



Middle School

Important Dates for the 2022-2023 School Year

This information is **Subject to Change**. This is the initial calendar for the 22/23 school year. Please check the on-line calendar throughout the year for the most up-to-date information. As a reminder, there are several times during the year that students have early dismissal days. Those days are noted below. 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>.

September	5	Labor Day	No School
	6	Orientation, and Back to School for 6th grade families: (wear Free Dress) Students and at least one parent should attend	12:15 – 3:30 p.m.
	7	Half Day Dismissal: First day of school Orientation (All Grades) Picture day – Free Dress	7:50 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Dismissal
	8	Half Day Dismissal (All Grades) Orientation classes and activities - Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Week One: Starting school ● Scholastic Testing (English, math, Cognitive) ● ZOOM Back to School for Grades 7 & 8 	7:50 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Dismissal 6:30 pm. – 9:00pm
	9	Half Day Dismissal: (All Grades) Orientation classes and activities - Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Week One: Starting school ● Scholastic Testing (English, math, Cognitive) ● Welcome Back Mass 6th – 12th Gr. 	7:50 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Dismissal 9:25 a.m.
	12-16	Orientation classes and activities - Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Week Two: Starting coursework ● All academic classes begin – all grades 	Class time 7:50 a.m. – 3:24 p.m.
	13	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	19-23	Orientation classes and activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Week Three: Getting involved ● Clubs and after school activities begin 	Class time 7:50 a.m. – 3:24 p.m.
	20	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	22	“Good-Bye Summer” Special Dress Day	
	27	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	30	No School: Accreditation In-service	
	October	4	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)
7		No School: Statewide In-service	
11		Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
12-14		No School: Parent – Teacher Conferences via Zoom	
18		Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
20		Photo Retake Day	
21		Mass - Blue	9:25 a.m.
25		Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
28		No School: Accreditation In-service	
29	VCS Gala	Evening event	

	31	Halloween Colors Special Dress Day	
November	1	Mass: All Saints	9:25 a.m.
	1	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	7	Special Dress Day: Lazy Dress	
	8	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	10	No School: End of First Quarter	
	11	No School – Veterans’ Day	
	15	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	22	VCMS & VCHS Thanksgiving Mass K-12	9:25 a.m.
		Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	23	No School: Accreditation	
December	24-27	No School: Thanksgiving Break	
	29	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
		<i>Please note: 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>	
	2	No School: Accreditation In-service	
	6	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	8	Mass K-12: Immaculate Conception	9:25 a.m.
	13	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	TBD	MS band, choir, orchestra performances	6-9 p.m.
	16	Mass 6 th -12 th Gr.: Christmas Mass	9:25 a.m.
	16	Special Early Release – Food Drive	10:30 a.m. Dismissal
17-1/2	Christmas Break		
January	3	Classes Resume	
		Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	10	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
		Applicant Q&A at via Zoom	7:00 p.m.
	13	No School: Accreditation	
	16	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr.	
	17	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	19	MS Dance and Art Fair	TBD
	24	Half Day dismissal – Final Exams	12:15 p.m.
	25	Half Day dismissal – Final Exams	12:15 p.m.
	26	Half Day dismissal – Final Exams	12:15 p.m.
	27	No School: End of 2 nd Q	
	30-2/3	Catholic Schools Week/Spirit Week	
	30	Retreat (All Grades)	
	31	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
February	2	Mass 6 th -12 th grade	9:25 a.m.
	3	No School: Accreditation	
	7	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	10	No School: Accreditation	
	14	Special Dress Day: Valentine Colors	
		Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	20	No School: President’s Day	
	21	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
		Special Dress: Mardi Gras Colors	
	22	All School Mass – Ash Wednesday	9:25 a.m.
28	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.	

March	6	No School: Accreditation	
	7	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	13	Special Dress: Lazy Dress	
	14	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	17	Special Dress St. Patrick's Day colors	
	21	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	24	No School: In-service End of 3rd Q	
	27-31	Spring Break	
April	4	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	7	No School: - Good Friday	
	10	No School: - Easter Monday	
	11	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	18	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	20	SSMO Heritage Celebration - Assembly	
	24-27	Rejuvenation Week– Special Dress	
	25	Early Dismissal Tuesday (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	28	No School: Accreditation	
May	1	May Crowning	
	1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week	
	2	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	9	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	15	No School: In-service	
	16	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	23	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
	26	End of Year Mass	9:25 a.m.
	29	No School: Memorial Day	
	30	Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)	2:35 p.m.
TBD	Concert - late May Early June		
June	5-7	8th grade Capstone presentations	3:24 dismissal (8 th grade only)
	5-7	6 th & 7 th Gr. Half Day dismissal	12:15 p.m.
	8	8th Grade Get-Away Trip (Horning's Hide-Out)	7:50 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		No School 6 th and 7 th grade	
		8th grade Sending Ceremony - Final Prayer Service Parents/Family members welcome!	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
		Last Day for 8 th Grade	
9	Half Day dismissal for 6 th and 7 th Gr. 6 th and 7 th grade Social Science Fair Please note: 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.	12:15 p.m. Open to parents ~10:00 a.m.	
12 - 14	Half Day dismissal – Final Exams June 14th is the last day of school for 6th and 7th grade students.	12:15 p.m.	

Other Calendar Notes:

June 22	Last day staff is on contract/available until August 29, 2022
June 23	Report cards for all grades will be mailed June 23 and transcripts will be delivered to private high schools the week of June 26-30

Contacting Teachers and Department Heads Over the Summer

Teachers and department heads will be on vacation from June 23 until August 29. Many teachers check their emails over the summer but are not required to do so until August 29.

Contacting the School Office Personnel over the Summer

June and August summer office hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. In addition, the school office is closed during the month of July. Emails and voicemails are checked weekly while the office is closed. The school office will reopen on Monday, August 1.

If you have questions regarding tuition payments, or if you would like to drop off your payment, please contact Michelle Cushing in the finance office at mcushing@ssmoministries.org. Payments can be dropped off with the receptionist at the convent.

Registration - Fall 2022

In early August, you will receive a mailing that contains reminders about the paperwork that needs to be completed as part of the new school-year. In addition, items such as the suggested supply list, uniform code and textbook information will be posted in the Parent's Guide, which is located on the school website, throughout the summer.

For returning VCMS families – We will no longer have a registration day the Thursday before Labor Day. Instead, families will register on-line prior to the start of school and iPads will be distributed during the first week of school.

Details regarding the on-line registration process, and start of school, will be included in the August mailing. The initial mailing is provided to all families via email by June 30, 2022 and will be resent, with any updates, by August 12. The on-line registration materials include:

General Information and Reminders:

- Calendar Highlights
- Suggested Supply List
- Pick-up and Drop-Off Information
- Locker Decorating/How to Open Lockers
- iPad Distribution Information
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Items that need to be submitted (electronically) by September 6:

- School Photo Information/Payment (Photos taken at during school on September 7)
- Field Trip Permission Slip
- Immunization Records and Updates
- Door Code Requests
- Emergency Form
- Instrument Serial Number– Band and Orchestra Students
- New Students Only
 - Transfer of Records Request

Tuesday, September 6

Back to School for Sixth Grade Parents
Orientation for students
12:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Back to School for Sixth Grade Parents **(Subject to change)**

12:00 – 12:20	Welcome (whole group in ES cafeteria) The SSMO Legacy and culture of VCMS			
12:20 – 12:40	Math and English			
Small Groups	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
12:45 – 12:55	Health/PE	Religion	Science	Social Studies
1:00 – 1:10	Religion	Science	Social Studies	STEM
1:15 – 1:25	Science	Social Studies	STEM	Study Skills
1:30 – 1:40	Social Studies	STEM	Study Skills	Health/PE
1:45 – 1:55	STEM	Study Skills	Health/PE	Religion
2:00 – 2:10	Study Skills	Health/PE	Religion	Science
2:10 – 2:30	VCMS Basics: Partnering with Parents (whole group in ES cafeteria)			
2:30 – 3:30	Special help: Mini classes, iPad needs, Special services			

Orientation (Day ONE) for Sixth Grade Students **(Subject to change)**

12:00 – 12:20	Welcome (whole group in ES cafeteria) The SSMO Legacy and culture of VCMS			
Small Groups 12:30 – 1:00	6th Grade Homeroom 1A <i>Getting to Know You Activity</i>	6th Grade Homeroom 2B <i>Getting to Know You Activity</i>	6th Grade Homeroom 3C <i>Getting to Know You Activity</i>	6th Grade Homeroom 4D <i>Getting to Know You Activity</i>
1:05 – 1:35	Locker Manners Distribution of Lockers	iPad expectations iPad distribution	Getting to Know you Activity #2	Week One Schedule Campus Tour
1:40 – 2:10	Week One Schedule Campus Tour	Locker Manners Distribution of Lockers	iPad expectations iPad distribution	Getting to Know you Activity #2
2:10 – 2:20	Getting to Know you Activity #2	Week One Schedule Campus Tour	Locker Manners Distribution of Lockers	iPad expectations iPad distribution
2:20 – 2:50	iPad expectations iPad distribution	Getting to Know you Activity #2	Week One Schedule Campus Tour	Locker Manners Distribution of Lockers
2:55 – 3:25	Locker Practice	Locker Practice	Locker Practice	Locker Practice

Thursday, September 8

Back to School for Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents via Zoom
(Note: Links will be provided by September 7 via email)
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Back to School for Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents **(Subject to change)**

Back to School	7th Grade	8th Grade
6:30-6:45 PM	Welcome	
6:50-7:00 PM	Math	Capstone
7:05-7:15 PM	English	Math
7:20-7:30 PM	STEM	English
7:35-7:45 PM	Religion	Religion
7:50 -8:00 PM	Science	Science
8:05 – 8:15 PM	Social Studies	Social Studies
8:20 -8:30 PM	Health/PE	Health/PE

8:35 – 9:00 PM: Q & A Time for general questions

<p>Open to parents of all grade levels (6th - 8th) for general questions.</p> <p>(Please make an appointment for student specific questions).</p>	Department	Department Chair's Name	Department Chair's Email
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