



Middle School

Important Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

This information is **Subject to Change**. This is the initial calendar for the 23/24 school year. For a complete calendar and to see additional events added throughout the year, please visit the school's online calendar at <http://www.valleycatholic.org>.

As a reminder, there are several times during the year that students have early dismissal days. Those days are noted below.

Please see the excerpts about missing school (excessive absences) and missing final exams on p. 4

September	4	Labor Day		
	5	Orientation and Back to School for 6th grade families: (Students should wear Free Dress) Students and at least one parent should attend	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	
	6	Week One: Starting School (Orientation Week) Half Day Dismissal: Wear uniform	Half Day: 7:50 - 12:05 p.m. Dismissal No after-school study or activities	
	7	Week One: Starting School (Orientation Week) Half Day Dismissal: Picture day – Free Dress Scholastic Testing (English, Math, Cognitive)	Half Day: 7:50 - 12:05 p.m. Dismissal No after-school study or activities	
	7	Evening Event: ZOOM Back to School for Grades 7&8	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	
	8	Week One: Starting School (Orientation Week) Half Day Dismissal: (All Grades) Spirit Dress or Uniform Welcome Back Mass 6th -12 grade	Half Day: 7:50 - 12:05 p.m. Dismissal No after-school study or activities 9:25 a.m.	
	11-15	Week Two: Starting coursework Academic classes begin – all grades	Class time 7:50 - 3:20 p.m. No after-school study or activities	
	12	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m. Dismissal No after-school study or activities	
	15	Spirit dress or uniform		
	18-22	Week Three: Getting involved After-school study hall begins for 3:20 dismissal days	Class time 7:50 - 3:20 p.m. After-school study hall begins	
	19	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.	
	21	“Good-Bye Summer” Special Dress Day		
	22	Half Day Dismissal Spirit Dress or Uniform	Half Day: 12:05 p.m. Dismissal No after-school study or activities	
	26	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.	
	29	No School: In-service		
	October	3	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.
		10-12	No School: Parent – Teacher Conferences via Zoom	
		13	No School: Statewide In-service	
		17	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.
19		Photo Retake Day		
24		Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.	
31		Early Dismissal (every Tuesday) Halloween Color Special Dress Day	1:46 p.m.	
November	1	Mass: All Saints	9:25 a.m.	
	3	No School: End of First Quarter		
	6	Special Dress: Lazy Dress		

7	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
10	No School – Veterans Day	
13	No School - In-service	
14	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
21	VCMS & VCHS Thanksgiving Mass K-12	9:25 a.m.
	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
22	No School: In-service	
23-26	No School: Thanksgiving Break	
28	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.

December

Please note: As part of the food drive, there will be special “red” and “green” dress days every Tuesday and Thursday with the contribution of specific food drive items. Details are announced in mid-Nov.

5	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
6	MS/HS Band and Orchestra Concert	7:00 p.m.
8	Mass K-12: Immaculate Conception	9:25 a.m
12	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.
13	MS/HS Choir and Dance Performances	7:00 p.m.
15	Mass 6-12: Christmas Mass	9:25 a.m.
15	Special Early Release – Food Drive	10:30 a.m. Dismissal
16-1/1	Christmas Break	

January

2	Classes Resume	
	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.
5	All Campus Mass	9:25 a.m.
9	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
	Applicant Q&A via Zoom	7:00 p.m.
15	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr.	
16	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.
22	Half Day Dismissal – Final Exams	12:05 p.m.
23	Half Day Dismissal – Final Exams	12:05 p.m.
24	Half Day Dismissal – Final Exams	12:05 p.m.
25	Half Day Dismissal – Final Exams Conflicts	12:05 p.m.
26	No School: End of 2nd Q	
29-2/1	Catholic Schools Week	
29	Retreat (All Grades)	
30	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m

February

1	All School Mass	9:25 a.m.
2	No School: In-service	
6	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.
13	Special Dress: Valentine’s Colors	
	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.
14	All School Mass – Ash Wednesday	9:25 a.m.
19	No School: President’s Day	
20	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.
27	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.

March

5	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.
8	SSMO Heritage Day Mass	9:25 a.m.
11	Special Dress: Lazy Dress	
12	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.
18	Special Dress: St. Patrick’s colors	
19	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m.

	20	Women in STEM Day	
	22	No School: Inservice End of 3rd Q	
	25-29	Spring Break	
April	1	No School: Easter Monday	
	2	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
	5	Mass Schedule	9:25 a.m.
	9	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
	16	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
	22-25	Rejuvenation Week– Special Dress	
	23	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
	26	No School: Inservice	
	30	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
May	1	May Crowning	
	7	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
	13-17	Teacher Appreciation Week	
	14	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
	21	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
	24	End of Year Mass	9:25 a.m.
	27	No School: Memorial Day	
	28	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:46 p.m
	30	Spring Performance and Art Fair-VCHS Auditorium Band/Orchestra Dance/Choir Art Fair	6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
June	3-5	8th grade Capstone presentations	12:05 p.m. Dismissal for 6th & 7th (3:20 p.m. 8 th grade only)
	6	8th Grade Graduation Get-Away Trip No School 6 th and 7 th grade	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	6	8th grade Sending Ceremony Final Prayer Service Parents welcome! last day for 8th grade	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
	7	Half Day for 6 th and 7 th 6 th and 7 th grade Social Studies Fair Please note: There will be a presentation time at the end of the day that will be open for parents/visitors. Details are announced in mid-early May.	12:05 p.m. Open to parents ~10:00 a.m.
	10	Half Day Dismissal – Final Exams	12:05 p.m.
	11	Half Day Dismissal – Final Exams	12:05 p.m.
	12	Half Day Dismissal – Final Exams	12:05 p.m.

Missing School for Reasons Other than Illness

Students cannot miss 10 days of school in a semester and still be in compliance with school policy as well as the State of Oregon's attendance (#339.065) requirement (as outlined in our Handbook Section 2.11).

Once a student misses the 10th day - for any reason - the student will not receive credit for coursework without the student receiving a Medical Learning Plan due to a medically verified reason (surgery, chemo, COVID, etc). The student's transcript will show that the student did not fulfill the minimum number of seat hours and thus no credit, nor grade, will be provided.

Missing Final Exams and Standardized Testing Days

Final exams are a key part of our program and we do not make accommodations unless there are extenuating circumstances (as defined in our handbook). Extenuating circumstances would include bereavement, surgery for the child, medical treatments (chemotherapy), concussion, in-treatment program (such as eating disorders or mental health, for example), etc.

If a student misses final exams without an extenuating circumstance, the child will be marked as absent and will receive a grade of "0" on the final exam for any course that is giving a final exam during final exam week. Some classes, though, have culminating projects instead of or in addition to finals.

If a student misses class during these projects or if she/he is involved with a group project that requires the student's presence in order for the group to complete their task, the student will not be granted a "make-up" assignment as we do not offer individual accommodations without an Individual Learning Plan.