

This information is **Subject to Change**. Please check the on-line calendar throughout the year for the most up-to-date information.

## Middle School

As a reminder, there are several times during the year that students have early dismissal days. Those days are noted below.

### Important Dates for the 2021-2022 School Year

For a complete calendar and to see additional events added throughout the year, please visit the school's online calendar at <http://www.valleycatholic.org>.

<b>August</b>	26	New Staff and Department Head Work Day	8:00 – 2:30
<b>September</b>	2	Orientation, Registration and iPad Distribution	
		All new families: sixth grade and transfer families	12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
		Returning seventh grade families	1:45 – 2:15 p.m.
		Returning eighth grade families	2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
	7-9	Early Dismissal: Half Day Orientation	11:45 a.m. Dismissal
		Orientation classes and activities	
		• Week One: Getting use to school	
		• Standardize Testing (English, math, Cognitive)	
	8	ZOOM Back to School (Periods 0-3)	6:30 – 8:05 p.m.
	9	Picture day during school – Free Dress	
	9	ZOOM Back to School (Periods 4-8)	6:30 – 8:05 p.m.
	10	First Full Day	3:24 p.m. dismissal
		Mass Schedule: Welcome Back Mass 6-12	9:25 a.m.
	13-17	Orientation classes and activities	
		• Week Two: Getting use to coursework	
		• All academic classes begin – all grades	
	14	Early Dismissal Tuesdays (every Tuesday)	1:42 p.m.
	17	Eighth Grade Fireside Event	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
	20-23	Orientation classes and activities	
		• Week Three: Getting involved	

	21	Early Dismissal Tuesdays (every Tuesday)	1:42 p.m.
	22	“Good-Bye Summer” Special Dress Day	
	24	No school - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom (all Grades): How to use GC	
	29	Extend Day Field Trip 6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> No School 7 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<b>October</b>	1	Seventh Grade Fireside Event	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
	7	Sixth Grade Fireside Event	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
	8	No School: Statewide In-service	
	13-15	No School: Parent – Teacher Conferences	
	22	Early Dismissal: Half Day Retreat (All Grades)	11:45 a.m. Dismissal
		• Mass 6-12	9:25 a.m.
	27	Extend Day Field Trip 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> No School 8 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	28	Halloween Color Special Dress Day	
<b>November</b>	8	Special Dress Day: Lazy Dress	
	8	Food Drive Kick Off Assembly	
	10	All Grades Fireside Event	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
	11	No School – Veteran’s Day	
	12	No School: End of First Quarter	
	17	Extended Day Field Trip 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> No School 6 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	23	VCMS & VCHS Thanksgiving Mass K-12	9:25 a.m.
	24	Early Dismissal: Half Day	11:45 a.m. Dismissal
	25-26	No School: Thanksgiving Break	
	30	Special Food Drive Dress/Activity - TBD	
<b>December</b>	2, 7, 9, 14,16	<i><b>Please note:</b> As part of the food drive, there will be special “red” and “green” dress days every Tuesday and Thursday with the contribution of specific food drive items. Details are announced in mid-Nov.</i>	

	8	Mass K-12: Immaculate Conception	9:25 a.m.
	17	Mass 6-12: Christmas Mass	9:25 a.m.
	17	Special Early Release – Food Drive	10:30 a.m. Dismissal
	20-1/2	Christmas Break	
<b>January</b>	3	Classes Resume	
	17	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr.	
	25	Late Start and Early Release – Final Exams Math (8:45 – 9:45 a.m.) Writing Assessment (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.) Uniform dress	8:30 a.m. start 11:00 a.m. Dismissal*
	26	Late Start and Early Release – Final Exams STEM –Applying Design Process (8:45 – 11:00 a.m.) Uniform Dress	8:30 a.m. start 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
	27	Late Start and Early Release – Final Exams Religion (8:45 – 9:45 a.m.) Social Studies (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.) Uniform dress	8:30 a.m. start 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
	28	No School: Faith Formation In-Service	
	31-2/4	Catholic Schools Week	
<b>February</b>	1	Mass 6-12	9:25 a.m.
	14	Special Dress Day: Valentine’s Colors	
	18	Early Dismissal: Half Day Retreat (All Grades)	11:45 a.m. Dismissal
	21	No School PreK-12: President’s Day	
	25	Extend Day Field Trip 6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> No School 7 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<b>March</b>	2	All School Mass – Ash Wednesday	9:25 a.m.
	14	Lazy Dress SSMO Heritage Day	
	17	Special Dress St. Patrick’s colors	
	21-25	Spring Break	
	30	Extend Day Field Trip 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> No School 8 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

<b>April</b>	1	All School Mass	9:25 a.m.
	8	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	
	15	Early Dismissal: Half Day -Good Friday	11:45 Dismissal
	18	No School: Easter Monday	
	25	Rejuvenation Day – Special Flannel Dress	
	27	Extended Day Field Trip 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> No School 6 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<b>May</b>	2	May Crowning	
	2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week	
	27	End of Year Mass	9:25 a.m.
	30	No School: Memorial Day	
	31-3	Capstone Presentations – Early Dismissal	1:42 p.m.
<b>June</b>	TBD	8th grade Capstone presentation	Regular Day
	7	Final Exams in class for Tuesday classes	
	9	8th Grade Graduation Get-Away Trip No School 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	9	8th grade Sending Ceremony Final Prayer Service Parents/Family members welcome!	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
	9	<b>June 9<sup>th</sup> is the last day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.</b>	
	10	No School 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Regular Day for 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> )	
	TBD	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Social Science Fair <b>Please note:</b> There will be a presentation time at the end of the day that will be open for parents/visitors. Details are announced in mid-early May.	Open for parents ~10:00 a.m.
	13	Late Start and Early Release – Final Exams Math (8:45 – 9:45 a.m.) Writing Assessment (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.) Uniform dress	8:30 a.m. start 11:00 a.m. Dismissal*
	14	Late Start and Early Release – Final Exams STEM –Applying Design Process (8:45 – 11:00 a.m.) Uniform dress	8:30 a.m. start 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
	15	Late Start and Early Release – Final Exams Religion (8:45 – 9:30 a.m.) iPad turn in (9:30 am) Science (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.) Uniform dress	8:30 a.m. start 11:00 a.m. Dismissal

**June 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.**

**Other Calendar Notes:**

June 23      Last day staff is on contract/available until August 29, 2022

June 24      Report cards for all grades will be mailed June 24 and transcripts will be delivered to private high schools the week of June 27-30

## New Calendar Events – Q & A

### What are Fireside Events?

Fireside events are designed to bring our traditional community building activities, previously offered at outdoor school around the campfire, onto campus. The Fireside Events will include collaboration with VCHS high school student counselors who will help lead the VCMS students in team-building activities. Students, VCHS counselors, and all VCMS staff members will spend the afternoon and evening together, have a barbeque, enjoy campfire skits, songs and S'mores. Just like at outdoor school, the Fireside Events will occur rain or shine. The first three events are grade specific to set time to develop community within each grade level. The last Fireside Event is open to all grades, to help build community across the grade levels. There will be four Fireside Events in the fall and our initial plan is to repeat the Fireside Events in the spring.

September 17	Eighth Grade Fireside Event	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
October 1	Seventh Grade Fireside Event	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
October 7	Sixth Grade Fireside Event	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
November 10	All Grades Fireside Event	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### What are Extend Day Field Trips?

Historically, the VCMS calendar has included one, all-day field trip for each grade level, which allows the entire staff to spend the day with one grade while the other two grades have the day off school. The purpose is to build community with all teachers and students, not just those who teach that particular grade. As our staff and student body has grown, we want to make sure that all students and staff have the opportunity to engage in curriculum-rich field trips that also focus on building our school community. To accommodate this growth, VCMS will rotate staff between the grade levels so that once a month, two grades will have the opportunity to participate in extend day field trips (allowing us to visit locations previously not feasible because of the distance) while one group of students works on asynchronous coursework at home. This means that over the course of three months, each grade will attend two extended field trips and have one asynchronous learning day. While we are still finalizing these opportunities, plans include trips to Newport and the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Mount St. Helens Visitor Center, Mt. Hood Lava Beds, Tide pools in the North Oregon Coast, Sandy River Delta including the dam and fish ladder, hiking at Forest Park, etc. As a staff, we feel it is important to invest this time to build community among students, and between the students and staff members while also exposing the students to the rich outdoor learning opportunities that the Pacific Northwest offers. This purposeful effort to incorporate more outdoor education is a goal for our program moving forward, both on campus and off, and the extended day field trips provide a new way to offer the rich outdoor education curriculum, across all grade levels, that was formally included in 6<sup>th</sup> grade outdoor school.

September 29	Extend Day Field Trip 6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> No School 7 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
October 27	Extend Day Field Trip 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> No School 8 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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February 23	Extend Day Field Trip 6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> No School 7 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

March 30	Extend Day Field Trip 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> No School 8 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
April 27	Extended Day Field Trip 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> No School 6 <sup>th</sup> - Asynchronous classes on Google Classroom	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.