

Family Welcome Letter

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We are eager to partner with you to make this our most successful year yet. Our calendar is designed to maximize student support through early assessments and strategic breaks.

Important Kick-Off Dates:

- **Adult-Only Open House, grades JK-12:** Join us **Monday, August 10**, in the evening to meet our faculty and prepare for the year ahead.
- **Assessment Days: August 11–14** will be **Half Days (Noon Dismissal)**. These sessions allow our teachers to work with students in smaller groups for baseline assessments. A calendar that indicates when students need to be present during this week will be provided at a later time.
- **First Full Day of Classes: Tuesday, August 18.**

Key Highlights:

- **Evening Fall Festival:** Join us **Friday, October 16**, for our community evening celebration!
- **Teacher Development:** Students will have a **half-day (Noon Dismissal)** on **Oct 23** and **Mar 12**.
- **Winter Break Return:** Classes resume **Tuesday, January 5**.
- **High School Graduation:** CALE Auditorium, **2:00 on May 13th**.
- **Last Day of School:** May 14th, 12:00

Please note that we have built in nearly 22 hours of flexibility for inclement weather. We look forward to seeing the adults on August 10th and to begin work with some of our students on August 11th!

Warmly,

Dr. Susan Deakins

2026-2027 Academic Calendar Summary

FALL SEMESTER 2026

- **Aug 10 (Mon):** Adult-Only Open House JK-12 (Evening)
- **Aug 11–14: Student Assessment Days-** (Half Day - Noon Dismissal) Each child will be assigned a specific day to come to CALE and participate in his/her assessments. We will let you know your child's assessment day in early summer.
- **Aug 18 (Tue): First Day of Full Classes**
- **Sept 4 (Fri):** No School (Labor Day Break)
- **Sept 7 (Mon):** No School (Labor Day)
- **Oct 5–9: Fall Break** (No School and SOAR Reading and Math Conference)
- **Oct 16 (Fri):** Fall Festival (Evening Event)(**Half Day**-Noon Dismissal)
- **Oct 23 (Fri):** Professional Development (**Half Day** - Noon Dismissal)
- **Nov 23–27: Thanksgiving Break** (No School)
- **Dec 18 (Fri):** Winter Break Begins (**Half Day** - Noon Dismissal)

SPRING SEMESTER 2027

- **Jan 4 (Mon):** Teacher Work Day (No Students)
 - **Jan 5 (Tue): Classes Resume**
 - **Jan 18 (Mon):** No School (MLK Jr. Day)
 - **Feb 12–16: Mid-Winter Break** (No School Fri/Mon/Tue)
 - **Mar 12 (Fri):** Professional Development (**Half Day** - Noon Dismissal)
 - **Mar 26 (Fri):** No School (Good Friday)
 - **Mar 29 – Apr 2: Spring Break** (No School)
 - **May 14 (Fri): Last Day of School** (Half Day - Noon Dismissal)
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