



# St. James Catholic School

Week of March 16, 2026  
603 West Avenue Gulfport, MS 39507

228-896-6631

[www.stjamesgulfport.com](http://www.stjamesgulfport.com)



DIOCESE OF BILOXI

## Parenting Tips for home and everyday life.



### INSTEAD OF ASKING, "HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?"

Ask, "What made you feel happy today?"



### READING & WRITING TIPS

- \*Create a cozy reading spot with good light & comfort at home.
- \*Tell your children to try writing from an animal's point of view.

### BUILDING FAITH AT HOME AND EVERYDAY LIFE

When you share, you are acting like Jesus.

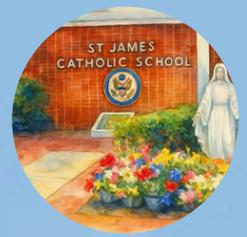
### Verse for the week



During the Fourth Week of Lent, may we remember that God's mercy is always waiting for us, and like the son in the parable welcomed home by his father, may we return with humble hearts to the loving embrace of Jesus Christ. †

## Dates to Remember

- Sunday - March 15th  
Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 3rd Grade leads
- Thursday - March 19th  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Awards  
Report Cards go home
- Friday - March 20th  
KOC Fish Fry - Saint J Youth
- Sunday - March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 2nd Grade leads
- Friday - March 27th  
KOC Fish Fry - SVdP & Adoration Society
- Sunday - March 29th  
Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade leads



2026

## Year of Manners

Please speak to your children about manners.

**“Be respectful even when no one is watching”**

Teaching children to be respectful even when no one is looking helps them develop strong character and reminds them that God sees our actions and our hearts. When children learn to do what is right at all times, they grow in honesty, responsibility, and integrity that will guide them throughout their lives.

## Blue and Gold Winner:



**Congratulations!**

**03/09/2026**

**Trisha Monroe \$100.00**

## St. Patrick's Day

On Tuesday, March 17th, students may wear St. Patrick's Day accessories with their school uniforms!  
**NO hair dye, coloring, or wigs.**

**SPIRITUAL TREASURES AWAIT**



Relic information below



## Frozen Rehearsal Weekly Schedule

**SJCS Art Camp**

**FANS Camp**

**SPCHS Camp**

**STEAM Camp**

Information included in this newsletter.



**IMPORTANT** - This income survey helps determine the amount of federal funding we will receive for the 26-27 school year. In order for St. James Catholic School to receive its full funding, participation from every family is very important, even if your income does not qualify. Please complete and return this form to your child's teacher by Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

**Household Income, Address and Grade Level Survey for Title I-A Funding Generation**  
for use in Spring 2026 Consultation

1. Name of private school: \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many students from your household attend this private school? \_\_\_\_\_

What grade is each student in? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Street Address (not P.O. Box) of household where student(s) reside:  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Do any household members currently receive assistance through SNAP, TANF or FDPIR? yes no  
**If yes, STOP HERE.** Students in your household meet the income element for Title I-A funding generation.

5. On the chart below, check the box indicating your Household Size (total adults and children who live there).

**Household Income\* – Qualification for Title I-A Funding (Continental U.S., D.C., Guam & territories)**

*Effective from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026*

Household Size Please check beside the number	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly Income
<b>if any apply to your family.</b>					
1 .....	\$ 28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
2 .....	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
3 .....	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
4 .....	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
5 .....	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
6 .....	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
7 .....	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
8 .....	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927
<b>For each additional Family member add . . . .</b>	<b>+10,175</b>	<b>+848</b>	<b>+424</b>	<b>+392</b>	<b>+196</b>
6. For your Household Size, is your Household Income* equal to or less than the amount shown?					

Yes, for our Household Size, our Household Income is equal to or less than the amount shown.  
No, for our Household Size, our Household Income is greater than the amount shown.

\*Household Income is "gross income": total income prior to any taxes/insurance/etc. being deducted. Household Income is the combined total income of all income-earners residing at the household and contributing to the household's expenses.



## March 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday

TRAY: Pancakes w/syrup, Sausage, Eggs, Rosey Applesauce  
TOTE: Pizza Stick, Creamy Alfredo Pasta, Rosey Applesauce  
Fruit & Yogurt

Tuesday

TRAY: Hamburger, Fixings Table, Assorted Chips, Orange Slices  
TOTE: Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Cool Ranch Doritos, Apple  
Chef Salad

Wednesday

TRAY: Chicken Tenders, Roll, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peas  
TOTE: Hot Dog, Chips, Applesauce  
Fruit & Yogurt

Thursday

TRAY: Loaded Mac & Cheese Bowl, Chicken & Shrimp, Choose your toppings, Brownie  
TOTE: Ham & Cheese, Chips, Cookie  
Chef Salad

Friday

TRAY: Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Orange Slices  
TOTE: Baked Ravioli, Creamy Alfredo Pasta, Apple Slices  
Fruit & Yogurt

## Ice Cream Friday - \$1.00

Students must have cash in order to purchase ice cream. All products are approved by the state office of Child Nutrition and fall within the guidelines of our Wellness Policy.

PK-3, PK-4, Kindergarten and 1st Grade: Students can bring money in a zip-lock bag with their name on it. If you would like to pay in advance, teachers will keep up with the money in the zip-lock bag. They will send the bag home when it is empty.

2nd - 6th Grade: Students will purchase their own ice cream and will be responsible for keeping up with their money.





# **“FROZEN” REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

## **FOR 3/16 - 3/20**

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**3/16 MON: BLOCKING (ACT I Sc 10, ACT II Sc 5-7) ELSA (CECILIA S), HANS (GUNNER B), WELSELTON (HUNTER T), SOLDIERS (HILL Mc, SCOTT Mc, KNOX E, WILL H, WALKER R, BECKETT L, ANDREW C, MADDOX H, CALE F, FINN L, JACKSON L, DAVID M) AND LACKEYS (CRISTIANO C, JAMES S, CORBAN C, GREYSON B, FELIX H, CARSON J, SAMUEL K, AIDEN S, JACKSON G, PAYTON R)**

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**3/17 TUES: BLOCKING (ACT II Sc 14) ANNA (MIA SOFIA C), KRISTOFF (CAYDEN M), OLAF (CLARK W), SVEN (BRAXTON K), PABBIE (HOPE M), BULDA (LUCY S)**

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**3/18 WED: BLOCKING (ACT II Sc 8) ANNA (MIA SOFIA C), HANS (GUNNER B), OLAF (CLARK W)**

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**3/19 THURS: BLOCKING (ACT II Sc 9) ELSA (CECILIA S), HANS (GUNNER B), ANNA (MIA SOFIA C), WESELTON (HUNTER T), FRISTOFF (CAYDEN M), OLAF (CLARK W), SVEN (BRAXTON)**

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**3/20 FRI: CHOREOGRAPHY “HYGGE” - ALL CAST EXCEPT ELSA (CECILIA S) & HANS (GUNNER B)**

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**NOTES: - I am in need of a “Coordinator” volunteer**

- I am in need of “Rehearsal Supervision” volunteers for large cast rehearsals**
- If picking up your child from rehearsal early, please go through the cafeteria to walk down to rehearsals**
- If the Participation Fee or Costuming presents a financial hardship, please contact [tevans@stjamesgulfport.com](mailto:tevans@stjamesgulfport.com) to assist**

# St. Patrick's Day

The title 'St. Patrick's Day' is written in a large, white, bubbly font with a green outline. The word 'St.' is smaller and positioned to the left of 'Patrick's'. The word 'Day' is also smaller and positioned below 'Patrick's'. A green leprechaun hat with a black band and a gold buckle is positioned to the right of the text. The background is dark green with many small, light green shamrocks scattered throughout.

On Tuesday, March 17th, students may wear St. Patrick's Day accessories with their school uniforms!

NO hair dye, coloring, or wigs.



DIOCESE  
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BILOXI  
**Relic  
Collection**

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## *Spiritual Treasures Await*

The Diocese of Biloxi has been given the tremendous blessing of over 1600 relics of saints, one of the largest collections in the country.

At present over 450 relics are on display in the Marian Chapel at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Another 250 will be switched out and displayed in May / June.

Viewing hours are 45 minutes after the 7am and 9am Sunday Masses, during the 6:30am and 8am daily Masses Monday through Friday and the 8am

- Mass Saturday morning.

(Refer to [NativityBVMCathedral.org](http://NativityBVMCathedral.org) for updated viewing hours.)

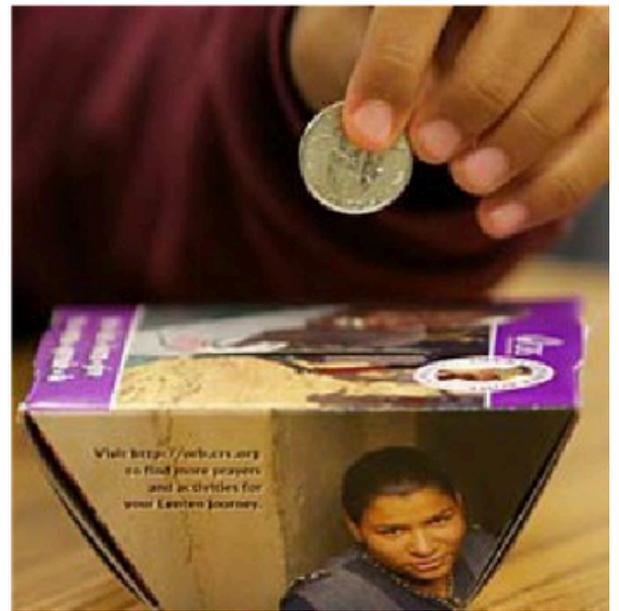
Group pilgrimages / tours can be arranged by contacting Colleen Kavanagh @[ColleenKavanagh64@gmail.com](mailto:ColleenKavanagh64@gmail.com) or by calling Nativity BVM Cathedral's office at 228-374-1717.

*The saint's lives inspire us and their relics are our spiritual treasures on earth!*



# FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE  
UP FOR LENT  
CHANGES LIVES.



The St. James Operation Rice Bowl service project will be held from February 18th - April 1st.

Through Operation Rice Bowl, we share the journey with members of our human family around the world, and commit our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving to deepening our faith and serving those in need.

(<https://www.crsricebowl.org/>)



# UNIFORM POLICY

The St. James Catholic School uniform policy is found on page 13 of the Student Handbook  
It is posted on our school website at: [www.stjamesgulfport.com](http://www.stjamesgulfport.com)  
Click on the Parent tab, and the Student Handbook is in the dropdown.



## Top Violations

- The length / style of hair on the boys
- The length of skirts the girls are wearing



### Boys' hair should:

- not go past the eyebrow
- should not touch the top of the shirt collar
- sides should be no longer than mid-ear
- no rat-tails or fad hair styles allowed

### Girls' skirts should be of modest length. Use the following as guidelines:

- No shorter than 4 inches from the floor when the child is kneeling
- Should fall at least 2 to 3 inches past fingertips when the child is standing.

If a student wears jewelry, only religious necklaces are allowed, under the school uniform shirt.

Girls may wear stud earrings **ONLY**.



Uniform violations will be sent home.

After two violations, detentions will be given.

You may shop in our uniform closet if you need new uniform pieces.

It is a great place to start, and everything is free.



# LENT 2026 SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - THURSDAY, APRIL 2

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- 7:00AM
- 8:30AM
- 12:00PM(Noon)
- 6:00PM

Wednesday, February 18

## FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS

Dinners will be available for eat-in or take-out  
in the Saint James Parish Center Gymnasium.

\$12.00 in advance - \$15.00 at the door

February 27 and March 6, 20 & 27  
@ 5:00PM - 6:30PM

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Journey as a faith community on the  
sorrowful Way of the Cross each week.

Fridays @ 2:00PM

## LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint J Youth will present Live Stations of the Cross  
in the Saint James Parish Center Gymnasium.

Good Friday, April 3 @ 3:00PM

## PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, March 25 @ 12:00PM

During the weeks of March 23 and  
March 30, Reconciliation opportunities will  
be available at neighboring parishes.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

“St. Joseph - The Hidden King” will be  
held at the Philomena House.

Please RSVP to Chris Molino at  
[evangelization@saintjamescc.com](mailto:evangelization@saintjamescc.com)

March 2, 9 & 16 @ 6:00PM - 7:30PM

## COUPLE PRAYER SERIES

A 5-week Couple Prayer Series for  
engaged and married couples starting  
February 19 and continuing throughout  
Lent will be held in the Church.

Scan the QR code to register today!

Thursdays @ 6:00PM - 7:30PM





# LENTEN FASTING + ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES

**Fasting:** Catholics 18-59 years of age, who are in good health, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength. **Abstinence:** All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday.

Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent, unless the Friday is a solemnity.

## TIME, TALENT + TREASURE

Lent is not only a time for fasting and abstinence; it is also a time to do more or be more active in your Saint James Parish. Here are a few things you might consider doing during Lent:

### TIME

- o Pray the Rosary every day
- o Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- o Go to confession
- o Go to daily Mass
- o Attend Stations of the Cross
- o Sign up for the Couples Prayer Series

- o Sign up for the Lenten Bible Study
- o Bring/encourage others to attend Mass
- o Visit our Perpetual Adoration Chapel frequently

### TALENT

- o Complete a Faith Formation Plan
- o Join one of our many ministries

### TREASURE

- o Donate food and drinks to our Saint J Youth Group
- o Donate to the Catholic Sharing Appeal
- o Donate a bag of food to our St. Vincent De Paul food bank

For more information on how you can do more this Lent, please contact the Parish Office (228-896-6059).

Faith Formation Plan - [biloxidiocese.org/faith-formation-plans](http://biloxidiocese.org/faith-formation-plans)

For donations: Saint J Youth Group [youthisminister@saintjamescc.com](mailto:youthisminister@saintjamescc.com) and [SVDPstjamesvdp07@gmail.com](mailto:SVDPstjamesvdp07@gmail.com)

## MASS SCHEDULE + OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRACE

**Sunday:** 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 5:30PM

**Monday:** 7:00AM & 8:30AM

**Tuesday:** 6:00PM

7:00PM XLT (**Adoration** with praise & worship) **Confession** available

**Wednesday:** 6:00AM (In the Adoration Chapel) & 8:30AM

**Thursday:** 7:00AM & 12:00PM (Noon)

**Friday:** 7:00AM & 8:30AM

**Saturday:** 3:00PM **Confession** available before 4:00PM Mass

**24/7** Spend time praying with our Lord in the **Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

Confession is also available upon request & the Rosary is prayed daily.





# SJCS SUMMER ART CAMP

WHO: Rising 1st-6th graders

TIME: 9am-12 noon

FEE: \$135.00/week

INSTRUCTOR: Terese G. Evans

tevens@stjamesgulfport.com    228-383-3651

DATES: (circle desired week/weeks)

June 1-5

June 8-12

~~June 15-19~~

**(Full but waitlist is available).**

- Art supplies, drinks & snacks provided
- Maximum enrollment: 25 students per week
- Make check payable to: St James School-Art Camp
- Payment made first day of camp, NOT prior
- Students will do new projects if multiple weeks
- No partial enrollments accepted
- Friday is finishing day for all projects

IF INTERESTED, FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO ST. JAMES SCHOOL. YOU WILL RECEIVE A PHONE CALL CONFIRMING YOUR CHILD'S ENROLLMENT A WEEK PRIOR.

(STUDENT'S NAME)

(RISING GRADE)

(GUARDIAN'S NAME & TELEPHONE NUMBER)

# Join us for STEAM Camp this summer @ SJCS!

<https://forms.gle/nFTw7842mEwMQeDF6>



## St. James STEAM Summer Camps

*St. James Catholic Elementary School, 603 West Ave.  
Gulfport, MS, 39507*

*\$100 per camp ages 10+*

*8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday*

- **June 1-4 STEM Explorations**  
Campers will experience a day each of 3D design, Coding, Electronics, and Robotics.
- **June 15-18 Electronics and Mechanical Explorations**  
Campers will explore the basics of Electronics and Mechanics by building simple circuits and simple machines to perform various tasks.
- **June 29-July 2 Coding with Scratch and Intro to Robotics**  
Campers will learn the basics of Block Coding using Scratch, create their own personal Scratch account, and use their coding skills to program a robot to follow a simple maze.
- **July 13-16 3D Design with Tinkercad and Solidworks**  
Campers will learn the basics of 3D design, create their own personal Tinkercad account and create their own 3D creations.

Payment can be mailed or dropped off or mailed to St. James upon registration.

DRESS: Comfortably but Appropriately

**\*\*Campers must bring their lunch\*\***

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

We're excited to announce that St. Patrick Catholic High School Summer Camps are now open for registration!

Our summer camps are a great way for students to stay active, build skills, and have fun in a safe, encouraging environment—led by our outstanding faculty, coaches, and staff. Camps are available for a variety of grade levels and interests.

Camp options include:

📣 Cheer • 🏹 Archery • ⚾ Softball • ⚽ Soccer  
🏐 Volleyball • 🏀 Basketball • 🏈 Football  
🤖 Rockets & Robots • ⚾ Baseball

📌 Spots are limited, so we encourage families to register soon!

✅ **Register here:**

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/spsummercamps/event/spsummercamps2026/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. We can't wait to see everyone this summer at St. Patrick!

Sincerely,

Emily Aldrich  
Director of Admissions and Communications



**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
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SCHOLARS | DISCIPLES | CHAMPIONS





**ST. PATRICK'S**  
**ROCKETS & ROBOTS**  
**SUMMER CAMP**



**\$150**

**CHOOSE YOUR DATES:**

**JUNE 22-26**  
**9 A.M. -12 P.M.**

**JULY 6-10**  
**9 A.M. -12 P.M.**





## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE OLA

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 | 7:00 - 10:00 PM

ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH WAVELAND

SILENT AUCTION | LIVE AUCTION

\$1 BASKET RAFFLE | LOCAL CUISINE

LIVE MUSIC BY JONI COMPRETTE

& BAYTOWN GROOVE

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# FANS CAMP

# 2026

QUESTIONS? CONTACT COACH ADRIAN DODSON (228) 365-7600 OR COACH MIKE MATTINA (228) 424-6813

REGISTER AT [WWW.FANSCAMP.COM](http://www.fanscamp.com)

## SUMMER 2026

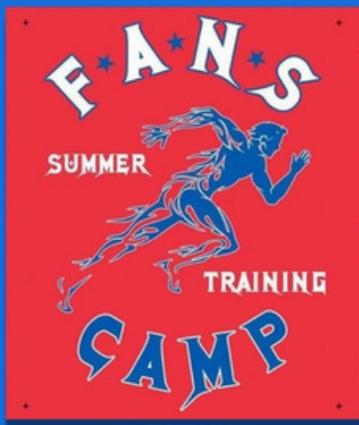
June 1st-July 17th

**AGILITY** • OPEN TO KIDS AGES 5-13

### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ⚡ FITNESS TRAINING FOR ALL SPORTS
- ⚡ MARTIAL ARTS
- ⚡ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DODGEBALL TOURNEYS
- ⚡ STRENGTH AND SPEED CONDITIONING
- ⚡ SUPERSTAR CONTESTS
- ⚡ P.E. AND SPORTS RELATED GAMES AND EVENTS
- ⚡ WEEKLY FIELD TRIPS TO MALL AND TRAMPOLINE PARK

FITNESS



NUTRITION

STRENGTH

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**

DROP OFF AS EARLY AS 6:45 AM  
PICK UP BY 5:15 PM

Located at:

Our Lady Of Fatima  
Elementary  
320 Jim Money Rd.  
Biloxi

### WEEKLY RATES:

- 1 CAMPER - \$149
- 2 CAMPERS - \$249
- 3 CAMPERS - \$349
- 4 CAMPERS - \$399

• ONLY PAY FOR THE WEEKS YOU ATTEND  
• \$150 REGISTRATION FEE  
SECURES YOUR CAMPER'S  
SPOT FOR THE SUMMER

\*CAMPERS MUST BE IN SAME FAMILY  
FOR MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT

# St. James Catholic School

Faith • Academics • Service

2025 – 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY/AUGUST 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
28	29	30	31	1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

SEPTEMBER 2025				
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

OCTOBER 2025				
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NOVEMBER 2025				
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DECEMBER 2025				
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JANUARY 2026				
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FEBRUARY 2026				
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MARCH 2026				
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APRIL 2026				
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MAY 2026				
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25	26	27	28	29

- Holiday – No School
- Quarter Tests
- Faculty/Staff Development
- End of a Quarter
- Report Cards

- Quarter 1** – July 31 to October 2
- Quarter 2** – October 3 to December 19
- Quarter 3** – January 5 to March 11
- Quarter 4** – March 12 to May 22
- First Day of School** – July 31
- Labor Day** – September 1
- Fall Holiday** – October 6-10
- Thanksgiving** – November 24 - 28
- Christmas** – December 22 - January 2
- Parent/Teacher Conferences** – January 16
- MLK, Jr. Holiday** – January 19
- Mardi Gras** – February 16-17
- ITBS Testing** – TBA
- Good Friday** – April 3
- Easter Holidays** – April 3 to 10
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation** – May 21
- Last Day of School** – May 22