

**Palmer Catholic Academy  
School Calendar 2024-2025**

July	31	New Teacher Orientation @ 8:30 am (St. Matthews)
August	1	Teachers and Staff Report
	5-7	Cheer Clinic – rising 4-8 <sup>th</sup> graders (Application Required)
	6	Meet & Greet for students in Grades K-5 <sup>th</sup> by last name (Bring supplies)
		9:00 am            A-H
		11:30 am        I-P
		2:00 pm           R-Z
	<b>6</b>	<b>New Family Orientation @ 6:00 pm in the PCA Gymnasium</b>
	7	Opening Mass for teachers @ 10:00 am (St. Joseph)
	8	Meet & Greet for students in Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> (Bring supplies)
		9:00 am            6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
		11:00 am        7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
		1:00 pm            8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	8	JV/Varsity Cheer Tryouts – 3:30-6:30 pm
	9	Professional Day
	12	Meet & Greet for Pre-K students – 9 AM
	<b>13</b>	<b>First Day of School - Classes begin</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>Holy Day of Obligation – Children’s Mass at 9:40 am</b>
	15 & 16	Basketball Tryouts - Varsity Boys – 3:30-5:00 pm; Varsity Girls – 5:00-6:30 pm
	19	JV Boys Basketball Tryouts – 5:00 pm
	20	JV Girls Basketball Tryouts – 5:00 pm
	<b>23</b>	<b>Back to School Family Bingo Night 5:00 pm – PCA Gym</b>
	26	Open House for 4 <sup>th</sup> grade at 5:00 pm and 5 <sup>th</sup> grade at 6:30 pm
	27	Open House for 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade at 5:00 pm and 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade at 6:30 pm
	28	Open House for Pre-K at 4:00, Kindergarten at 5:00 and 1 <sup>st</sup> grade at 6:30 pm
	29	Open House for 6 <sup>th</sup> grade at 5:00 pm and 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grades at 6:30 pm
		<b>Individual School Pictures – Mandatory Uniform Day</b>
September	<b>2</b>	<b>Labor Day – No school for teachers and students</b>
	4	HSA Meeting
	<b>10</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Discovery Day at Bishop Kenny</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>Early Staggered Release</b> <b>(Pre-K-2 @ 12:00 PM, 3-5 @ 12:10 PM, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM)</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>Family Fun Day @ OLSS</b>
October	3	HSA Social after Mass
	<b>5</b>	<b>Fall Festival</b>
	9	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade PSAT Testing
	<b>11</b>	<b>Early Staggered Release</b> <b>(Pre-K-2 @ 12:00 PM, 3-5 @ 12:10 PM, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM)</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>Walking Rosary at 12:30 PM at OLSS</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>No school for teachers and students</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>OPTION 1 Mandatory Confirmation Parent Meeting – 7:15-8:15 PM - Browning Center Room 1</b> <b>(or choose October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting)</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>OPTION 2 Mandatory Confirmation Parent Meeting – 12:15-1:15 pm @ Cultural Center at OLSS</b> <b>(only if you didn’t attend the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting)</b>
	<b>23</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade visit to St. Joseph’s Academy</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Family Retreat @ OLSS</b>
	28-Nov. 1	Red Ribbon Week
	<b>31</b>	<b>No Children’s Mass – Friday Schedule</b>

November	1	<b>Holy Day of Obligation – Children’s Mass at 9:40 am – Thursday Schedule</b>
	2	<b>Reconciliation Retreat 8:30 am (Mass at OLSS)-12:30 pm</b>
	4-8	Book Fair
	5	Student Council Elections
	7	HSA Meeting
	8	Middle School Dance – 2:15-4:00 PM
	11	<b>Professional Day - No school for students</b>
	13	Science Fair
	22	<b>School Improvement - Early staggered holiday release (PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (No Angels After Hours)</b>
	25-29	<b>Thanksgiving Break – No school for teachers and students</b>
December	3	K-5 Christmas Program 5:00 pm @ OLSS
	4	<b>Advent Penitential Service 10:00 am @ PCA for students</b>
	5	Individual School Picture Retakes
	12	HSA Social
	17-20	Middle School Mid Terms
	20	<b>Early staggered holiday release (PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (No Angels After Hours) End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>
	23	<b>Christmas Holiday Begins (school closed for students Dec. 23, 2024-Jan. 6, 2025)</b>
	January	3
6	Classes resume	
7	HSA Meeting	
11	PCA Spirit night at the Jacksonville Icemen	
17	<b>School Improvement – Early staggered release (PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (Angels After Hours 12:30 – 3:30 PM)</b>	
20	<b>Martin Luther King Holiday – No school for teachers and students</b>	
26-31	Catholic Schools Week	
February	6	HSA Social after Mass; <b>Class Pictures – Mandatory Uniform Day</b>
	6	<b>PK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade STREAM Night 5:00 PM-6:00 PM</b>
	7	Middle School Dance 6:00-8:00 PM
	13	<b>Schoolwide Retreat Day School Improvement – Early staggered release (PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (Angels After Hours 12:30 – 3:30 PM)</b>
	14	<b>Professional Day – No school for students</b>
	17	<b>President’s Day Holiday – No school for teachers and students</b>
	20	<b>4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade STREAM Night 5:00 PM-6:00 PM</b>
	24, 25, 26 & 27	<b>Terranova Testing for grades 2-8</b>
	27	<b>No Children’s Mass – Friday Schedule</b>
	28	<b>Children’s Mass @ 9:40 am – Thursday Schedule</b>
	28	NJHS Induction
March	1	<b>First Eucharist Retreat 8:30 am (Mass in Church)-12:30 pm (Cultural Center)</b>
	5	<b>Ash Wednesday – Children’s Mass at 9:40 – Thursday Schedule</b>
	6	<b>HSA Meeting – No Children’s Mass – Wednesday Schedule</b>
	12	<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat at Marywood</b>
	13	<b>School Improvement – Early staggered release (PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM)</b>
	14	<b>No school for teachers and students End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
	17	<b>Diocesan Professional Day – No school for students</b>

27 NEHS Induction  
29 Angel Ball

April  
3 HSA Social after Mass  
4-6 School Musical Production  
9 Lenten Penitential Service 10:00 am for PCA students  
12 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in the OLSS Cultural Center  
16 Early staggered holiday release  
(PreK-2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (No Angels After Hours)  
17-25 Easter holiday (no school for teachers and students)

May  
1 Middle School Field Trips  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Blessing Cup Ceremony  
5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week  
6 Confirmation Practice 6:00-7:00 – Cultural Center/OLSS  
7 HSA Meeting  
8 May Crowning after Children’s Mass  
Confirmation - 6:00 PM at OLSS  
21, 27, 28 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams  
22 School Improvement – Early staggered release  
(PreK- 2 @ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 PM) (Angels After Hours 12:30 – 3:30 pm)  
23 School Professional Day/Staff Retreat – No school for students  
26 Memorial Day – No School for teachers and students  
29 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams  
29 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Make-Up Final Exams/Service Day/Carpool Parade  
Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration – 9 AM  
No Children’s Mass – Friday Schedule  
30 Children’s Mass @ 9:40 am – Thursday Schedule  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly after Mass

**\*\*First Communions will be held on Sunday’s at 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm Masses on May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025**

June  
2 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast/Check-Out/12:00 PM release for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Pre-K Graduation @ 1:00 pm – PCA Gym  
3 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams  
Field Day – Grades Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup>  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Rehearsal @ 9:30 am in the OLSS Cultural Center  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass @ 5:00 pm at OLSS  
4 Middle School Make-Up Final Exams  
Color Run  
Last Day of School  
Early Staggered Release – Pre-K -@ 12:00, 3-5 @ 12:10, 6-8 @ 12:20 (No Angels After Hours)  
6 Last Day for Teachers