

**Palmer Catholic Academy
School Calendar 2024-2025**

July	31	New Teacher Orientation @ 8:30 am (St. Matthews)
August	1	Teachers and Staff Report
	5-7	Cheer Clinic – rising 4-8 th graders (Application Required)
	6	Meet & Greet for students in Grades K-5 th by last name (Bring supplies)
		9:00 am A-H
		11:30 am I-P
		2:00 pm R-Z
	6	New Family Orientation @ 6:00 pm in the PCA Gymnasium
	7	Opening Mass for teachers @ 10:00 am (St. Joseph)
	8	Meet & Greet for students in Grades 6 th - 8 th (Bring supplies)
		9:00 am 6 th Grade
		11:00 am 7 th Grade
		1:00 pm 8 th Grade
	8	JV/Varsity Cheer Tryouts – 3:30-6:30 pm
	9	Professional Day
	12	Meet & Greet for Pre-K students – 9 AM
	13	First Day of School - Classes begin
	15	Holy Day of Obligation – Children’s Mass at 9:40 am
	15 & 16	Basketball Tryouts - Varsity Boys – 3:30-5:00 pm; Varsity Girls – 5:00-6:30 pm
	19	JV Boys Basketball Tryouts – 5:00 pm
	20	JV Girls Basketball Tryouts – 5:00 pm
	23	Back to School Family Bingo Night 5:00 pm – PCA Gym
	26	Open House for 4 th grade at 5:00 pm and 5 th grade at 6:30 pm
	27	Open House for 2 nd grade at 5:00 pm and 3 rd grade at 6:30 pm
	28	Open House for Pre-K at 4:00, Kindergarten at 5:00 and 1 st grade at 6:30 pm
	29	Open House for 6 th grade at 5:00 pm and 7 th & 8 th grades at 6:30 pm
		Individual School Pictures – Mandatory Uniform Day
September	2	Labor Day – No school for teachers and students
	4	HSA Meeting
	10	8th Grade Discovery Day at Bishop Kenny
	20	Early Staggered Release (Pre-K-2 @ 12:00 PM, 3-5 @ 12:10 PM, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM)
	29	Family Fun Day @ OLSS
October	3	HSA Social after Mass
	5	Fall Festival
	11	Early Staggered Release (Pre-K-2 @ 12:00 PM, 3-5 @ 12:10 PM, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM)
	13	Walking Rosary at 12:30 PM at OLSS
	14	No school for teachers and students
	16	OPTION 1 Mandatory Confirmation Parent Meeting – 7:15-8:15 PM - Browning Center Room 1 (or choose October 20th meeting)
	20	OPTION 2 Mandatory Confirmation Parent Meeting – 12:15-1:15 pm @ Cultural Center at OLSS (only if you didn’t attend the October 16th meeting)
	21	End of the 1st Quarter
	21	8th grade visit to St. Joseph’s Academy
	23	8 th Grade PSAT Testing
	26	Family Retreat @ OLSS
	28-Nov. 1	Red Ribbon Week
	31	No Children’s Mass – Friday Schedule

November	1	Holy Day of Obligation – Children’s Mass at 9:40 am – Thursday Schedule
	2	Reconciliation Retreat 8:30 am (Mass at OLSS)-12:30 pm
	4-8	Book Fair
	5	Student Council Elections
	7	HSA Meeting
	8	Middle School Dance – 2:15-4:00 PM
	11	Professional Day - No school for students
	13	Science Fair
	22	School Improvement - Early staggered holiday release (PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (No Angels After Hours)
	25-29	Thanksgiving Break – No school for teachers and students
December	3	K-5 Christmas Program 5:00 pm @ OLSS
	4	Advent Penitential Service 10:00 am @ PCA for students
	5	Individual School Picture Retakes
	12	HSA Social
	17-20	Middle School Mid Terms
	20	Early staggered holiday release (PreK-2 @12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (No Angels After Hours) End of the 2nd Quarter
	23	Christmas Holiday Begins (school closed for students Dec. 23, 2024-Jan. 6, 2025)
January	3	Professional Day – No School for Students
	6	Classes resume
	7	HSA Meeting
	11	PCA Spirit night at the Jacksonville Icemen
	17	School Improvement – Early staggered release (PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (Angels After Hours 12:30 – 3:30 PM)
	20	Martin Luther King Holiday – No school for teachers and students
	26-31	Catholic Schools Week
February	6	HSA Social after Mass; Class Pictures – Mandatory Uniform Day
	6	No Children’s Mass-Friday Schedule
	7	Children’s Mass with Bishop Pohlmeier-Thursday Schedule
	7	Middle School Dance 6:00-8:00 PM
	13	Schoolwide Retreat Day School Improvement – Early staggered release (PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (Angels After Hours 12:30 – 3:30 PM)
	14	Professional Day – No school for students-Parent Conferences
	17	President’s Day Holiday – No school for teachers and students
	24, 25, 26 & 27	Terranova Testing for grades 2-8
	27	No Children’s Mass – Friday Schedule
	28	Children’s Mass @ 9:40 am – Thursday Schedule
	28	NJHS Induction
March	1	First Eucharist Retreat 8:30 am (Mass in Church)-12:30 pm (Cultural Center)
	5	Ash Wednesday – Children’s Mass at 9:40 – Thursday Schedule
	6	HSA Meeting – No Children’s Mass – Wednesday Schedule
	12	8th grade retreat at Marywood
	13	School Improvement – Early staggered release (PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM)
	14	No school for teachers and students
	14	End of 3rd Quarter
17	Diocesan Professional Day – No school for students	

27 NEHS Induction
29 Angel Ball

April
3 HSA Social after Mass
4-6 School Musical Production
9 Lenten Penitential Service 10:00 am for PCA students
12 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in the OLSS Cultural Center
16 Early staggered holiday release
(PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (No Angels After Hours)
17-25 Easter holiday (no school for teachers and students)

May
1 Middle School Field Trips
2nd Grade Blessing Cup Ceremony
5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week
6 Confirmation Practice 6:00-7:00 – Cultural Center/OLSS
7 HSA Meeting
8 May Crowning after Children’s Mass
8 Confirmation - 6:00 PM at OLSS
15 STREAM Night
4:00 PM-5:30 PM – PK-3rd Grade
6:00 PM-7:30 PM – 4th-8th Grade
21, 27, 28 8th Grade Final Exams
22 School Improvement – Early staggered release
(PreK- 2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (Angels After Hours 12:30 – 3:30 pm)
23 School Professional Day/Staff Retreat – No school for students
26 Memorial Day – No School for teachers and students
29 6th & 7th Grade Final Exams
29 8th Grade Make-Up Final Exams/Service Day/Carpool Parade
Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration – 9 AM
No Children’s Mass – Friday Schedule
30 Children’s Mass @ 9:40 am – Thursday Schedule
8th Grade Awards Assembly after Mass

****First Communion will be held on Sunday’s at 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm Masses on May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025**

June
2 6th & 7th Grade Final Exams
8th Grade Breakfast/Check-Out/12:00 PM release for 8th Grade
Pre-K Graduation @ 1:00 pm – PCA Gym
3 6th & 7th Grade Final Exams
Field Day – Grades Pre-K – 5th
8th Grade Graduation Rehearsal @ 9:30 am in the OLSS Cultural Center
8th Grade Graduation Mass @ 5:00 pm at OLSS
4 Middle School Make-Up Final Exams
Color Run
Last Day of School
Early Staggered Release – Pre-K -@ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 (No Angels After Hours)
6 Last Day for Teachers