

**Palmer Catholic Academy
School Calendar 2026-2027**

Release time on Wednesdays will be: PK-2 @ 1:10; grades 3-5 @ 1:20; grades 6-8 @ 1:30

July	31	New Teacher Orientation @ 8:30 am (St. Matthews)
August	3	Teachers and Staff Report
	4	New Family Orientation @ 5:00 pm in the PCA Gymnasium
	5	Opening Mass for teachers @ 10:00 am (Sacred Heart)
	6	Professional Development Day
	7	Meet & Greet for students in Grades K-8th by last name (Bring supplies) 8:00-9:30 am S-Z; 9:45-11:15 am M-R 12:15-1:45 pm E-L; 2:00-3:30 pm A-D
	10	Meet & Greet for Pre-K @ 9:00 AM (Bring Supplies)
	11	First Day of School - Classes begin @ 8 AM
	24	Open House for Middle School at 4:30 pm
	25	Open House for 4 th and 5 th grade at 4:30 pm
	26	Open House for 2 nd and 3 rd grade at 4:30 pm
	27	Open House for Kindergarten and 1 st grade at 4:30 pm
	31	Open House for Pre-K at 4:30 pm
September	7	Labor Day –No school for teachers and students
	15	8 th grade visit to SJA
	22	Individual School Photos
October	2	Blessing of the Pets at Morning Carpool
	7	Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – Schoolwide Rosary at 9:15 AM
	8	End of the 1st Quarter
	8	No Children's Mass – Priests on Retreat
	9	Professional Day – No school for students
	12	No school for teachers and students
	13	Quarter 2 begins
	17	Fall Festival (Rain date is 10/24)
	20	8th Grade PSAT Testing
	21	Option 1 for Mandatory Parent Confirmation Meeting – 5 PM at PCA
	25	Option 2 for Mandatory Parent Confirmation Meeting – 10 AM at OLSS Parish Hall
	26-30	Red Ribbon Week
November	3	Student Council Elections @ 1:30 pm
	11	Veteran's Day - No school for teachers and students
	14	Angel Ball (school fundraising event)
	17	Science Fair Showcase for PCA Students
	18	Science Fair
	20	Early staggered holiday release (Pre-K-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (No Angels After Hours)
	23-27	Thanksgiving Break – No school for teachers and students
December	2	Advent Penitential Service 10:00 am @ PCA for students
	4	Individual Photo Retakes
	8	Holy Day of Obligation – Children's Mass @ 9:40 – Thursday Schedule
	10	Christmas Program
	10	No Children's Mass – Tuesday Schedule
	15	Children's Mass @ 9:40 with Bishop Pohlmeier- Thursday Schedule -
	17	No Children's Mass – Tuesday Schedule
	17-18	Middle School Mid Terms
	21	Middle School Mid Terms
	22	Middle School Mid Terms Make-Up Day/End of the 2nd Quarter
		Early staggered holiday release (Pre-K-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (No Angels After Hours)
	23	Christmas Holiday Begins (school closed for students Dec. 23, 2026-Jan. 4, 2027)

January	4	Professional Day – No School for Students – Staff Retreat
	5	Classes resume - Quarter 3 begins
	7	Bishop Kenny Discovery Day for 7 th graders
	13	Club photos
	18	Martin Luther King Holiday – No school for teachers and students
	27	Class photos
February	1-5	Catholic Schools Week
	1	Palmer Golf Classic – Golf Tournament (Fundraiser)
	10	Ash Wednesday – Children’s Mass at 9:40 – Thursday Schedule
	11	No Children’s Mass – Wednesday Schedule
	15	President’s Day Holiday – No school for teachers and students
	18	NJHS induction after Mass
	22-26	Terra Nova Testing -grades 2-8
	25	No Children’s Mass – Friday Schedule
	26	Children’s Mass at 9:40 AM – Thursday Schedule
March	5, 6, 7	School Musical Production
	11	No School for Staff or Students
	12	Diocesan Professional Day - No school for students
	15	Quarter 4 begins
	17	Lenten Penitential Service 10:00 am @ PCA for students
	24	Field Day/ Early staggered holiday release (Pre-K-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (No Angels)
	25-April 2	Easter holiday (no school for teachers and students)
April	5	Classes resume
	8	Middle School Field Trips
	15	NEHS Induction after Mass
	27	ARK Testing – grades 2-8
	29	Confirmation at 6 PM at OLSS
May	3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
	6	May Crowning after Children’s Mass
	18-20	8 th Grade Final Exams
	20	No Children’s Mass – Friday Schedule
		Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration – 9:00 am
		8 th Grade Carpool Parade
	21	8 th Grade Final Exam Make-Up Day
		Children’s Mass at 9:40 am – Thursday Schedule
		8 th Grade Award Assembly after Mass
	24	8 th Grade Breakfast/Check-Out/12:00 Release for 8 th Grade
		PK Graduation at 1:00 pm
	25-27	6 th and 7 th Grade Final Exams
	25	8 th Grade Graduation Rehearsal @ 9:30 am in the OLSS Cultural Center
		8 th Grade Graduation Mass @ 5:00 pm at OLSS
	27	No Children’s Mass – Friday schedule
	28	Last Day of School
		6 th and 7 th Grade Final Exams Make-Up Day
		Children’s Mass at 9:40 am – Thursday Schedule
		Early Staggered Release (Pre-K-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (No Angels After Hours)
	31	Memorial Day – No School (staff)
June	1	Professional Day
	2	Professional Day
	3	Post-Planning
	4	Post-Planning/Last Day for Teachers