VACATION AND LONG WEEKEND POLICIES

The policies here are for your immediate information. These and other policies and procedures are also explained in the Community Handbook, the Blue Book, which all students and parents receive at the opening of school. For students with permission from the Office of Student Life, dormitories will be open by noon of the day preceding the end of Thanksgiving, winter and spring vacations to accommodate students who must return early because of travel arrangements or distances involved. Students planning to do this should be in touch with the Office of Student Life prior to their departure from school.

VACATIONS:
The following vacations will be observed during the 2017-2018 school year:

Thanksgiving: Begins on Thursday, November 16 at noon and ends Monday, November 27, at 8 p.m. Students must vacate their dormitory rooms on November 16 and may not re-occupy them until November 27 (except with permission from the Dean of Student Life). The dormitories will be closed throughout the vacation. The dining hall will be closed after lunch on November 16 until 6 p.m. on November 27.

Winter: Begins Friday, December 15, at noon and ends Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 8 p.m. Students must vacate their dormitory rooms on December 15 and may not re-occupy them until January 3 (except with permission from the Dean of Student Life). The dormitories will be closed throughout the vacation. The dining hall will be closed after lunch on December 15 until 6 p.m. on January 9.

Spring: Begins on Friday, March 2, at 10 a.m. and ends on Monday, March 19, at 8 p.m. Students must vacate their dormitory rooms on March 2 and may not re-occupy them until March 19 (except with permission of the Dean of Student Life). The dormitories will be closed throughout the vacation. The dining hall will be closed after lunch on March 3 until 6 p.m. on March 20.

Summer: Begins for seniors following Commencement on Saturday, May 26. Seniors must vacate their dormitory rooms immediately after Commencement exercises on May 26.

Begins for underclass students on Friday, June 1, at 10 a.m. Members of the three lower classes must vacate their dormitory rooms for the summer no later than June 1.

LONG WEEKENDS:
These weekends are not mandatory. Students may choose to take the longer weekend or remain on campus. Since this is a weekend and not a vacation, weekend applications and parental permission are required as for any regular weekend.

Fall Break: Begins Sunday, October 22, @ 12:00 p.m.  
Ends Tuesday, October 24, at 8 p.m.

Winter: Begins Friday, February 2, at noon.  
Ends Tuesday, February 6, at 8 p.m.

Spring: Begins Thursday, April 20 after classes.  
Ends Tuesday, April 24, at 8:00 p.m.

Please adhere strictly to all dates and times for weekends and vacations. To leave early or to return late is a disruption in your child’s academic schedule which may have an adverse effect on academic performance. Travel plans must be arranged to conform to this schedule.

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