



Middle School

Important Dates for the 2024-2025 School Year

This information is **Subject to Change**. This is the initial calendar for the 24/25 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, students have early dismissal days several times during the year. Those days are noted below.

Please see the excerpts about missing school (excessive absences) and missing final exams on p. 5

August	12-23	VCEMS office is open 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	
	12-22	VCEMS uniform closet is open 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	
	26-30	VCEMS office is closed to in-person visits	(Staff are attending start-of-year training)
	27	VCS Foundation Staff hosts a New Parent Information Night - 6-7:30 PM <i>Details will come from the Foundation staff not VCMS staff</i>	
September	2	Labor Day	
	3	Orientation and Back to School for 6th grade families: (Students should wear Free Dress) Students and at least one parent should attend	12:30 – 4:00 p.m.
	4	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
	5	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
	5	Evening Event: IN PERSON Back to School for Grades 7&8	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
	6	Week One: Starting School (Orientation Week) Half Day Dismissal: (All Grades) Spirit Dress or Uniform Welcome Back Mass (All School)	Half Day: 7:50 - 12:05 p.m. Dismissal No after-school study or activities 9:25 a.m.
	6	Alumni Tailgate (BBQ before the football game)	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
	9-13	Week Two: Starting coursework Academic classes begin – all grades	Class time: 7:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. No after-school study or activities
	10	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m. Dismissal No after-school study or activities
	13	Spirit dress or uniform	
	16-20	Week Three: Getting Involved After-school study hall begins at 3:20 dismissal days	Class time: 7:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. After-school study hall begins
	17	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	18	“Good-Bye Summer” Special Dress Day	
	20	Half Day Dismissal Spirit Dress or Uniform	Half Day: 12:05 p.m. Dismissal No after-school study or activities
	24	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	27	No School: In-service	
	October	1	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)
4		All School Mass (Blue)	9:25

	8-10	No School: Parent–Teacher Conferences In Person and Zoom Options	
	11	No School: Statewide In-service	
	15	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	17	Waves of Love (Day of Service)	Regular school day (7:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.)
	20	VCCHS Staff hosts the Valley Catholic High School Open House- Details will come from the VCCHS staff, not VCMS staff	
	21	No School - VCS Inservice Day	
	22	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
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	31	Halloween Colors: Special Dress Day	
November	1	All School Mass: All Saints	9:25 a.m.
	2	VCS Gala - Details will come from the Foundation staff not VCMS staff	
	4	No School: End of First Quarter	
	5	Special Dress: Lazy Dress	
	5	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	8	Photo Retake Day	
	11	No School – Veterans Day	
	12	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday) Food Drive Kick-Off	1:38 p.m.
	19	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	26	VCMS & VCCHS Thanksgiving Mass	9:25 a.m.
	26	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	27	No School: In-service	
	28-29	No School: Thanksgiving Break	
December		Please note: As part of the food drive, there will be special “red” and “green” dress days every Tuesday and Thursday, and specific food drive items will be contributed. Details will be announced in mid-November.	
	3	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	3	Giving Tuesday - Details will come from the Foundation staff not VCMS staff	
	4	HSPT testing - required attendance for all 8th-grade students	Regular school day (7:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.)
	6	All School Mass: Immaculate Conception	9:25 a.m.
	10	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	12	VCCHS Staff hosts a Very Valiant Christmas and Tree Lighting event Details will come from the VCCHS staff (Evening event - Time TBD)	
	17	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	18	VCMS Christmas Concert and Art Fair	6:00 - 9:00 p.m. VCCHS Auditorium
	18	Foundation Young Alumni Day - Details will come from the Foundation staff not VCMS staff	
	20	Mass 6-12: Christmas Mass	9:25 a.m.
	20	Special Early Release – Food Drive	10:15 a.m. Dismissal
	20	Winter Alumni Night at VCCHS Basketball Details will come from the Foundation staff	6-9:00 p.m.
	21 - 1/6	Christmas Break	
January	6	Classes Resume	
	7	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	10	All School Mass	9:25 a.m.
	14	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	16	Applicant Q&A	7:00 p.m.
	20	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr.	
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	24	No School: End of 2nd Q	
	27 -31	Catholic Schools Week	
	27	Retreat (All Grades)	
	28	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	31	All School Mass	9:25 a.m.
February	4	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	11	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	14	Special Dress: Valentine’s Colors	
	17	No School: President’s Day	
	18	No School: Inservice	
	21	All School Mass	9:25 a.m.
	24	Foundation Speaker Series <i>Details will come from the Foundation staff</i>	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
	25	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
March	4	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	4	Mardi Gras: Special Dress	
	5	Ash Wednesday Mass	9:25 a.m.
	11	Special Dress: Lazy Dress	
	11	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	16	Alumni Spring Musical Reception <i>Details will come from the Foundation staff</i>	
	17	Special Dress: St. Patrick’s colors	
	18	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	19	Women in STEM Day	
	21	SSMO Heritage Day Prayer Service	9:30 a.m - 10:00 a.m.
	24-28	Spring Break	
	31	Foundation Speaker Series <i>Details will come from the Foundation staff</i>	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
April	1	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	4	No School - End of 3rd quarter	
	8	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	15	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.
	17	Mass - Holy Thursday	9:25 a.m.
	18	Half day - Good Friday Service	12:05 p.m.
	21	No School: Easter Monday	
	22	No School: Teacher Inservice	
	23-25	Rejuvenation week - Special dress	
	24	Waves of Love - Spring (Day of Service) Administrative Assistant's Day	Regular school day (7:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.)
	24	Give 24 (<i>Details will come from the Foundation staff</i>)	All Day
	28	Foundation Speaker Series <i>Details will come from the Foundation staff</i>	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
	29	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.

May	1	May Crowning		
	2	May Crowning Mass	9:25 a.m.	
	5-9	Teacher Appreciation Week		
	6	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.	
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	21	Whole in One Golf Tournament <i>Details will come from the Foundation staff</i>	All Day	
	23	End of Year Mass (All Campus)	9:25 a.m.	
	26	No School: Memorial Day		
	27	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	1:38 p.m.	
	29	Spring Performance and Art Fair-VCHS Auditorium Band/Orchestra Dance/Choir Art Fair	6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	
	June	2-4	8th grade Capstone presentations	12:05 p.m. Dismissal for 6th & 7th (3:20 p.m. 8 th grade only)
		5	8th Grade Graduation Get-Away Trip No School 6 th and 7 th grade	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
5		8th grade Sending Ceremony Final Prayer Service Parents welcome! Last day for 8th grade	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	
6		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.	
9		Half Day Dismissal – Final Exams	12:05 p.m.	
10		Half Day Dismissal – Final Exams	12:05 p.m.	
11		Half Day Dismissal – Final Exams- Last day for 6th & 7th Gr.	12:05 p.m.	

★ See next page for information on missing school and exams.

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.