



FALL SEMESTER

All school or large group meetings should try to schedule these types of meetings during the following two times:

- Tuesday, 4:00 – 5:00pm
- Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00pm

Below is the general calendar for 2023-2024:

- The following calendar is not an exhaustive list of events at GSSM.
- LWE stands for Long Weekend, which start after a student's last class on Thursday. Students need to return from LWE no later than 7:00pm on Sunday.
- OCCA is the Office of College Counseling and Advising.
- Note: National Test Dates for ACT TBD.

AUGUST

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| Wednesday, August 7 | Senior Leaders Move-In |
| Friday, August 9 | Junior Move-In Day |
| Sunday, August 11 | Senior Move-In Day |
| Monday, August 12 & Tuesday, August 13 | Residential first days of class: orientation to classes/labs and GSSM community building |
| Wednesday, August 14 | First full day of Residential classes for academic content First day of Accelerate classes |
| Wednesday, August 21 | Class of 2025 OCCA meeting in the gym, 1pm Last day to drop/add a residential course Class of 2026 OCCA meeting in the gym, 1pm |
| Friday, August 23 | Last day to drop/add an FMU dual-enrolled course (not on transcript) |
| Saturday, August 24 | National Test Day: SAT |
| Tuesday, August 27 | Last day to drop/add a Coker dual-enrolled course (not on transcript) |
| Thursday, August 29 | First Research Advisee/Advisor meeting, 4pm |
| TBD by academic advisor | August Advisor-Advisee meeting |

SEPTEMBER

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| Monday, September 2 | No Accelerate classes |
| Thursday, September 5 | Convocation, 2pm (Classes as usual until noon); LWE begins after Convocation & ends Sun. at 7pm. |
| Wednesday, September 11 | Last day to drop a class that is an overload without it appearing on the transcript |
| Saturday, September 14 | National Test Day: ACT |
| Wednesday, September 18 | First progress report grading period ends, and grades due from faculty in PowerSchool. |
| Friday, September 20 | Progress reports emailed to students and families. |
| Saturday, September 21 | Parents' Day |
| Sunday, September 22 | GSSM College Fair |
| Saturday, September 28 | Accelerate Physics Lab 1 |
| TBD by academic advisor | September Advisor-Advisee meeting |

OCTOBER

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| Tuesday, October 1 | All Letters of Recommendation must be uploaded to SCOIR |
| Thursday, October 3 | LWE begins after class & ends Sun. at 7pm. <i>Around the World</i> fundraiser on the GSSM lawn 6PM-9PM |
| Wednesday, October 9 | PSAT (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week) (Seniors will take a bus trip to visit USC Honors) |
| Thursday, October 10 | Wednesday class/lab schedule residential Midterm grading period ends |
| Friday, October 11 | Thursday class/lab schedule residential Final day to withdraw from a residential overload course with a WP/WF |



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| October 10-15 Wednesday, October 16 Friday, October 18 | No Accelerate classes Midterm grades emailed home. Last day to withdraw from a Coker dual-enrolled course with a W (any drop after this date is a WF) |
| Saturday, October 19 Friday, October 25 Saturday, October 26 | Accelerate Chemistry Lab 1 Networking Dinner National Test Day: ACT Accelerate Pre-Engineering Lab 1, Physics Lab 2 |
| Thursday, October 31 TBD by OCCA | LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm. Campus visits to Clemson University, College of Charleston |

NOVEMBER

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| Saturday, November 2 | National Test Day: SAT |
| Wednesday, November 6 | Notice of Potential Unsatisfactory Grade given to students by faculty |
| Friday, November 8 | Last day to withdraw from an FMU dual-enrolled course |
| Saturday, November 9 | Accelerate Chemistry Labs 2 |
| Friday, November 15 | Fourteen-week progress report grading period ends, and grades due from faculty in PowerSchool. |
| Saturday, November 16 | Accelerate Chemistry Lab 2 (make up), Physics Lab (make up), Pre- Engineering Lab (makeup) Winter Formal |
| Friday, November 22 | Annual Research Colloquium (no residential classes all day) Residential Thanksgiving holidays begin after classes & end 12/1 at 7pm. |
| November 27-29 | No Accelerate classes |

DECEMBER

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| Friday, December 6 | Last day of fall semester classes |
| Saturday, December 7 | Review/Reading Day National Test Day: SAT |
| December 9-13 | Exams (Students may not sign out for this weekend) |
| Friday, December 13 | End of fall semester. Break begins after last exam. |
| Thursday, December 12 | Accelerate last day of fall semester classes |
| December 13, 16-18 | Accelerate Exams |
| Monday, December 16 | Non-satisfactory grades due for all students by noon Course grades due by noon in PowerSchool |
| December 19-January 3 | No Accelerate classes |
| Friday, December 27 | 1st semester report cards mailed home. |

*Note: Monday and Tuesday November 20, 21 will be used as an emergency makeup class day if necessary.



JANUARY INTERIM AND SPRING SEMESTER

JANUARY

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| Sunday, January 5 | Residential students return to GSSM by 7pm. |
| Monday, January 6 | Interim session begins with assembly at 9am, gym. First day of Accelerate classes |
| Friday, January 10 | Last day to drop an FMU dual-enrolled course (not on transcript) |
| Saturday, January 11 | Parents and Friends Seminar Day (Academic Saturday, no sign outs) |
| Tuesday, January 14 | Last day to drop a Coker dual-enrolled course (not on transcript) |
| Monday January 20 | No Accelerate Classes |
| Wednesday, January 22 | Interim presentations. Break begins after presentations & ends Sunday at 7pm. Junior parent meeting with OCCA prior to Winter Break (afternoon) |
| Monday, January 27 | Interim grades due in PowerSchool by noon. |
| TBD by faculty member | Residential spring semester begins January Advisor-Advisee meeting |

FEBRUARY

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| Saturday, February 1 | Accelerate Engineering Lab 2 |
| Monday, February 3 | Last day to drop/add a residential course |
| Saturday, February 8 | National Test Day: ACT |
| Monday, February 10 | Course catalog sent to rising seniors. |
| Tuesday, February 11 | By this date individual student meetings should have occurred with new students. |
| February 13-18 | No Accelerate classes |
| Saturday, February 15 | Accelerate Physics Lab 3 |
| Monday, February 17 | Last day to drop a residential overload class without it appearing on the transcript |
| Thursday, February 20 | LWE begins after classes & ends Sunday at 7pm. |
| Saturday, February 22 | Accelerate Chemistry Lab 3, Pre-Engineering Lab 2 |
| Monday, February 24 | 1 st day for rising seniors to submit course requests forms to the registrar |
| Friday, February 28 | Last day for rising seniors to submit course requests forms to the registrar |

MARCH

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| Saturday, March 1 | Inside GSSM |
| Monday, March 3 | First progress report grading period ends. |
| Wednesday, March 5 | Progress reports emailed to students and families. |
| Saturday, March 8 | National Test Day: SAT |
| Saturday, March 15 | Accelerate Physics Lab 4 |
| Wednesday, March 19 | 31 st Annual Townes Award, 1208 Washington Place, Columbia, SC |
| Thursday, March 20 | LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm |
| Friday, March 21 | Last day to withdraw from a Coker dual-enrolled course with a W (any drop after this date is a WF) |
| Saturday, March 22 | Accelerate Pre-Engineering Lab 3, Chemistry Lab 4 |
| Wednesday, March 26 | Midterm grading period ends. |
| Friday, March 28 | Invitation for senior graduation speaker sent out. |

APRIL

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| Wednesday, April 2 | Midterm grades emailed home. Final day to withdraw from a residential overload course with a WP/WF |
| Saturday, April 5 | Prom South Carolina Junior Academy of Science (optional) Accelerate Physics Lab (makeup) |



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Saturday, April 5
Thursday, April 10
Saturday, April 12
Friday, April 18
April 21-April 25
Monday, April 21

National Test Day: ACT
Last day to withdraw from an FMU dual-enrolled course
Accelerate Pre-Engineering Lab (makeup), Chemistry Lab (makeup)
GSSM Spring Break begins after classes & ends Sunday, April 27 at 7pm.
No Accelerate classes: Spring Break
Notice of Potential Unsatisfactory Grade given to students by faculty

MAY

Saturday May 3
May 5-16
Friday, May 9
May 12-14
Friday, May 16
Saturday, May 17
Sunday, May 18
May 19-23
Wednesday, May 21
Thursday, May 22
May 23-24 26-28
Wednesday, May 28
Thursday, May 29
Friday, May 30

National Test Day: SAT
Accelerate senior presentations via Zoom
AP Exams with abbreviated class schedules TBD
Fourteen-week progress report grading period ends, and grades due from faculty in PowerSchool.
Accelerate senior exams
Last day of Accelerate classes for sophomores and juniors
Accelerate Completion Ceremony
Residential Academic Awards Program, 2pm (all faculty teaching Residential)
Accelerate sophomore and junior exams
Last day of spring semester classes
Review/Reading Day
Exams (Students may not sign out for the weekend during exams)
Senior Banquet, 6pm (All seniors and any juniors remaining on campus)
Residential graduation practice at 9:30am
Non-satisfactory grade reports due for all students by noon
Course grades due by noon in PowerSchool
Board of Trustees meeting in Hartsville
Graduation at 11am

JUNE

Thursday, June 5
Saturday, June 7
June 8–July 18
Saturday, June 14

Final report cards mailed home.
National Test Day: SAT
Summer Research & Inquiry Experiences for Class of 2024
National Test Day: ACT

JULY

Saturday, July 12
National Test Day: ACT

*Note: Thursday January 18 will be used as an emergency makeup class day if necessary.