

## **GSSM 2018-2019 Academic Calendar – Student Edition**

### **FALL SEMESTER**

All school or large group meetings should try to schedule these types of meetings during the following two times:

- Tuesday, 4:00 – 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Below is the general calendar for 2018-2019:

- 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.
- LWE stands for Long Weekend, which start after a student's last class on Thursday. Students need to return from LWE no later than 7:00 PM on Sunday.

#### **AUGUST**

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| Monday, August 13     | Ambassadors move-in                                  |
| Wednesday, August 15  | Orientation Leaders and Natural Helpers move-in      |
| Friday, August 17     | Junior move-in and orientation                       |
| Saturday, August 18   | Junior orientation continued                         |
| Sunday, August 19     | Senior move-in                                       |
| Monday, August 20     | First full day of classes                            |
| Thursday, August 23   | First Research Advisee/Advisor meeting, 4pm          |
| Friday, August 24     | Junior workshops and Seniors Startup Day, no classes |
| Saturday, August 25   | SAT test date  |
| Wednesday, August 29  | 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 8   | ACT test date   |
| Tuesday, September 11   | Senior Pictures by Strawbridge, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm   |
| Thursday, September 13  | Board of Trustees meeting (9:00 am to noon)   |
| Thursday, September 13  | Convocation, 2pm (Classes as usual until noon); LWE begins after Convocation & ends Sun. at 7pm |
| Wednesday, September 19 | Last day to drop a fall semester course without it appearing on the transcript                  |
| Wednesday, September 19 | Junior Class Ring orders (Balfour), North Lobby, 5pm  |
| Saturday, September 22  | Campus visit to Clemson sponsored by OCCA   |
| TBD by Faculty member   | September Advisor-Advisee meeting   |
| Saturday, September 29  | Parents' Day  |
| Sunday, September 30    | College Fair at GSSM, 2:00pm – 3:30pm   |

#### **OCTOBER**

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| Saturday, October 6   | SAT test date   |
| Wednesday, October 10 | PSAT (all Juniors)  |
| Wednesday, October 10 | Campus visit to USC sponsored by OCCA, depart 12:30pm                       |
| Thursday, October 11  | Thursday AM schedule and Wednesday PM schedule                              |
| Thursday, October 11  | LWE begins after class & ends Sun. at 7pm                                   |
| Wednesday, October 24 | Mid-term grading period ends  |
| Saturday, October 27  | Campus visit to the College of Charleston sponsored by OCCA                 |
| Saturday, October 27  | ACT test date   |
| Wednesday, October 31 | Advisor-Advisee meeting to distribute grades, 1pm; report cards mailed home |

#### **NOVEMBER**

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| Thursday, November 1 | LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm |
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| Saturday, November 3              | SAT test date  |
| Wednesday, November 7             | Senior Cap and Gown orders (Balfour), North Lobby, 5pm       |
| Friday, November 9                | Etiquette Dinner, 6pm-9pm (required for all Juniors)         |
| Saturday, November 17             | Preview Day  |
| Saturday, November 17 (tentative) | GSSM Theater Production                                      |
| Tuesday, November 20              | Thanksgiving holidays begin after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm |

**DECEMBER**

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| Saturday, December 1   | SAT test date  |
| Saturday, December 1   | Winter Formal  |
| Saturday, December 8   | Preview Day  |
| Saturday, December 8   | ACT test date  |
| Wednesday, December 12 | Last day of fall semester classes, follows a Friday class schedule |
| Thursday, December 13  | Review/Reading Day; Breakfast of Champions                         |
| December 14-15, 17-19  | Exams (Students may not sign out for this weekend)                 |
| Wednesday, December 19 | End of fall semester, Christmas holidays begin after last exam     |
| Friday, December 28    | 1st semester report cards mailed home                              |

**JANUARY INTERIM AND SPRING SEMESTER**

**JANUARY**

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| Sunday, January 6     | Students return from Christmas holidays by 7pm                     |
| Monday, January 7     | Interim session begins with assembly at 9am, gym                   |
| Saturday, January 12  | Parents' Seminar Day (Academic Saturday, no sign outs)             |
| Wednesday, January 23 | Interim Presentations  |
|                       | Winter Break begins after interim presentations & ends Sun. at 7pm |
| Monday, January 28    | Spring semester begins   |
| TBD by Faculty member | January Advisor-Advisee meeting                                    |
| Thursday, January 31  | Board of Trustees meeting  |

**FEBRUARY**

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| <i>TBD by the DOE</i>  | <i>ACT at GSSM for all Juniors in the AM</i>  |
| Tuesday, February 5    | Last day for students to add a spring semester course                                   |
| Saturday, February 9   | Senior Research Colloquium (Academic Saturday, no sign outs)                            |
| Saturday, February 9   | ACT test date   |
| Wednesday, February 20 | Rising senior advisor-advisee meeting for course selection, 1pm                         |
| Thursday, February 21  | 1 <sup>st</sup> day for rising seniors to submit course requests forms to the registrar |
| Thursday, February 21  | LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm   |
| Monday, February 25    | Last day to drop a spring semester course without it appearing on the transcript        |
| Wednesday, February 27 | Last day for rising senior to submit course requests forms to the registrar             |

**MARCH**

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| <i>TBD by the DOE</i> | <i>WIN at GSSM for all Juniors in the AM</i>                              |
| Saturday, March 2     | Inside GSSM   |
| Monday, March 4       | Battle of the Houses begins   |
| Saturday, March 9     | Semi-Finalist Day   |
| Saturday, March 9     | SAT test date   |
| Thursday, March 21    | Mid-term grading period ends; LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm |
| Wednesday, March 27   | Advisor-Advisee meeting to distribute grades, 1pm                         |
| Friday, March 29      | Mid-term report cards mailed home   |
| Saturday, March 30    | SCJAS at Francis Marion University  |

**APRIL**

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| Saturday, April 13 | ACT test date                     |
| Saturday, April 13 | Prom                              |
| Thursday, April 18 | Board of Trustees meeting         |
| Friday, April 19   | Spring Break begins after classes |
| Sunday, April 28   | Spring Break ends at 7pm          |

**MAY**

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| Saturday, May 4   | SAT test date   |
| Saturday, May 4   | Accelerate Class of 2019 Class Project Presentations                  |
| May 6 – May 17    | AP Exams with abbreviated class schedules TBD                         |
| Saturday, May 18  | Accelerate Class of 2019 Completion Celebration                       |
| Saturday May 18   | New Student and Family Orientation                                    |
| Sunday May 19     | Academic Awards Program, 2pm  |
| Wednesday, May 22 | Last day of spring semester classes, follows a Friday class schedule  |
| Thursday, May 23  | Review/Reading Day; Breakfast of Champions                            |
| May 24-25, 27-29  | Exams (Students may not sign out for the weekend during exams)        |
| Wednesday, May 29 | Senior Banquet, 6pm (All Seniors and any Juniors remaining on campus) |

**JUNE**

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| Saturday, June 1  | SAT test date                  |
| Saturday, June 1  | Graduation at 11am             |
| Friday, June 7    | Final report cards mailed home |
| Saturday, June 8  | ACT test date                  |
| Thursday, June 13 | Board of Trustees meeting      |

**JULY**

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| Saturday, July 13 | ACT test date |
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