



**THE NORWICH FREE ACADEMY**  
**2008 - 2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**  
*(182 Student Days + 3 Professional Development Days)*

<b>ER</b> - Early Release	<b>GD</b> - Graduation	<b>NS</b> - No School	<b>PD</b> - Professional Development
<b>EX</b> - Exams	<b>H</b> - Holiday	<b>PN</b> - Parents' Night	

(21+2)		<b>AUG./SEPTEMBER</b>			[23]
<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Th</u>	<u>F</u>	
25	26	PD	PD	29	
8	9	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	PN	ER	
29	30				

(22)	<b>OCTOBER</b>					[45]	(17)	<b>NOVEMBER</b>					[62]	(17)	<b>DECEMBER</b>					[79]
<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Th</u>	<u>F</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Th</u>	<u>F</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Th</u>	<u>F</u>				
		1	2	3																
6	7	8	9	10		3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12				
<b>H</b>	14	15	16	17		10	<b>H</b>	<b>ER*</b>	<b>13*</b>	<b>ER</b>		15	16	17	18	19				
20	<b>ER</b>	22	23	24		17	18	19	20	21		22	<b>ER</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>NS</b>				
27	28	29	30	31		24	25	<b>ER</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>NS</b>		<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>						
(18)	<b>JANUARY</b>					[97]	(18)	<b>FEBRUARY</b>					[115]	(21+1)	<b>MARCH</b>					[137]
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			<b>H</b>	<b>NS</b>		2	3	4	5	6		2	3	4	5	6				
5	6	7	8	9		9	10	11	12	<b>ER</b>		9	10	11	12	<b>ER</b>				
12	13	14	<b>EX</b>	<b>EX</b>		<b>H</b>	<b>NS</b>	18	19	20		16	17	18	19	20				
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26	27	28	29	30								30	31							
(16)	<b>APRIL</b>					[153]	(20)	<b>MAY</b>					[173]	(12)	<b>JUNE</b>					[185]
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<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>		11	12	13	14	15		<b>EX</b>	<b>EX</b>	17	18	<b>GD</b>				
20	21	22	23	24		18	19	20	21	22		22	23	24	25	26				
27	28	29	30			<b>H</b>	26	27	28	29		29	30							

**DAYS OF NOTE**

Opening Days for Faculty & Staff – Aug. 27 & 28  
 First Day for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sept. 2  
 First Day for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> Grades – Sept. 3  
 Open House/Parent Night – Sept. 25  
 Homecoming – Oct. 18  
 Spelling Bee – Nov. 19  
 Parent Conferences – Nov. 12 & 13  
 Semester I Exams – Jan. 15, 16, & 20, 21  
 Semester II Exams – June 11, 12 & 15, 16  
 Weather Cancellation/Make-up Days– Jun.17, 18 & 19\*\*  
 Ninth Grade Testing – Sept. 15 – Sept. 19  
 Graduation Rehearsal – June 16  
 Athletic Awards – June 17  
 Class Night Awards – June 18  
 Graduation – June 19

**HOLIDAYS/VACATIONS & PROF. DEV.**

Prof. Dev. Days – Aug. 27, 28; Sept. 2; Oct. 21;  
 Dec. 4; Feb. 24; March 13, 25; May 7  
 Labor Day Weekend (no classes) Aug. 29 thru Sept. 1  
 Columbus Day – Oct. 13  
 Veterans Day – Nov. 11  
 Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 27 – 30  
 Holiday Break – Dec. 24 – Jan. 4  
 Christmas – Dec. 25  
 Dr. Martin Luther King Day – Jan. 19  
 Semester Break – Jan. 22\*\*  
 Presidents Day/Winter Break – Feb. 16 & 17\*\*  
 Good Friday – April 10  
 Spring Break – Apr.10 - 19  
 Memorial Day – May 25

**MARKING PERIOD CLOSINGS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period – Oct. 31, 2008 (43)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period – Jan. 14, 2009 (42)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period – March 27, 2009 (43)  
 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period – June 10, 2009 (46)

**Notes:**

\* – Parent conferences Wednesday, Nov.12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 5:00 P.M. & Thursday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.  
 \*\* – In the event of a harsh winter faculty and students should plan to attend school these days.  
 \*\*\* – Faculty will make appropriate accommodations for students affected by these special observance days.  
 Students and Parents are also reminded that summer vacations should not be planned until **after Graduation Day**, should the dates in June be needed to make up snow days.

**GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade SEOPs – Sept. 15 – Oct. 24  
 College Application Process (Seniors) – Oct. 30  
 Financial Aid Workshop – Dec. 4  
 Curriculum Fair – Feb. 5 (Snow Date: Feb. 12)  
 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade SEOPs – Mar. 2 – Mar. 31  
 Spring College Workshop – Apr. 2  
 College Fair – Mar. 26  
 10<sup>th</sup> Grade SEOPs –Apr. 22 – May 15

**TESTING DAYS (For on-campus testing only):**

Pre-ACT (PLAN) – Oct. 11  
 ASVAB – Oct. 7  
 SATs I & II – Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, May 2, Jun.6  
 PSAT & NMSQT – Oct. 18  
 ACT – Oct. 25, Dec. 13, Apr. 4, June 13  
 CAPT Window – March 2 – March 12  
 AP Testing – May 4 – May 15

**EARLY RELEASE DAYS:**

Sept. 2, 3, 26; Oct. 21; Nov. 12, 14, 26;  
 Dec.4, 23; Jan. 15, 16, 20, 21; Feb. 13, 24;  
 Mar.13; May 7, June 11, 12, 15, 16.

**DAYS OF RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE:\*\*\***

Rosh Hashanah – Sept. 30 & Oct. 1  
 Ramadan – Sept. 2  
 Yom Kippur – Oct. 8 & 9  
 Sukkot – Oct. 13 & 14, Oct. 19 & 20  
 Baha'i Faith Holy Days – Oct. 20, Nov. 12, Mar. 21,  
 Apr. 21 & 29, May 2, 23, & 29  
 Hanukkah – Dec. 21 thru Dec. 28  
 Christmas – Dec. 25  
 Three Kings' Day – Jan. 6  
 Passover – Apr. 9 thru Apr.15  
 Good Friday/Easter – Apr.10 – 12  
 Native American Day – May 9  
 Shavout – May 28 & 29

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**AUGUST** [ 2 ]  
 27 & 28 – Prof. Dev. for Faculty & Staff  
 29 thru Sept. 1 – Labor Day Weekend - **no school**

**SEPTEMBER** – (22) [23]  
 1 – Labor Day – **no school**  
 2 – First day for 9<sup>th</sup> grade, *Early Release*  
 2 – *Ramadan 1<sup>st</sup> night\**  
 3 – First day for **grades 10, 11 & 12**, *Early Release*  
 15 thru 19 – Ninth Grade Testing  
 15 thru Oct. 24 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade SEOPs  
 25 – Open House/Parent Night  
 26 – Early Release  
 30 & Oct. 1 – *Rosh Hashanah\**

**OCTOBER** – (22) [45]  
 4 - SATs I & II  
 7 – **ASVAB Testing**  
 8 & 9 – *Yom Kippur\**  
 11 – Pre-ACT (PLAN)  
 13 - **Columbus Day – no school**  
 13 & 14, 19 & 20 – *Sukkot\**  
 18- Homecoming 2008  
 18 – PSAT & NMSQT  
 20 – *Baha'i Faith Holy Day\**  
 21- Early Release Day for Prof. Dev.  
 25 - ACT  
 30 – College Workshop (Seniors/Parents)  
 31 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> MP (43)

**NOVEMBER** – (17) [62]  
 1 – SATs  
 11 – **Veterans Day - no school**  
 12 – *Baha'i Faith Holy Day\**  
 12 – Early Release for Parent Conferences **2-5 PM**  
 13 – Parent Conferences **5-8 PM**  
 14 – Early Release  
 19 – Lillian B. Young Spelling Bee  
 26 – Early Release  
 27 thru Nov 30 – **Thanksgiving Break**

**DECEMBER** – (17) [79]  
 4 – Financial Aid Workshop (6:30 PM)  
 4 – Early Release Day for Prof. Dev.  
 6 – SATs  
 13 – ACT  
 21 thru 28 – *Hanukkah\**  
 23 – Early Release  
 24 thru 1/4/09 – **Holiday Break**  
 25 – *Christmas\**

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**JANUARY** – (18) [97]  
 1 – *New Year's Day– no school*  
 6 – *Three Kings' Day\**  
 14 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> MP (42)  
 15 + 16, 20 + 21 – Mid-term Exams  
 19 – **Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday – no school**  
 22 – **Semester Break – no school \*\***

**FEBRUARY** – (18) [115]  
 5 – Curriculum Fair (*Snow date: 2/12*)  
 13 - Early Release  
 16 + 17\*\* - **Presidents' Day/Winter Break**  
 24- Early Release Day for Prof. Dev.

**MARCH**- (21 + 1) [137]  
 2 thru 12 – CAPT/CMT  
 2 thru 31 – 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade SEOPs  
 13 – Early Release Day for Prof. Dev.  
 25 – **Prof. Dev. Day for Faculty & Staff (no classes)**  
 21 – *Baha'i Faith Holy Day\**  
 26 – College Fair  
 27 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> MP (43)

**APRIL** – (16) [153]  
 2 – Spring College Workshop (6:30 PM)  
 4 – ACT  
 9 thru 15 - *Passover\**  
 10 – *Good Friday\*/No School*  
 11 – 19 - **Spring Break**  
 21 – *Baha'i Faith Holy Day\**  
 22 thru May 15 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade SEOPs  
 29- *Baha'i Faith Holy Day\**

**MAY** – (20) [173]  
 2 – *Baha'i Faith Holy Day\**  
 2 – SATs I & II  
 4 thru 15 – AP Testing  
 7 - Early Release Day for Prof. Dev.  
 9 - *Native American Day\**  
 23 - *Baha'i Faith Holy Day\**  
 25 – **Memorial Day – no school**  
 28 & 29 – *Shavuot\**  
 29 - *Baha'i Faith Holy Day\**

**JUNE** – (12) [185]  
 6 – SATs  
 10 – End of 4<sup>th</sup> MP (46)  
 11, 12 + 15, 16 – **FINAL EXAMS**  
 13 – ACT  
 16 – **GRADUATION REHEARSAL**  
 17 – **Athletic Awards**  
 18 – **Class Night Awards**  
 17, 18 + 19 – *Possible snow days \*\**  
 19 – **GRADUATION DAY\*\*\***