

**Columbia Independent School**  
**2025-2026 Activity Calendar for Families**

(Times/dates subject to change. Additional school activities will be scheduled throughout the school year.)

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**August 2025**

August 7 (Thu)	Middle School Social	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
August 10 (Sun)	Board of Trustees retreat - Upper School Commons	12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
August 11 (Mon)	JK3 Popsicles on the Playground	6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
August 11 (Mon)	Orchestra and Band Instrument Trial Night	6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
August 14 (Thu)	New Parent Reception - CIS	6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
August 15 (Fri)	MS/US locker setup and schedule pickup	9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
August 15 (Fri)	Lower School supply drop-off	9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Aug 15-21 (Fri-Thurs)	Uniform Sale and Spirit Store Sale	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
August 18 (Mon)	OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL <a href="#">Early Release at 11:00 a.m. for JK3, JK4 &amp; K ONLY</a> <a href="#">FULL DAY FOR 1ST THROUGH 12TH GRADES</a>	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
August 18 (Mon)	Parent Association Welcome - Arts Center	8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
August 22 (Fri)	All School Opening Assembly	10:00 a.m.
August 25-26 (Mon-Tues)	MS / US Retreats	

**SEPTEMBER 2025**

September 1 (Mon)	Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)	
September 3 (Wed)	Lower School Curriculum Night - CIS	6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
September 10 (Wed)	School Picture Day	8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
September 10 (Wed)	Middle/Upper School Curriculum Night	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
September 12 (Fri)	Roar & Rally Pickleball Tournament	TBA
September 17 (Wed)	All-School group photo (weather permitting)	10:00 a.m.
September 19 (Fri)	All-School Family Picnic - Bethel Park	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
September 22 (Mon)	8th Grade Family Night: Transition to Upper School - US Learning Commons	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
September 24 (Wed)	New Parent Coffee	8:00 a.m.
September 26 (Fri)	All-School Assembly	10:00 a.m.

**OCTOBER 2025**

October 1 (Wed)	Early Childhood Information Night (open house for perspective families)	6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
October 10 (Fri)	Faculty in-service day (NO SCHOOL for all grades)	
October 14 (Tue)	PSAT Testing (10th and 11th grade students)	8:30 a.m.

October 14-17 (Tue-Fri)	Scholastic Book Fair - CIS	Times TBA
October 15 (Wed)	1st quarter progress reports sent to families	
October 17 (Fri)	Parent/Teacher Conference day (NO SCHOOL for all grades)	
October 17 (Fri)	Parent Association teacher/staff appreciation luncheon	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
October 23 (Thu)	Parent Association meeting	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
October 24 (Fri)	Middle School Fall Festival	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
October 31 (Fri)	All-School Assembly	10:00 a.m.
October 31 (Fri)	Lower School Fall Party	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 2025

November 5 (Wed)	School picture retake day	8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
November 7-9	Fall musical	TBA
November 10 (Mon)	Junior Kindergarten 3 applicant assessment day (NO SCHOOL for JK3 only)	
November 11-14 (Tues-Fri)	US Trip	
November 17-21	All-School Spirit Week	
November 20 (Thu)	Spaghetti Supper & Family Fun Fest	5:30 to 9:00 p.m.
November 21 (Fri)	All-School Read-a-Thon/Mission Day	
November 24-28	Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)	

## DECEMBER 2025

December 2 (Tue)	Giving Tuesday	
December 12 (Fri)	Lower School Winter Party	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
December 16 (Tue)	Middle/Upper School 1st Semester Final Exams Lunch provided	Modified full-day schedule
December 17-19 (Wed-Fri)	Middle/Upper School 1st Semester Final Exams Snacks provided 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (MS) 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (US)
December 17 (Wed)	5th Grade Family Night: Transition to Middle School - Arts Center	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
December 19 (Fri)	School in session half-day (NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED AFTER SCHOOL)	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
December 22 - January 5	Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)	

## JANUARY 2026

January 5 (Mon)	Faculty in-service day (NO SCHOOL)	
January 6 (Tue)	SCHOOL RESUMES - SECOND SEMESTER	8:30 a.m.
January 6 (Tue)	First semester grades sent to families	
January 19 (Mon)	Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Community and Humanitarian Service (NO SCHOOL)	

January 23 (Fri)	Court warming Game	TBA
January 24 (Sat)	Winter Open House	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
January 24 (Sat)	Court warming Dance	TBA
January 29 (Thu)	Lower School Talent Show	TBA
January 30 (Fri)	Lower School Penguin Day	
January 30 (Fri)	All-School Assembly	10:00 a.m.

## FEBRUARY 2026

February 6 (Fri)	The Gala! - Atrium	5:30 p.m.
February 12 (Thu)	Lower School Valentine's Day Party	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
February 13-17 (Fri-Tue)	Presidents' Day Weekend (NO SCHOOL)	
February 20 (Fri)	Lower School Sweetheart Dance	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
February 21 (Sat)	Lower School Nerf Battle event	12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
February 25 (Wed)	College Fair	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
February 27 (Fri)	All-School Assembly	10:00 a.m.

## MARCH 2026

March 6 (Fri)	Faculty in-service day (NO SCHOOL for all grades)	
March 10 (Tue)	In-school ACT Test - Grades 11-12	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
March 10-13 (Tue-Thu)	Scholastic Book Fair	Time TBA
March 11 (Wed)	3rd quarter progress reports sent to families	
March 11 (Wed)	National Latin Exam (MS/US)	8:30 a.m.
March 13 (Fri)	Parent/Teacher Conference day (NO SCHOOL for all grades)	
March 13 (Fri)	Parent Association teacher/staff appreciation luncheon	11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.
March 16 (Mon)	Ready to Roar Day (visit day for new JK/K applicants) <b>NO SCHOOL FOR JK4 AND K STUDENTS ONLY</b>	
March 16 - 20	Upper School Intersession	
March 17 (Tue)	School resumes for JK4 & K	8:30 a.m.
March 23 - 27	Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)	
March 30 (Mon)	School resumes for all grades	8:30 a.m.

## APRIL 2026

April 7-9	Middle/Upper School Testing (ERB 6th - 8th, Pre-ACT 9th - 10th)	
April 8 (Wed)	CIS STEAMfest	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

April 10 (Fri)	Open Day (prospective US students may visit)	
April 10 (Fri)	Lower School Grandparents/Grandfriends Day <a href="#">Early Release at 11:00 a.m. (Lower School grades only)</a> <b>NO AFTERNOON CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR GRADES JK3-5)</b>	9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
April 13-17	ERB Testing (Grades 3-5)	
April 17-19	Spring Play	
April 20-24	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week	
April 22 (Wed)	Toga Day	
April 24 (Fri)	Faculty in-service day (NO SCHOOL)	
<b>MAY 2026</b>		
May 1 (Fri)	Lower School Social	6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
May 2 (Sat)	Middle School - Semi Formal	Time TBA
May 2 (Sat)	Upper School Prom	TBA
May 4 (Mon) - May 15 (Fri)	Advanced Placement Exams (Grades 10, 11, 12)	
May 8 (Fri)	All-School Assembly	10:00 a.m.
May 14 (Thu)	Middle/Upper School 2nd Semester Final Exams <a href="#">Lunch provided</a>	Modified full-day schedule
May 15 (Fri)	Middle/Upper School 2nd Semester Final Exams <a href="#">Snacks provided 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.</a>	8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (MS) 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (US)
May 18-19 (Mon-Tues)	Middle/Upper School 2nd Semester Final Exams <a href="#">Snacks provided 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.</a>	8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (MS) 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (US)
May 19 (Tue)	5th Grade Celebration - Arts Center	5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
May 20 (Wed)	House Day / Last Day of School <a href="#">Early release at 12:00 p.m.</a> <a href="#">Lunch provided to ALL grades</a> <b>NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED AFTER SCHOOL</b>	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
May 20 (Wed)	All-School Ice Cream Social	12:00 to 1:30 p.m.
May 20 (Wed)	Junior/Senior Dinner	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
May 21 (Thu)	Senior Commencement practice	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
May 21 (Thu)	CIS Commencement - CIS	6:30 p.m.
May 21-22 (Thu-Fri)	Faculty in-service days (NO SCHOOL)	
May 25 (Mon)	Memorial Day - office closed	

May 27 (Wed)

Second semester grades sent to families