# CPS 2019-2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## AUGUST
- 21/22 New Staff Orientation
- 26 No School (Staff Orientation)
- 27 Grades 1-8, Grade 9 Only
- Kindergarten Orientation
- 28 All Students
- 29 All Students
- 30 No School

*AUGUST Student Days: 3*

## SEPTEMBER
- 2 No School (Labor Day)
- 17 Half Day (Prof. Day)

*SEPTEMBER Student Days: 20*

## OCTOBER
- 10 Half Day (Prof. Day)
- 14 No School (Columbus Day)

*OCTOBER Student Days: 22*

## DECEMBER
- 4 Half Day (Prof. Day)
- 23 December Recess

*DECEMBER Student Days: 15*

## JANUARY
- 1 No School (New Year’s Day)
- 6 School Re-opens
- 14 Half Day (Prof. Day)
- 20 No School (Martin Luther King Day)

*JANUARY Student Days: 19*

## FEBRUARY
- 12 Half Day (Prof. Day)
- 17 February Recess
- 24 School Re-opens

*FEBRUARY Student Days: 15*

## APRIL
- 7 Half Day (Prof. Day)
- 10 No School (Good Friday)
- 20 April Recess
- 27 School Re-opens

*APRIL Student Days: 16*

## MAY
- 25 No School (Memorial Day)

*MAY Student Days: 20*

## JUNE
- 23 Last Day for Students (Half Day)
- 24 Last Day for Staff (Half Day)

*JUNE Student Days: 11*

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**Total Student Days: 186**

- Additional Staff Days: 2.5
- (Total Includes Six (6) Provisional Snow Days)

- **Professional Development**
- **Last day Students 23th**
- **Last day Staff 24th**
**Major Religious & Cultural Holidays**

- **Rosh Hashanah***: September 30 - October 1, 2019
- **Yom Kippur***: October 9, 2019
- **Sukkot***: October 14 – 15, 2019
- **Diwali**: October 27, 2019
- **Chanukah***: December 23 – 30, 2019
- **Christmas**: December 25, 2019
- **Kwanzaa**: December 26, 2019
- **Chinese New Year**: January 25, 2020
- **Passover***: April 9 – 16, 2020
- **Good Friday**: April 10, 2020
- **Easter**: April 12, 2020
- **Orthodox Easter**: April 19, 2020
- **Ramadan**: April 23 – May 23, 2020
- **Eid al-Fitr**: May 23 – 24, 2020
- **Shavuot***: May 29 – 30, 2020

*All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening prior to the day of the holiday.*

The following policies apply to students celebrating the holidays noted above:

- Homework and projects will not be assigned to students observing religious holidays. Teachers shall not schedule tests for those students celebrating observed religious holidays. Students will not be expected to complete daily homework assigned the evening before, or the day of the religious holiday. Assignments and tests should be made up in a time span that is reasonable to both students and teachers (SC Policy JHCBA).

- Observance of a religious holiday shall be viewed as valid justification for student absence, late homework/project submission and delayed testing. It is the responsibility of the student’s parent/guardian to notify the principal/dean/teacher of these dates at the beginning of the school year. In addition the student shall notify the teacher(s) of the observance date no later than two weeks in advance or as soon as practical (SC Policy JHCBA).

**Scheduled Staff Professional Development Days**

- Tuesday September 17, 2019: Student Half Day
- Thursday October 10, 2019: Student Half Day
- Tuesday November 5, 2019: Student NO School Day
- Wednesday December 4, 2019: Student Half Day
- Tuesday January 14, 2020: Student Half Day
- Wednesday February 12, 2020: Student Half Day
- Tuesday March 3, 2020: Student Half Day
- Tuesday April 7, 2020: Student Half Day
- Thursday November 21, 2019: Student Half Day – Elementary ONLY

**Starting and Dismissal Schedule**

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