



## 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 14	Class of 2025 OCCA meeting in the gym, 1pm
Wednesday, August 21	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)
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
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	College Fair at GSSM
Saturday, September 28	Accelerate Physics Lab 1
TBD by academic advisor	September Advisor-Advisee meeting
TBD by OCCA	Dean's Panel

### OCTOBER

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Thursday, October 3	LWE begins after class & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Wednesday, October 9	PSAT (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week)
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
October 10-15	No Accelerate classes
Saturday, October 19	Accelerate Chemistry Lab 1
Wednesday, October 16	Midterm grades emailed home.



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Friday, October 18	Last day to withdraw from a Coker dual-enrolled course with a W (any drop after this date is a WF)
Friday, October 25	Networking Dinner
Thursday, October 31	LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Saturday, October 26	Accelerate Pre-Engineering Lab 1, Physics Lab 2
TBD by OCCA	Campus visits to USC, Clemson University, College of Charleston

**NOVEMBER**

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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
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: ACT
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 days if necessary.



## JANUARY INTERIM AND SPRING SEMESTER

TBD by the DOE

ACT, SAT and WIN at GSSM for all juniors in the morning at some point during spring semester

### JANUARY

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Sunday, January 5	Residential students return to GSSM by 7pm.
Wednesday, 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 2	Accelerate Engineering Lab 2
Monday, February 3	Last day to drop/add a residential course
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 <sup>st</sup> day for rising seniors to submit course requests forms to the registrar
Saturday, February 24	Accelerate Physics Lab 3
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 15	Accelerate Physics Lab 4
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.
TBD	South Carolina Junior Academy of Science (optional)

### 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 Accelerate Physics Lab (makeup)
Thursday, April 10	Last day to withdraw from an FMU dual-enrolled course
Saturday, April 12	Accelerate Pre-Engineering Lab (makeup), Chemistry Lab (makeup)



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Friday, April 18  
April 21-April 25  
Monday, April 21

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**

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Saturday May 3  
May 5-16  
May 12-14

Accelerate senior presentations via Zoom  
AP Exams with abbreviated class schedules TBD  
Accelerate senior exams

Friday, May 16  
Saturday, May 17  
Sunday, May 18

Last day of Accelerate classes for sophomores and juniors  
Accelerate Completion Ceremony  
Residential Academic Awards Program, 2pm (all faculty teaching Residential)

May 19-23  
Wednesday, May 21  
Thursday, May 22  
May 23-24 26-28

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)

Wednesday, May 28  
Thursday, May 29

Senior Banquet, 6pm (All seniors and any juniors remaining on campus)  
Residential graduation practice at 9:30am

Friday, May 30

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**

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Thursday, June 5  
June 8–July 18

Final report cards mailed home.  
Summer Research & Inquiry Experiences for Class of 2024

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