

SSESH 2026–2027 Parent Calendar

This calendar is designed to help families plan ahead for the 2026–2027 school year. It includes school events for students, family events, parent education opportunities, chapel and community moments, enrollment dates, service opportunities, closures, half-days, overnight trips, and major showcases.

Please note that this calendar is subject to change. Some dates and event details are still being finalized and will be shared with families as they are confirmed. Additional details, reminders, sign-ups, and event logistics will continue to be shared in The Hallway as each date gets closer.

SSESH Terms

SSESH: St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Houston.

Orientation: Our youngest students, ages 15 months–3 years old.

Primary: Our early childhood level for students ages 3 through Kindergarten.

Lower Elementary: 1st–3rd grade.

Upper Elementary: 4th–6th grade.

Middle Years: 7th–8th grade.

CoHo: Short for Community House, the Middle Years classroom & community space.

BD360: Short for Bulldog 360, SSESH's after-school enrichment program.

Monty Meals: Optional school lunch program available to participating families.

SCC: St. Stephen's Community Council, our parent community group.

The Hallway: SSESH's weekly school newsletter

Legend

ACTION

Requires parent action, RSVP/sign-up, deadline tracking, or attendance planning.

VOLUNTEER

Includes a parent volunteer opportunity or likely volunteer support need.

PLAN

Requires advance planning, calendar awareness, logistics, or schedule adjustment.

Date	Time	Event	Who	Why / What Families Need to Know
August 7	Scheduled Time	Teacher Meet & Greet / Conferences	All families	A chance to meet teachers and begin the school year with connection and clarity.
August 8	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Rising CoHo Parent Experience	Middle Years / CoHo parents	A parent experience to help families understand the Middle Years / CoHo model and expectations.
August 9	10:30 - 11:30 am	Blessing of the Backpacks	All families; Optional	A church tradition to bless students, backpacks, and the year ahead.
August 9	See Description	Back-to-School Rally	All families	A community welcome-back event with time to connect with admin, specialists, support staff, and classroom teachers. Orientation/Primary families begin at 2:00 p.m.; Elementary/Middle Years families begin at 3:00 p.m.
August 10	See Description	New Student Orientation	New students; all Middle Years students	Orientation helps new students ease into the year. All Middle Years students attend. Orientation: 8:00–9:30 a.m.; Primary–Upper Elementary: 8:00–11:00 a.m.; Middle Years: 8:00–11:00 a.m.
August 10	8:15 - 9:15 am	New Family Orientation	New parents/guardians	A parent orientation for families new to SSESH.

August 10	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Popsicles on the Playground	All Families	A casual welcome moment for students and families before the full school year begins.
August 11		First Full Day of School	All Students	First full day of the 2026–2027 school year. Aftercare begins.
August 14		SSESH Buddy Match	Students only	Students meet or connect with their school buddies for the year.
August 14, 21, 28		Monty Meals	Participating families	Monty Meals dates for families who participate. Details and reminders will be shared in The Hallway.
August 19	8:30 - 9:30 am	All-School Chapel: Convocation	All students; parents/guardians are invited to attend	A school-wide chapel gathering to mark the beginning of the school year.
August 24		BD360 Begins	Registered students	Fall BD360 programming begins.
August 30	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Annual Fund Launch Party	Parents only	Community event connected to the launch of the annual fund. Details will be shared closer to the date.
September 4, 11, 18, 25		Monty Meals	Participating families	Monty Meals dates for families who participate.
September 6	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Church Rally Day	Families, optional	A St. Stephen's Episcopal Church community event. School families are welcome.
September 7		Campus Closed: Labor Day	All families	No school.
September 12	TBA	Middle Years Hangout	Middle Years families	Room-parent-supported social gathering for level connection.
September 12	TBA	Lower Elementary Hangout	Lower Elementary families	Room-parent-supported social gathering for level connection.
September 19	TBA	Primary Hangout	Primary families	Room-parent-supported social gathering for level connection.
September 19	TBA	Upper Elementary Hangout	Upper Elementary families	Room-parent-supported social gathering for level connection.
September 23	8:30 - 9:30 am	All-School Chapel: Pinwheels for Peace	All students; parents/guardians are invited to attend	A school-wide chapel and peace tradition.
September 25	See Description	Bully Prevention Presentations: Safe School Institute	All students; parents/guardians are invited to attend	Age-appropriate student presentations during the school day, plus a parent session at 12:00 p.m. Primary–2nd: 9:00 a.m.; 3rd–5th: 10:00 a.m.; 6th–8th: 11:00 a.m.; Parents: 12:00 p.m.
September 26	TBA	Orientation Hangout	Orientation families	Room-parent-supported social gathering for level connection.
September 30–October 2		Middle Years at Camp Allen	Middle Years students	Overnight learning experience. Details will be shared with Middle Years families.
September 30–October 2		Upper Elementary at NCI	Upper Elementary students	Overnight learning experience. Details will be shared with Upper Elementary families.
October 1		Applications Open for 2027–2028	Current families with siblings	Applications open for the following school year.
October 2, 8, 16, 23, 30		Monty Meals	Participating families	Monty Meals dates for families who participate. October 8 is a Thursday due to Fall Break.

October 5–8		Spirit Week	All students	Students are invited to participate in themed dress days. Monday: Match Day; Tuesday: Book Character Day; Wednesday: Purple & Teal Day; Thursday: Crazy Socks Day.
October 6	3:00 - 7:00 pm	Book Fair at Barnes & Noble	All families	Community book fair event. Details will be shared closer to the date.
October 9–12		Campus Closed: Fall Break	All families	No school.
October 13	9:00 - 10:00 am	Current Family Moving Up Tour: Orientation–Lower Elementary	2nd year Orientation & Kindergarten Parents	A tour for families preparing to understand the next level of the SSES experience.
October 16–18		St. Stephen's Parish Weekend Away at Camp Allen	Families, optional	Parish community weekend. Details will come from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.
October 22	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Moving Up Night	Rising Primary– Rising Middle Years parents	Parent event designed to help families understand transitions between levels.
October 27	9:00 - 10:00 am	Current Family Moving Up Tour: Upper Elementary–Middle Years	3rd grade & 6th grade Parents	A tour for families preparing to understand the next level of the SSES experience.
October 28	8:30 - 9:30 am	All-School Chapel: All Saints	All students; parents/guardians are invited to attend	A school-wide chapel gathering connected to All Saints.
October 30		Halloween Fest	Students Only; Parent Volunteers	School community celebration. Details about timing, costumes, volunteers, and activities will be shared closer to the date.
November 5	8:30 - 9:30 am	Lower Elementary Parent Education	Lower Elementary; any interested parents	Parent education session in Pecore.
November 6	Scheduled Time	Trimester 1 Conferences	All families	Parent-teacher conference day. No regular classes. Families will receive conference sign-up information closer to the date, including available times and scheduling instructions. Elementary and Middle Years students are expected to attend their conferences with their parent/guardian.
November 6	7:15 am - 6:00 pm	Conference Care Available	Registered families	Care available during conferences. Details and registration will be shared separately.
November 12	8:30 - 9:30 am	Orientation Parent Education	Orientation; any interested parents	Parent education session in O1.
November 12	8:30 - 9:30 am	Middle Years Parent Education	Middle Years; any interested parents	Parent education session in CoHo.
November 13		Calmecca Indigenous Organization Performance	Students only	Campus-wide cultural performance for students.
November 13	1:00 - 2: 30 pm	Lower Elementary State / Indigenous Tribes Event	Lower Elementary students and families	A Lower Elementary learning event connected to state and Indigenous tribe studies.
November 5, 13, 19		Monty Meals	Participating families	Monty Meals date for families who participate.
November 16–20		Week of Gratitude & Service	Students only	A school-wide week focused on gratitude and service. Friday is Campus Service Day.
November 19		Last Week of Fall BD360	BD360 families	Final week of fall BD360 programming.
November 19	8:30 - 9:30 am	Primary Parent Education	Primary; any interested parents	Parent education session in Pecore.

November 19	8:30 - 9:30 am	Upper Elementary Parent Education	Upper Elementary; any interested parents	Parent education session in Havens.
November 19	TBD	SCC Flowers & Pies	Faculty & Staff; Parent Volunteers	A gratitude tradition before Thanksgiving Break. Parent volunteers help share notes of appreciation, flowers, and/or pies with SSES teachers and faculty.
November 20	See Description	Half-Day	All families	Early dismissal before Thanksgiving Break. Orientation and Primary dismiss at 11:30 a.m.; Elementary and Middle Years dismiss at 12:00 p.m.
November 23–27		Campus Closed: Thanksgiving Break	All families	No school.
December 5	3:00 - 6:00 pm	Festival of the Holidays	All families	School holiday community event. Details about schedule, volunteer needs, and activities will be shared closer to the date.
December 4, 11, 17		Monty Meals	Participating families	Monty Meals date for families who participate.
December 11	8:15 - 11:00 am	SCC Holiday Wrap-Up	Parent Volunteers	A community opportunity to help with holiday wrap-up support. Details will be shared in The Hallway.
December 14–17		Jingle Week	Students Only	Students are invited to participate in themed dress days. Monday: Merry & Bright Day; Tuesday: Tinsel, Sparkle & Shine Day; Wednesday: Festive Sweater & Winter Wear Day; Thursday: Winter Pajama Day.
December 18	10:00 - 11:00 am	All-School Chapel: Holiday Performance	All students; parents/guardians are invited to attend	A major school chapel and holiday performance.
December 18	See Description	Last Day of Semester: Half-Day	All families	Early dismissal before Winter Break. Orientation and Primary dismiss at 11:30 a.m.; Elementary and Middle Years dismiss at 12:00 p.m.
December 21–January 4		Campus Closed: Winter Break	All families	No school.
January 5		First Day Back	Students Only	School resumes after Winter Break.
January 8	8:30 - 9:30 am	SEL Parent Education: Orientation–PK4	Orientation and younger Primary parents	Parent education session focused on social-emotional learning.
January 8, 15, 22, 29		Monty Meals	Participating families	Monty Meals dates for families who participate.
January 9	TBA	Middle Years Hangout	Middle Years families	Room-parent-supported social gathering for level connection.
January 9	TBA	Lower Elementary Hangout	Lower Elementary families	Room-parent-supported social gathering for level connection.
January 15	8:30 - 9:30 am	SEL Parent Education: Kindergarten–2nd Grade	K–2 parents	Parent education session focused on social-emotional learning.
January 16	TBA	Primary Hangout	Primary families	Room-parent-supported social gathering for level connection.
January 16	TBA	Upper Elementary Hangout	Upper Elementary families	Room-parent-supported social gathering for level connection.
January 18		Campus Closed: MLK Day	All families	No school.
January 19	9:00 - 10:00 am	Current Family Tour: Orientation/Primary	2nd year Orientation & Kindergarten Parents	Tour opportunity for current families exploring next steps within SSES.

January 22	8:30 - 9:30 am	SEL Parent Education: 3rd–5th Grade	3rd–5th grade parents	Parent education session focused on social-emotional learning.
January 23	TBA	Orientation Hangout	Orientation families	Room-parent-supported social gathering for level connection.
January 25		Spring BD360 Starts	Registered students	Spring BD360 programming begins.
January 28	6:00 - 7:00 pm	The State of SSES	Parents only (childcare available)	Parent-facing school update and community information event.
January 29	8:30 - 9:30 am	SEL Parent Education: 6th–8th Grade	6th-8th parents	Parent education session focused on social-emotional learning.
January 31		Financial Aid Deadline: First Round	Families applying for financial aid	First-round financial aid deadline.
February 1–14		Priority Re-Enrollment	Current families	Priority re-enrollment window for current families.
February 2	9:00 - 10:00 am	Current Family Tour: Lower Elementary/Middle Years	3rd & 6th grade Parents	Tour opportunity for current families exploring next steps within SSES.
February 3		Picture Day	Students Only	Student picture day. Details will be shared closer to the date.
February 5		Black History Performance	Students Only	Campus-wide performance connected to Black History Month.
February 5, 12, 18, 25		Monty Meals	Participating families	Monty Meals dates for families who participate. February 18 and February 25 are Thursdays due to schedule adjustments.
February 9	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	Families, optional	Church/school community tradition before Lent. Details will be shared closer to the date.
February 10	8:30 - 9:30 am	All-School Chapel: Ash Wednesday	All students; parents/guardians are invited to attend	A school-wide chapel gathering for Ash Wednesday.
February 12	9:00 - 11:00 am	SCC Career Day	Students; Parent Volunteers	Students will hear from parent and community volunteers about a variety of careers and real-world experiences.
February 15–28		Regular Re-Enrollment	Current families	Regular re-enrollment window.
February 19	Scheduled Times	Trimester 2 Conferences	All families	Parent-teacher conference day. No regular classes. Families will receive conference sign-up information closer to the date, including available times and scheduling instructions. Elementary and Middle Years students are expected to attend their conferences with their parent/guardian.
February 19	7:15 am - 6:00 pm	Conference Care Available	Registered families	Care available during conferences. Details and registration will be shared separately.
February 19	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Meals for Kids Packing	All families	A school service opportunity where families are invited to help pack meals for children in need. Details and sign-up information will be shared in The Hallway.
February 25	8:30 - 10:30	Upper Elementary Cultural Fair	Upper Elementary students and families	Upper Elementary cultural learning showcase in the Nave.
February 26		Go Texan Day	Students Only	School celebration connected to Go Texan Day. Details will be shared closer to the date.

March 4, 19, 25		Monty Meals	Participating families	Monty Meals dates for families who participate. March 4 and March 25 are Thursdays due to schedule adjustments.
March 5	TBA	GrandFriends Day	All students and invited GrandFriends/family guests	Major school community event celebrating GrandFriends and special guests. Details will be shared closer to the date.
March 8–12		Campus Closed: Spring Break	All families	No school.
March 16–18		Iowa Testing	2nd–8th grade students	Standardized testing window for 2nd–8th grade students.
March 24	8:30 - 9:30 am	All-School Chapel: Easter	All students; parents/guardians are invited to attend	A school-wide chapel gathering connected to Easter.
March 26–29		Campus Closed: Easter Break	All families	No school.
April 2, 15, 23, 30		Monty Meals	Participating families	Monty Meals dates for families who participate. April 15 is a Thursday due to schedule adjustments.
April 5–9		Middle Years at the Grand Canyon	Middle Years students	Major extended learning trip. Details will be shared with Middle Years families.
April 7–9		Lower Elementary at Camp Allen	Lower Elementary students	Overnight learning experience. Details will be shared with Lower Elementary families.
April 7–9		Upper Elementary at Outdoor School	Upper Elementary students	Overnight learning experience. Details will be shared with Upper Elementary families.
April 9	TBA	Primary Strawberry Field Trip	Primary students; Guardian Required	Field trip for Primary students. Details will be shared with Primary families.
April 9	TBA	Orientation Zoo Field Trip	Orientation students, Guardian Required	Field trip for Orientation students. Details will be shared with Orientation families.
April 19		Last Week of Spring BD360	BD360 families	Final week of spring BD360 programming.
April 22	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Author's Night	Kindergarten–8th grade students and families	Student writing/literacy showcase for K–8 families.
April 29	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Coffee House / BD360 Showcase	All families	A community showcase celebrating student work, performance, and enrichment through BD360.
May 1	9:00 - 11:30 am	All-School Playground Meet-Up	All families	Casual school community meet-up.
May 3–7		Teacher Appreciation Week	All families	A week to celebrate SSES teachers and staff. Details will be shared closer to the date.
May 4	9:00 - 11:00 am	Middle Years Discovery Expo	Middle Years students and families	Middle Years learning showcase.
May 7	9:00 - 10:00	Orientation & Primary Mother's Day Celebration	Orientation & Primary Mothers & Mother Figures	Orientation and Primary families are invited to celebrate mothers, mother figures, and special grown-ups with students before Mother's Day weekend.
May 7, 13, 20		Monty Meals	Participating families	Monty Meals dates for families who participate. May 13 and May 20 are Thursdays due to schedule adjustments.
May 10–14		Spirit Week	Students Only	Students are invited to participate in themed dress days. Monday: Sunny Day; Tuesday: Vacation Mode Day; Wednesday: Dapper Day; Thursday: Camp Day.

May 12	8:30 - 9:30 am	All-School Chapel: Baccalaureate	All students; parents/guardians are invited to attend	A school-wide chapel gathering honoring the graduating class.
May 14	Scheduled Times	Trimester 3 Conferences	All families	Parent-teacher conference day. No regular classes. Families will receive conference sign-up information closer to the date, including available times and scheduling instructions. Elementary and Middle Years students are expected to attend their conferences with their parent/guardian.
May 14	7:15 am - 6:00 pm	Conference Care Available	Registered families	Care available during conferences. Details and registration will be shared separately.
May 14	6:00 - 7:00 pm	8th Grade Graduation	Graduating families; all are welcome to attend and support	Graduation ceremony honoring the graduating class in the Nave.
May 17–20	TBA	All-School Art Show	All students and families	Student art will be displayed. Details about viewing times will be shared closer to the date.
May 17	8:30 - 10:00 am	Middle Years Da Vinci Lab Fair	Middle Years students and families	Middle Years innovation/design showcase.
May 17	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Musical Theatre Workshop Performance	Musical Theatre Workshop students and families	BD360/enrichment performance.
May 18	8:30 - 10:00 am	Lower Elementary Invention Fair	Lower Elementary students and families	Lower Elementary innovation/design showcase.
May 19	8:30 - 10:00 am	Upper Elementary Maker Faire	Upper Elementary students and families	Upper Elementary innovation/design showcase.
May 20	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Music and Spanish Show	Primary–Middle Years students and families	A student performance celebrating music and Spanish learning.
May 21		Field Day	Students Only; Parent Volunteers	End-of-year school celebration. Details about dress, water, volunteers, and schedule will be shared closer to the date.
May 21	See Description	Last Day of School: Half-Day	All families	Final day of school with early dismissal. Orientation and Primary dismiss at 11:30 a.m.; Elementary and Middle Years dismiss at 12:00 p.m.