



St. James Catholic School

Week of March 9, 2026
603 West Avenue Gulfport, MS 39507
228-896-6631
www.stjamesgulfport.com



DIOCESE OF BILOXI

Parenting Tips for home and everyday life.



INSTEAD OF ASKING, "HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?"

Ask, "What did you do
in Math today?"

READING & WRITING TIPS

- *Set a regular reading time (at bedtime, after school or after dinner).
- *Have a your child keep a special notebook for thier ideas & stories.

BUILDING FAITH AT HOME AND EVERYDAY LIFE

Have your child keep a special prayer list for family, friends & people in need.

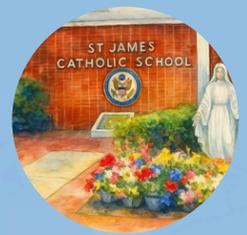
Verse for the week



During the Third Week of Lent, as Jesus Christ offers us living water, may we turn away from sin, trust in His mercy, and allow our hearts to be renewed by His grace.

Dates to Remember

- Sunday - March 8th
Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 4th Grade leads
- Tuesday - March 10th
Spring Pictures
- Friday - March 13th
NO SCHOOL - Faculty & Staff Retreat
- Sunday - March 15th
Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 3rd Grade leads
- Thursday - March 19th
3rd Quarter Awards
Report Cards go home
- Friday - March 20th
KOC Fish Fry - Saint J Youth



2026

Year of Manners

Please speak to your children about manners.

“Show reverence in church by being still and attentive.”

Teaching children to show reverence in church by being still and attentive helps them recognize that they are in the sacred presence of Jesus Christ and fosters a deeper respect for the Mass. When children practice quiet attentiveness, they grow in self-discipline, gratitude, and a stronger understanding of the importance of worship in their Catholic faith.

Blue and Gold Winner:



Congratulations!

03/09/2026

Penny Bise \$500.00

Spring Pictures

Tuesday

March 10th-



Spring Attire - clothing must be appropriate for school



No School



Friday, March 13th

Faculty & Staff Retreat

SPIRITUAL TREASURES AWAIT



Relic information below



Frozen Rehearsal Weekly Schedule

SJCS Art Camp

FANS Camp

SPCHS Camp

STEAM Camp

Information included in this newsletter.



March 9th - 13th

Monday

TRAY: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Broccoli
TOTE: Mini Chicken Tacos, Queso & Chips, Applesauce
Fruit & Yogurt

Tuesday

TRAY: Chicken Nuggets, Roll, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peas
TOTE: Grilled Caesar Wrap, Chips, Apple Slices
Chef Salad

Wednesday

TRAY: Hamburger, Fixings Table, Assorted Chips, Baked Beans
TOTE: Mini Corn Dogs, Cheetos, Orange Slices
Fruit & Yogurt

Thursday

TRAY: Pizza, Fixings Table, French Fries, Orange Slices
TOTE: Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Cool Ranch Doritos, Apple Slices
Chef Salad

Friday

No School

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 3/9 - 3/12



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**3/9 MON: CHOREOGRAPHY "HYGGE" - ALL CAST EXCEPT
ELSA (CECILIA S), HANS (GUNNER B), OLAF (CLARK W),
SVEN (BRAXTON K), KRISTOFF (CAYDEN M) & ANNA (MIA
SOFIA C)**

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**3/10 TUES: BLOCKING (ACT II SC 2) ELSA (CECILIA S),
ANNA (MIA SOFIA C), KRISTOFF (CAYDEN M), OLAF (CLARK
W), SVEN (BRAXTON K)**

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**3/11 WED: BLOCKING (ACT II SC 3 & 4) ANNA (MIA S C),
KRISTOFF (CAYDEN M), SVEN (BRAXTON K), OLAF (CLARK
W) BULDA (LUCY S) PABBIE (HOPE M)**

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**3/12 THURS: CHOREOGRAPHY "LOVE IS AN OPEN DOOR"
AND "WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LOVE?"
HANS (GUNNER B), ANNA (MIA S C), KRISTOFF (CAYDEN M)**

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**3/13 FRI: CHOREOGRAPHY "FIXER UPPER" - ALL CAST
EXCEPT ELSA (CECILIA S), HANS (GUNNER B), WESELTON
(HUNTER T), LACKEYS (CRISTIANO C, JAMES S, CORBAN C,
GREYSON B, FELIX H, CARSON J, SAMUEL K, AIDEN S,
JACKSON G, PAYTON R), 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)**

We WILL
have
rehearsals
on Friday.



Spring Picture Day

Spring pictures will be taken on
TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

No money is required on picture day.

A proof will be sent home for your approval, and purchasing the pictures is optional.

This will be a free dress day.

Children may wear Spring (Church) clothing for this picture.

NO short skirts, short shorts, or spaghetti straps are allowed.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS

2ND QUARTER

AR ACHIEVERS

The following students successfully met their AR goal by earning their points and maintaining 85% accuracy or higher. Their hard work, focus, and dedication to reading truly shine!

FIRST GRADE

- Beckham B.
- Godwyn D.
- Adelaide F.
- Liam G.
- Mila H.
- Hewes H.
- Rosalie H.
- Mila M.
- Mason M.
- Lucy M.
- Emilia Grace M.
- Julia S.
- Scott S.
- Hiatt V.
- Kate W.
- Audrianna C.
- Benjamin C.
- Rigley C.
- Patrick C.
- Mary Katherine D.

SECOND GRADE

- Maggie D.
- Matthew H.
- TC H.
- Natalie J.
- JB M.
- Mav R.
- Caroline S.
- Emerson W.
- Riley A.
- Asher B.
- Brooks B.
- Elias H.
- Madeline K.
- Ava L.
- Adara S.
- Luci S.
- Emma V.

THIRD GRADE

- John D.
- Amari D.
- Coco F.
- Warren H.
- Lola H.
- Brooks H.
- Blakely K.
- Harper K.
- Cole K.
- Collins M.
- Hawk M.
- Jaxon M.
- Imelie P.
- Bennett S.
- Vivien S.
- Maggie D.
- Matthew H.
- TC H.
- Natalie J.
- JB M.
- Mav R.
- Caroline S.
- Emerson W.
- Riley A.
- Asher B.
- Brooks B.
- Elias H.
- Madeline K.
- Ava L.
- Adara S.
- Luci S.
- Emma V.

FOURTH GRADE

- Greyson B.
- Christina B.
- Aria B.
- Abigail H.
- Maddox J.
- Hannah J.
- Scott M.
- Maddie M.
- Merritt S.
- Aiden S.
- Sophia S.
- Christiano C.
- Hannah C.
- Lucy G.
- Marguerite H.
- Sumner H.
- Samuel K.
- Finn L.
- Brooklyn L.
- Hill M.
- Easton P.
- Charley R.
- James S.
- Louis S.

FIFTH GRADE

- Ainsley B.
- Sarah B.
- Joe B.
- Nora C.
- Tristan C.
- Kennedy E.
- Ellie F.
- Harvey I.

SIXTH GRADE

- Amory B.
- Gunner B.
- Blakely B.
- Vivian B.
- Cale F.
- Jocelyn J.
- Naomi L.
- Mackenzie M.
- Lauren P.
- Crew S.
- Hunter T.
- Sandee B.
- Audrey C.
- Felix H.
- Braxton K.
- Barrett L.
- Beckett L.
- Lucy S.

Be proud of your self



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**Relic
Collection**

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 for updated viewing hours.)

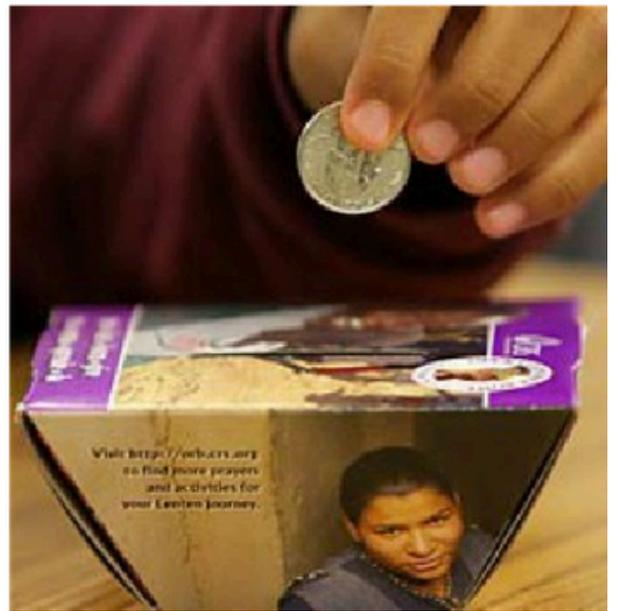
Group pilgrimages / tours can be arranged by contacting Colleen Kavanagh @ColleenKavanagh64@gmail.com or by calling Nativity BVM Cathedral's office at 228-374-1717.

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
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.

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Uniform Check ✓

Girls, please make sure your skirts are at least 2 inches below your fingertips!

Following Uniform Rules

Not Following Uniform Rules



Skirts must be at least 2 inches below fingertips

No shorter than 4 inches from the ✓

No shorter than 4 inches from the floor ✗



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Uniform Check ✓

Boys, please make sure your hair follows these rules:

- ✓ 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

Following Hair Rules

Not Following Hair Rules



Hair must be above eyebrows, not touch the collar, and be no longer than mid-ear

ALERT

Uniform violations will be sent home. After two violations, detentions will be given.



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

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

For donations: Saint J Youth Group youthminister@saintjamescc.com and 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

- 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
18300 St. Patrick Road, Biloxi, MS 39532 | 228.702.0500 | stpatrickhighschool.net

SCHOLARS | DISCIPLES | CHAMPIONS





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

SCAN QR CODE FOR
TICKETS & DRINK BAND



WWW.OURLADYACADEMY.COM/HOORAY 228-467-7048



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

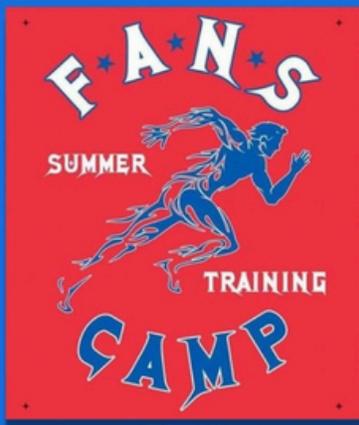
June 1st-July 17th

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
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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

SEPTEMBER 2025				
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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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- 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
- 6th Grade Graduation** – May 21
- Last Day of School** – May 22