



**2021-2022**  
**Academic Calendar**  
**Student Edition**  
Updated August 10, 2021

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

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

Below is the general calendar for 2021-2022:

- 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 7:00 PM on Sunday.
- OCCA is the Office of College Counseling and Advising.

### FALL SEMESTER

#### AUGUST

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Wednesday, August 11	Senior Leaders Move-In
Friday, August 13	Junior Move-In Day
<b>Saturday, August 14</b>	<b>Senior Move-In Day</b>
Monday, August 16 & Tuesday, August 17	Residential first days of class: orientation to classes/labs and GSSM community building
Wednesday, August 18	First full day of classes for academic content Class of 2022 OCCA meeting in the gym, 1pm First Research Advisee/Advisor meeting, 4pm
Thursday, August 19	Last day to drop/add a dual-enrolled course
Monday, August 23	Last day to add a residential course
Wednesday, August 25	Class of 2023 OCCA meeting in the gym, 1pm
Saturday, August 28	National Test Date: SAT
TBD by academic advisor	August Advisor-Advisee meeting

#### SEPTEMBER

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Thursday, September 9	Convocation, 2pm (Classes as usual until noon); LWE begins after Convocation & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Saturday, September 11	National Test Date: ACT
Tuesday, September 14	Center for Academic Success Parent Talk
Wednesday, September 15	Last day to drop a class that is an overload without it appearing on the transcript
Saturday, September 25	Parents' Day
TBD by academic advisor	September Advisor-Advisee meeting
TBD by OCCA	Dean's Panel College Fair at GSSM

#### OCTOBER

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Saturday, October 2	National Test Date: SAT
Monday, October 4	Six-week assessment grade given to students by faculty and entered into LWE begins after class & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Thursday, October 7	Hartsville Event on GSSM Lawn
Monday, October 11	Letters of recommendation must be uploaded into Scoir.
Wednesday, October 13	PSAT (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week)
Thursday, October 14	Wednesday class/lab schedule residential
Friday, October 15	Thursday class/lab schedule residential
Wednesday, October 20	Final day to drop a residential overload course
Thursday, October 21	Midterm grading period ends.
Friday, October 22	Annual Research Colloquium (no residential classes all day)
Saturday, October 23	National Test Date: ACT
Monday, October 25	Midterm grades due by noon in PowerSchool. Last day to withdraw from a dual-enrolled course without academic penalty



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Tuesday October 26	Center for Academic Success Parent Talk (guests: Research & Inquiry, OCCA)
Wednesday, October 27	Midterm grades emailed home.
Thursday, October 28	LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm.
TBD by OCCA	Campus visits to USC, Clemson University, College of Charleston

**NOVEMBER**

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Saturday, November 6	National Test Date: SAT
Wednesday, November 10	Notice of Potential Unsatisfactory Grade given to students by faculty
Friday, November 12	GSSM Etiquette Dinner
Friday, November 19	Residential Thanksgiving holidays begin after classes & end Sun. 11/28 at 7pm.
Tuesday, November 30	Center for Academic Success Parent Talk

**DECEMBER**

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Saturday, December 4	National Test Date: SAT Winter Formal
Friday, December 10	Last day of fall semester classes
Saturday, December 11	Review/Reading Day National Test Date: ACT
December 13-17	Exams (Students may not sign out for this weekend)
Friday, December 17	End of fall semester. Break begins after last exam.
Monday, December 27	1st semester report cards sent home.



## JANUARY INTERIM AND SPRING SEMESTER

*TBD by the DOE*

*ACT, SAT and WIN at GSSM for all Juniors in the AM at some point during the spring semester*

### JANUARY

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Monday, January 3	Residential students return to GSSM by 7pm.
Tuesday, January 4	Interim session begins with assembly at 9am, gym.
Saturday, January 8	Parents and Friends Seminar Day (Academic Saturday, no sign outs)
Wednesday, January 19	Interim presentations. Break begins after presentations & ends Sunday at 7pm. Junior parent meeting with OCCA prior to Winter Break (afternoon)
Monday, January 24	Residential spring semester begins
Tuesday, January 25	Last day to drop/add a dual-enrolled course
Monday, January 31	Last day to add a residential course
TBD by faculty member	January Advisor-Advisee meeting

### FEBRUARY

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Saturday, February 12	National Test Date: ACT
Monday, February 14	Course catalog sent to rising seniors.
Tuesday, February 15	By this date individual student meetings should have occurred with new students. Center for Academic Success Parent Talk (guest: Counseling Services)
Thursday, February 17	LWE begins after classes & ends Sunday at 7pm.
Saturday, February 19	STEM Scholars Program
Monday, February 21	Last day to drop a residential overload class without it appearing on the transcript Application closes for residential and virtual programs.
Thursday, February 24	1 <sup>st</sup> day for rising seniors to submit course requests forms to the registrar
Monday, February 28	Last day for rising seniors to submit course requests forms to the registrar

### MARCH

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Saturday, March 5	Inside GSSM
Monday, March 7	Six-week assessment grades given to students
Saturday, March 12	National Test Date: SAT
Tuesday, March 15	Center for Academic Success Parent Talk
Thursday, March 17	LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Saturday, March 19	Golden Opportunity Days-Interviews
Wednesday, March 23	Townes Award Celebration in Columbia
Thursday, March 24	Final day to drop a residential overload course
Friday, March 25	Midterm grading period ends.
Monday, March 28	Last day to withdraw from a dual-enrolled course without academic penalty
Tuesday, March 29	Midterm grades due by noon in PowerSchool.

### APRIL

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Friday, April 1	Midterm grades emailed home.
Saturday, April 2	National Test Date: ACT <b>SCJAS</b>
Monday, April 4	Invitation for senior graduation speaker sent out.
Tuesday, April 12	Center for Academic Success Parent Talk (guest: OCCA)
Friday, April 15	GSSM Spring Break begins after classes.
Sunday, April 24	GSSM Spring Break ends at 7pm.
Monday, April 25	Notice of Potential Unsatisfactory Grade given to students by faculty.



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Saturday, April 30

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**MAY**

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May 2 – May 13

AP Exams with abbreviated class schedules TBD

Saturday May 7

National Test Day: SAT

Saturday, May 14

Govie Day (Accepted Students Day)

Sunday May 15

Residential Academic Awards Program, 2pm (all faculty)

Wednesday, May 18

Last day of spring semester classes

Thursday, May 19

Review/Reading Day

May 20-21, 23-25

Exams (Students may not sign out for the weekend during exams)

Wednesday, May 25

Senior Banquet, 6pm (All seniors and any juniors remaining on campus)

Saturday, May 28

Graduation at 11am

**JUNE**

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Friday, June 3

Final report cards sent home.

Saturday, June 4

National Test Date: SAT

June 5 – July 15

Summer Research & Inquiry Experiences for Class of 2023

Saturday, June 11

National Test Date: ACT