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 2018-2019 school year:

**Thanksgiving:** Begins on Thursday, November 15 at noon and ends Monday, November 26, at 8 p.m. Students must vacate their dormitory rooms on November 15 and may not re-occupy them until November 26 (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 15 until breakfast on November 26.

**Winter:** Begins Thursday, December 20, at noon and ends Monday, January 7, 2019 at 8 p.m. Students must vacate their dormitory rooms on December 20 and may not re-occupy them until January 7 (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 20 until 6 p.m. on January 7.

**Spring:** Begins on Friday, March 1, at 10 a.m. and ends on Monday, March 18, at 8 p.m. Students must vacate their dormitory rooms on March 1 and may not re-occupy them until March 18 (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 1 until 6 p.m. on March 18.

**Summer:** Begins for seniors following Commencement on Saturday, May 25. Seniors must vacate their dormitory rooms immediately after Commencement exercises on May 25. Begins for underclass students on Friday, May 31, at 10 a.m. Members of the three lower classes must vacate their dormitory rooms for the summer no later than May 31.

**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:** Begins Friday, October 12 after classes. Ends Tuesday, October 16, at 8 p.m.

**Winter:** Begins Friday, February 1, at noon. Ends Tuesday, February 5, at 8 p.m.

**Spring:** Begins Friday, April 19 after classes. Ends Tuesday, April 23, 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.*