



New Garden

FRIENDS SCHOOL

2024

JANUARY

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- 2 - Staff Workday; NO SCHOOL, LS Extended Care is closed
- 8 - *State and Federal Programs for Financing Education* Information Sessions*
- 15 - Martin Luther King Day, NO SCHOOL
- 30 - *To Middle School and Beyond* (for prospective & current families of rising 7th)
- 30 - *The Next 4 Years* (for prospective & current families of rising 9th)

FEBRUARY

- 5 - Staff Professional Development Day; NO SCHOOL, LS Extended Care is open
- 20 - *Countdown to Kindergarten* (for prospective & current families of rising K)
- 27-March 1 - Lower School Book Fair
- 29 - Application deadline for NCSEAA Opportunity Scholarship
- 29 - Trimester 2 Conferences; NO SCHOOL, LS Extended Care is open

MARCH

- 1 - Trimester 2 Conferences; NO SCHOOL, LS Extended Care is open
- 4-8 - Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
- 15 - ACT for 11th graders
- 28 - Upper School Prom
- 29 - Good Friday, NO SCHOOL

APRIL

- 2 - Middle School Transition Meeting & Tour (for families of rising 7th graders)*
- 3 - PSAT 10 for 10th graders and SAT for 11th graders
- 4 - Upper School Transition Meeting & Tour (for families of rising 9th graders)*
- 5-7 - Middle and Upper School Production: *Sugar, the Musical*
- 6 - NGFS Run with Friends 5K*
- 7 - Coming Home (homecoming event)*
- 9 - Lower School Transition Meetings (for families of rising 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders)*
- 10 - Move-Up Day (for K, 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th grade students)*
- 15 - Half-day early dismissal* / Professional Development; LS Extended Care is open
- 22-26 - Middle School Spring Trip

MAY

- 1 - Spring Carnation Ceremony (Sunrise students bid farewell to senior buddies)
- 6-10 - Galaxy (grades 5-6) Spring Trip
- 8-10 - Senior Trip
- TBA - Athletics Banquet
- TBA - Golf Tournament
- 17 - Senior Breakfast (at PFC) and Senior Walk (at GC)
- 20-24 - Horizon (grades 3-4) Spring Trip
- 23 - Baccalaureate (for seniors and families)
- 24 - Half-day early dismissal* / Graduation; LS Extended Care is open
- 27 - Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
- 28 - 6th grade Celebration
- 30 - 8th grade Celebration
- 31 - Half-day early dismissal* / Last Day of School; LS Extended Care is closed

Scan code for online calendar



You can find event times on the [NGFS online calendar](#).
This calendar is also accessible through the NGFS App;
just look for the calendar icon  at the bottom of the home screen.

Event details are shared by email and in the weekly Community Newsletter at least two weeks in advance. Below is preview information for several events.

Monday, Jan. 8 - *State and Federal Programs for Financing Education, 6-7:30 p.m.*

NGFS families are invited to join us to learn about state and federal programs for financing your child's education. This event includes these breakout sessions:

- **Understanding the New FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - for families of current juniors and seniors, with guest speaker from the College Foundation of North Carolina and Allie Blosser, NGFS Upper School Academic Dean and College Counselor
- **NCSEAA Opportunity Scholarship expanded opportunities for 2024** - for families of K-12 students, with Pattie Midgett, NGFS Director of Enrollment Management, and Michael Hill, NGFS Finance Office
- **NCSEAA ESA+ Program** (North Carolina's program to meet the financial needs of K-12 students with disabilities) with Marci Richardson, NGFS Learning Specialist

Each session will include an overview of the scholarship or student aid program, pertinent handouts, and a question and answer period. You will have the option to attend at least two sessions based on your interests indicated on the registration form.

Please [register here](#) (or scan the code) by Thursday, Jan. 4, so we can prepare for the number in attendance for each session.



The invitation email for this event was sent on Friday, Dec. 22.

Transition Meetings and Move Up Day in April

Tuesday, April 2, 6-7 p.m. - M.S. Transition Meeting & Tour (for families of rising 7th graders)

Thursday, April 4, 6-7 p.m. - U.S. Transition Meeting & Tour (for families of rising 9th graders)

Tuesday, April 9, 6-7:30 p.m. - L.S. Transition Meetings (for families of 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders)

Wednesday, April 10, school day - Move-Up Day (for rising K, 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th graders)

Transition meetings provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to learn about and ask questions about the next grade level.

Move-Up Day provides an opportunity for students to spend a day in the next grade level.

- Kindergarten students visit Rainbow (grades 1-2).
- 2nd graders visit Horizon (grades 3-4).
- 4th graders visit Galaxy (grades 5-6).
- 6th graders visit Middle School (grades 7-8 on the upper campus).
- 8th graders visit Upper School (grades 9-12).

This gives students a chance to know what the classrooms look like, experience what academic activities are like at the next level, and to connect with students and teachers. Often, students have a sense of excitement and begin to look forward to the next school year. If possible, please avoid scheduling appointments for your child on April 10.

Saturday, April 6 - NGFS Run with Friends 5K, 9-11:30 a.m.

Grab your bear wear, some friends, and let's run! After the run, we'll celebrate with food, games, and more. Stay tuned for more information.

Sunday, April 7 - Coming Home, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

A morning of simple community with our current families, staff, alumni, and friends of the school.

The morning will include Meeting for Worship, a picnic, and a time to gather together on lower campus.

Half-Day Early Dismissal Times

11:30 - A Child's Garden (Crocus, Iris, and Sunflower)

11:45 - Sunrise

12:00 - Rainbow; Middle School & Upper School

12:15 - Horizon & Galaxy