendance, and needed supports.
November 20, 2026	Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences; 3-Hour Early Dismissal; Start of Marking Period 3	Students will be dismissed early. Families should plan accordingly and attend conferences.
November 24, 2026	WAE Friendsgiving	Parents and families are invited to break bread with the WAE community. Additional details will be shared.
November 25, 2026	WAE Thanksgiving Feast	Students and Faculty come together to break bread as one. Additional details will be shared.
November 25, 2026	Senior Picture Day	Senior Students take Cap & Gown Pictures for the yearbook
November 26–27, 2026	Thanksgiving Recess — Schools Closed	Students do not attend school.

December 2026

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December 16, 2026	Sophomore College Trip	A signed permission slip must be submitted at least two weeks before the trip. Sophomores should follow all trip instructions.
December 17–18, 2026	Documented Student Conference Week	Ask your scholar to explain her academic progress and next step.
December 18, 2026	WAE College Fair	Students will meet professionals and alumni, explore college pathways, and practice professional communication. Families should encourage students to participate fully.
December 21, 2026	WAE Holiday Celebration	Students and families will receive additional details regarding activities and participation.
December 24, 2026–January 1, 2027	Winter Recess — Schools Closed	Students return after the recess; review school communications for the exact reopening date.

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January 2027

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January 1, 2027	**Winter Recess — Schools Closed**	Students do not attend school.
January 14, 2027	**Freshman College Trip**	A signed permission slip must be submitted at least two weeks before the trip. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend with ninth-grade scholars.
January 14–15, 2027	**Protected Revision and Reflection**	Students revise major assignments and complete reflections based on feedback.
January 18, 2027	**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day — Schools Closed**	Students do not attend school.
January 19–20, 2027	**PBL Student Presentations — Classroom**	Ask your scholar about her project, presentation responsibilities, and learning.
January 21, 2027	**End of Marking Period 3**	Review grades and determine whether your scholar needs academic support.
January 25, 2027	**PBL Showcase Day — Math and Science Departments**	Families are invited to view student projects and celebrate student learning.
January 26–29, 2027	**Regents Administration**	Only students scheduled for Regents exams should attend as directed. Confirm your scholar's exam schedule.

February 2027

Date	Activity / Event	What Families Need to Know
February 1, 2027	**Professional Development Day — Students Do Not Attend**	Students do not attend school.
February 2, 2027	**Spring Semester Begins**	Review your scholar's new semester schedule, attendance, and academic goals.
February 15–19, 2027	**Midwinter Recess — Schools Closed**	Students do not attend school.
February 22–23, 2027	**Documented Student Conference Week**	Ask your scholar to share teacher feedback and her next learning goal.

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March 2027

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March 1, 2027	**Women's History Month Kickoff**	Students begin a month of activities celebrating women's leadership, achievement, and contributions.
March 9, 2027	**Eid al-Fitr — Schools Closed**	Students do not attend school.
March 10–11, 2027	**Protected Revision and Reflection**	Students revise major work and reflect on their progress.
March 12 and 15, 2027	**Marking Period 1 Assessments**	Encourage regular attendance, preparation, and completion of all assignments.
March 16, 2027	**End of Marking Period 1**	Review your scholar's grades and reach out to teachers if support is needed.
March 17, 2027	**Start of Marking Period 2**	Help your scholar set goals for the new marking period.
March 17, 2027	**PSAT/ SAT Day – Dave & Busters Trip**	10th & 11th Grade take exams/ 9th & 12th Grade Dave & Busters
March 18, 2027	**Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences**	Meet teachers to discuss academic progress, attendance, and next steps.
March 19, 2027	**Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences; 3-Hour Early Dismissal**	Students will be dismissed early. Families should plan accordingly and attend conferences.
March 26, 2027	**Good Friday — Schools Closed**	Students do not attend school.
March 29, 2027	**Holi and Women's History Month Celebration**	Families will receive additional information about student participation and celebration activities.

April 2027

Date	Activity / Event	What Families Need to Know
April 6–12, 2027	**NYSESLAT Speaking — Selected Students**	Families of selected multilingual learners should ensure daily attendance and review testing information sent by the school.
April 12, 2027	**NYSESLAT Speaking Window Ends**	Selected students must complete the speaking assessment by this date.
April 13–14, 2027	**Documented Student Conference Week**	Ask your scholar about her progress, teacher feedback, and learning goal.

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April 16, 2027	Career Fair	Students will meet professionals, explore career pathways, and practice professional communication. Families should encourage students to participate fully.
April 20–21, 2027	Protected Revision and Reflection	Students revise important work using feedback.
April 22–30, 2027	Spring Recess — Schools Closed	Students do not attend school.

May 2027

Date	Activity / Event	What Families Need to Know
May 3, 2027	Marking Period 2 Assessment	Ensure your scholar is present and prepared.
May 4, 2027	End of Marking Period 2; NYSESLAT Reading, Writing and Listening Begins	Review grades. Families of selected students should ensure attendance throughout the testing window.
May 5, 2027	Start of Marking Period 3	Support your scholar in setting final marking-period goals.
May 7, 2027	College Signing Day	Families will celebrate seniors' college, career, and postsecondary commitments. Event details will be shared.
May 11, 2027	Mother's Day Brunch	Mothers, guardians, and family members will receive an invitation with the event time and participation details.
May 14, 2027	NYSESLAT Reading, Writing and Listening Window Ends	Selected students must complete required assessments by this date.
May 17, 2027	Eid al-Adha — Schools Closed	Students do not attend school.
May 26, 2027	CRMYA & FRNYC Apprentices Dinner	Honoring Student Apprentices with an awards dinner. Parents will receive an invitation to the venue.
May 27–28, 2027	Documented Student Conference Week	Ask your scholar to share her final academic goals and progress.
May 31, 2027	Memorial Day — Schools Closed	Students do not attend school.

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June 2027

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June 1, 2027	**PBL Showcase Day — ELA and History Departments**	Families are invited to view student projects and celebrate student learning.
June 7–9, 2027	**Final Portfolio Revision, Reflection and Submission**	Students should complete, revise, and submit all required portfolio work.
June 10, 2027	**Chancellor's Conference Day — Students Do Not Attend**	Students do not attend school. There is no remote instruction.
June 11 and 14, 2027	**Marking Period 3 Assessments**	Ensure your scholar attends and completes all final coursework.
June 19, 2027	**Father's Day Brunch**	Fathers and father figures are warmly invited to celebrate with our WAE scholars. Event time and participation details will be shared with families.
June 15–18, 2027	**Regents Administration**	Confirm your scholar's individual Regents schedule and required arrival time.
June 14, 2027	**End of Marking Period 3**	Confirm that all required assignments and credits are complete.
June 21–25, 2027	**Regents Administration**	Confirm your scholar's individual Regents schedule and required arrival time.
June 25, 2027	**Graduation**	Graduating seniors and their families will receive ceremony details. Other students should follow their individual Regents schedules.
June 28, 2027	**Last Day of School**	Students should attend and complete all end-of-year responsibilities.

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