

## **GSSM 2016-2017 Academic Calendar – Student Edition**

### **FALL SEMESTER**

The following calendar is not an exhaustive list of events at GSSM.

\* Class days missed due to inclement weather may require make-up classes on Saturdays. Class days missed due to prolonged inclement weather may require rescheduling planned days off throughout the year as normal class days.

#### **AUGUST**

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Wednesday, August 10	Orientation Leaders and Natural Helpers move-in
Friday, August 12	Junior move-in and orientation
Friday, August 12	Ambassador move-in
Saturday, August 13	Junior orientation continued
Sunday, August 14	Senior move-in
Monday, August 15	Orientation continued
Tuesday, August 16	Classes begin with PM classes only
Wednesday, August 17	First full day of classes
Thursday, August 18	First Research Advisee/Advisor meeting, 4pm
Friday, August 19	StartupGSSM Day (Juniors at GSSM, Seniors on city tours)
Thursday, August 25	Last day for students to add a fall semester course
TBD by Faculty member	August Advisor-Advisee meeting

#### **SEPTEMBER**

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Saturday, September 3	Cross-Cultural Simulation at GSSM, 10am-2pm (all Juniors)
Thursday, September 8	Board of Trustees meeting
Thursday, September 8	Convocation, 2pm (Classes as usual until noon); LWE begins after Convocation & ends Sun. at 7pm
Saturday, September 10	ACT test date (LWE Saturday)
Saturday, September 10	Accelerate Class of 2018 Saturday Experience at GSSM
Wednesday, September 14	Last day to drop a fall semester course without it appearing on the transcript
Saturday, September 24	Parents' Day
Sunday, September 25	GSSM College Fair, 2:00pm-3:30pm
Tuesday, September 27	Six week assessment grade given to students by Faculty
TBD by Faculty member	September Advisor-Advisee meeting
TBD	School-wide Speaker Series, gym (all students)

#### **OCTOBER**

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Saturday, October 1	SAT test date
Tuesday, October 4	"Magnolia" at Kalmia Gardens hosted by the GSSM Foundation, 11:30am
Thursday, October 6	LWE begins after class & ends Sun. at 7pm
Thursday, October 6	"Sip & Sup" at GSSM hosted by the GSSM Foundation, 7pm
Friday, October 14	Mid-term grading period ends
Wednesday, October 19	For Juniors: PSAT in the AM and SC College Visit in the PM
	For Seniors: Career Day in the AM and college application sessions in the PM
Thursday, October 20	Wednesday class and lab schedule
Thursday, October 20	Advisor-Advisee meeting to distribute grades, 1pm
Friday, October 21	Thursday class and lab schedule
Friday, October 21	Mid-term report cards mailed home
Saturday, October 22	ACT test date
Saturday, October 22	Accelerate Chemistry Lab Weekend 1

**NOVEMBER**

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Thursday, November 3	LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm
Saturday, November 5	SAT test date
Saturday, November 5	Accelerate Class of 2019 Saturday Experience at GSSM
Saturday, November 12	Preview Day for prospective students
Saturday, November 12	Accelerate Chemistry Lab Weekend 2
Friday, November 18	Etiquette Dinner, 6pm-9pm (all Juniors)
Saturday, November 19	Accelerate Physics Lab Weekend 1
Tuesday, November 22	Thanksgiving holidays begin after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm

**DECEMBER**

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Saturday, December 3	Preview Day for prospective students
Saturday, December 3	SAT test date
Saturday, December 3	Winter Formal
December 7-9	Complete Student Feedback form
Thursday, December 8	Last day of fall semester classes
Friday, December 9	Review/Reading Day
Saturday, December 10	ACT test date (Seniors only by permission)
December 10, 12-16	Exams (Students may not sign out for the weekend during exams)
Friday, December 16	End of fall semester, Christmas holidays begin after last exam
Thursday, December 22	1 <sup>st</sup> semester report cards mailed home

## JANUARY INTERIM AND SPRING SEMESTER

### JANUARY

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Monday, January 2	Students return from Christmas holidays by 7pm
Tuesday, January 3	Interim session begins with assembly at 9am, gym
Saturday, January 7	Parents' Seminar Day (Academic Saturday, no sign outs)
Thursday, January 12	Board of Trustees meeting
Monday, January 16	Preview Day for prospective students in the PM
Wednesday, January 18	Interim Presentations & Research Colloquium Practice; Winter Break begins after Colloquium Practice & ends Sun. at 7pm
Saturday, January 21	SAT test date (Winter Break Saturday)
Monday, January 23	Spring semester begins
Wednesday, January 25	President's "State of the School" address, 1pm, gym (all students and Faculty)
TBD by Faculty member	January Advisor-Advisee meeting
Tuesday, January 31	Last day for students to add a spring semester course

### FEBRUARY

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Wednesday, February 1	Rising junior application due date
Saturday, February 4	Senior Research Colloquium (Academic Saturday, no sign outs)
Saturday, February 11	ACT test date
Saturday, February 11	Accelerate Physics Lab Weekend 2
Thursday, February 16	LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm
Monday, February 20	Last day to drop a spring semester course without it appearing on the transcript
TBD by the DOE	ACT Workkeys at GSSM for all Juniors in the AM and college visits in the PM

### MARCH

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Friday, March 3	Six week assessment grade given to students by Faculty for new courses
Saturday, March 4	Accelerate Chemistry Lab Weekend 3
Sunday, March TBD	NACAC college fair in Charlotte
Saturday, March 11	SAT test date
Wednesday, March 15	Townes Dinner hosted by the GSSM Foundation
Thursday, March 16	Mid-term grading period ends
Thursday, March 16	LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm
Saturday, March 18	Accelerate Class of 2019 Saturday Experience at GSSM
Wednesday, March 22	Advisor-Advisee meeting to distribute grades, 1pm
Friday, March 24	Mid-term report cards mailed home
Saturday, March 25	Interview Day
Saturday, March 25	SCJAS (Academic Saturday for Seniors)

### APRIL

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TBD by the DOE	ACT at GSSM for all Juniors in the AM and college visits in the PM
Saturday, April 1	Accelerate Physics Lab Weekend 3 and Accelerate Chemistry Lab Weekend 4
Thursday, April 6	Board of Trustees meeting
Saturday, April 8	ACT test date
Friday, April 14	Spring Break begins after classes
Sunday, April 23	Spring Break ends at 7pm
Saturday, April 29	Prom

### MAY

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May 1 – May 12	AP Exams with abbreviated class schedules TBD
Saturday, May 6	SAT test date
Saturday, May 6	Accelerate Class of 2017 Capstone Presentations
Saturday, May 13	New Student and Family Orientation
Sunday, May 14	Academic Awards Program, 2pm, gym

May 15-17	Complete Student Feedback form
Tuesday, May 16	Last day of spring semester classes
Wednesday, May 17	Review/Reading Day
May 18-20, 22-24	Exams (Students may not sign out for the weekend during exams)
Saturday, May 20	Accelerate Graduation
Saturday, May 27	Graduation at 11am
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day

**JUNE**

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Friday, June 2	Final report cards mailed home
Saturday, June 3	SAT test date
Saturday, June 10	ACT test date
Thursday, June 15	Board of Trustees meeting
Sunday/Monday, June TBD	Summer Research for Class of 2018 begins

**JULY**

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Friday, July TBD	Summer Research concludes
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