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Family Calendar 2022-23





Dear Mason Families,

Welcome to a new academic year at George Mason University! You and your student are part of history at Mason this year. Throughout 2022 we are marking our 50th anniversary as an independent university. We're delighted to have you with us for our year-long celebration that focuses on our future while honoring our past.

Mason continues to grow in enrollment, research, facilities and many other ways all to better serve students. We know that each student is unique in their background and needs. That is why we strive to be the ultimate Point B university: No matter where your Point A is, we will help to reach your Point B, in an inclusive and innovative academic environment — and in a region teeming with jobs and internships.

Remember, the parents and family members of our students are Patriots, too. We want you to be engaged in your student's college experience. In this calendar, you can find important dates, monthly tips, and contact information for various student services. You'll also find dates for opportunities to participate in educational, cultural, and social programs on our campuses, as well as specific family-oriented events, including Family Weekend and Spring Family Fling.

We look forward to seeing you. If you ever have questions, or if we can assist you in any way, please reach out to New Student and Family Programs at (703) 993-2475 or e-mail families@gmu.edu.

Best wishes for a wonderful year,

Gregory Washington
President, George Mason University

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STAY CONNECTED AS A MASON FAMILY

New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) recognizes the important role families play in their student's development and success at Mason. NSFP serves as a liaison between the university and families and provides an outlet for families to become active members of the Mason community through programming and outreach.

Take advantage of the following resources and stay connected to Mason throughout the year!

GET INVOLVED

Parent and Family Council

The Parent and Family Council provides an opportunity for parents and families to meet with university leadership, volunteer at events, and become actively engaged and informed members of the Mason community.

Parent and Family Fund

The Parent and Family Fund offers parents and families the opportunity to play a role in building and shaping an exemplary educational experience for Mason students. You can be part of every student's success by giving a gift of any size at any point throughout your student's time at Mason.

COME BACK TO VISIT

Family Weekend | October 14–16, 2022

Join us for our annual university-wide celebration that takes place each fall. Events are designed to allow you to meet other families, become familiar with university resources, spend time with your student, and learn more about life as a Mason Patriot!

Spring Family Fling | March 31–April 2, 2023

Experience the beauty of springtime in Northern Virginia at our Spring Family Fling—a spring version of our fall Family Weekend. We invite you to bring your whole family to reconnect with your student the Mason way.

STAY INFORMED

Website

If you have a question about Mason and aren't sure where to start, visit masonfamily.gmu.edu and take advantage of a multitude of resources.

Mason Family Connection

Everything you need to make the most of your Mason family experience is located within the Mason Family Connection. This platform provides a space for you to find your community within our larger family network, customize the content and frequency you receive updates, and much more. Join or update your profile at gmucampusesp.com.

CONNECT WITH US!

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☎ 703-993-2475

🏠 masonfamily.gmu.edu

🌐 gmucampusesp.com

📷 [@masonnsfp](https://www.instagram.com/masonnsfp)

📘 [/masonnsfp](https://www.facebook.com/masonnsfp)



- If your student is living off campus, remind them to purchase a **parking permit** and become familiar with the best routes to campus.
- Ask your student to register your contact information at alert.gmu.edu to receive **emergency notifications** from the university. All students are automatically enrolled in Mason Alert and are advised to add their cell phone number and additional emails to receive information in a timely manner.

July

JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Visit registrar.gmu.edu for information about summer sessions.					1	2
3	4 Independence Day Observance (University Closed)	5	6	7	8	9 Eid al-Adha Begins
10 Eid al-Adha Ends	11	12	13	14 Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Parents' Day	25	26	27	28	29	30
31					Islamic New Year Begins	Islamic New Year Ends



- Remind your student to purchase or rent textbooks **in time for the first day of class**. Textbooks can be purchased online or in person at the bookstore on Mason's Fairfax Campus. Online orders can be shipped directly to your student or picked up on campus.
- Discuss **academic goals and expectations** and find out what your student hopes to accomplish academically at Mason. Encourage your student to take ownership of their education by setting academic goals.
- Registration for **Family Weekend** is open! Visit the **Mason Family Connection** to register your family.

August

AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Immunization Record Deadline	2	3	4 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday	5	6
7 Purple Heart Day	8	9	10 Last Day of Summer Classes	11	12	13
				Summer Exam Period		
14	15	16	17	18 Ashura	19	20
			First-Year Move-In		Upper-Level Move-In	
			The Preamble			
21 Upper-Level Move-In The Preamble	22 First Day of Fall Classes	23	24	25	26 Women's Equality Day	27
28	29 Last Day to Add Classes	30	31 Get Connected Fair	Welcome2Mason takes place August 21–September 17. Visit welcome2mason.gmu.edu for the full list of events.		



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- One of the most challenging skills for students to master is **time management**. Encourage your student to attend a free workshop offered by **Learning Services** if they are having trouble establishing balance in their schedule.
- Encourage your student to nominate your family for the 12th annual Dr. Alan and Sally Merten **Family of the Year Award**. This award is presented during Family Weekend and recognizes one family for the critical role played in their student's success at Mason. More information can be found at MasonFamily.gmu.edu.

September

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15.				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day (University Closed)	6 Last Day to Drop Classes	7	8	9 9/11 Day of Service	10 Pitru Paksha Begins
11 Grandparents' Day	12	13	14 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	15 Bienvenida Latina	16	17
18 U.S. Air Force Birthday	19 Mid-term Evaluation Period Begins	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24
25 Pitru Paksha Ends Rosh Hashanah Begins	26 Navaratri Begins	27 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends Rosh Hashanah Ends	28 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins	29	30	
Fall Career Fair						



- **Registration for spring classes** is quickly approaching. Check in with your student to see whether they have made an appointment to speak with an academic advisor.
- **Family Weekend** is October 14–16! Visit MasonFamilyEvents.gmu.edu for details and to view the schedule of events.

October

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
LGBTQ+ History Month Domestic Violence Awareness Month National Disability Awareness Month Hispanic Heritage Month ends on October 15.						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Yom Kippur Begins	Yom Kippur Ends Navaratri Ends			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sukkot Begins	Indigenous Peoples' Day World Mental Health Day Fall Break (Classes do not meet)	Monday Classes/ Labs Meet		U.S. Navy Birthday	Midterm Evaluation Period Ends	Family Weekend
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sukkot Ends Family Weekend						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Diwali Selective Withdrawal Period Ends					
30	31					
	Halloween					



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• Over major school breaks such as Thanksgiving and Winter Break, Parking and Transportation Services offers **shuttles** from the Fairfax campus to several regional cities in Virginia and beyond. Shuttles are reserved on a first come, first serve basis, so encourage your student to book a spot early! Information on regional shuttles is available at shuttle.gmu.edu about four weeks before the scheduled break.

November

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Día de Muertos Begins	2 Día de Muertos Ends All Souls Day	3	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10 U.S. Marine Corps Birthday	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
International Education Week						
20 Transgender Day of Remembrance	21	22	23	24 Jain New Year Thanksgiving Day	25 Black Friday	26 Small Business Saturday
Thanksgiving Recess (No Classes)						
27 Thanksgiving Recess	28 Cyber Monday	29 Giving Tuesday	30			



- Finals are right around the corner so this may be a time of increased academic pressure on your student. Remind them of the importance of **balance**, which includes a healthy diet, adequate sleep, exercise, and some relaxation!
- Remember that **grades** do not provide a full picture of a student's academic progress, especially in their first year. If your student's grades are not what they hoped for, help them reevaluate time management strategies and study skills.

December

DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 World AIDS Day	2	3 Last Day of Classes
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Reading Days		Examination Period			
11	12	13 U.S. National Guard Birthday	14	15	16	17
Examination Period				University Commencement		Degree Conferral
18 Hanukkah Begins	19	20	21 Yule First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
Winter Recess (University Closed)						
25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins Hanukkah Ends	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
Winter Recess (University Closed)						



- Students may again feel the anxiety of leaving home and **transitioning back to Mason**. Reassure your student that these feelings are normal and that adjusting to college is an ongoing process.
- Tuition and university fees must be paid by the first day of classes on January 23. Encourage your student to check their account in **Patriot Web regularly**.
- Talk with your student about **living arrangements** for the 2023-2024 year and encourage them to start making plans now. Students can contact Housing and Residence Life for information about living on campus. Contemporary Student Services can provide information on upcoming housing fairs and tips to prepare your student for the off-campus housing selection process.

January

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Kwanzaa Ends New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7 Mahayana New Year
Winter Recess (University Closed)						
8	9 Immunization Record Deadline	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University Closed)	17	18	19	20	21
22 Chinese New Year Korean New Year Vietnamese New Year	23 First Day of Spring Classes	24	25	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28
29	30 Last Day to Add Classes	31				



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GEOMECOMING.GMU.EDU

- Registration for **Spring Family Fling** is open! Check the **Mason Family Connection** for more information and to register your family.
- With summer only a few months away, make sure your student is thinking about internships or jobs they would like to complete during the summer break. **University Career Services** can help your student navigate the internship and job search process.
- Show your Mason pride by joining us for **Homecoming!** Families are invited to partake in the spirit and fun.

February

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Get Connected Fair	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6 Last Day to Drop Classes	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day Midterm Evaluation Period Begins	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends	28 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins	Spring Career Fair			



- Encourage your student to utilize the **summer storage program** offered by The UPS Store, located in Merten Hall, if they will be moving out of a residence hall in May and returning to campus in August. The UPS Store will store your student's belongings, so they don't have to haul it all home, only to bring everything back!
- **Spring Family Fling** is March 31 - April 2! We invite you to bring your whole family to experience the beauty of springtime in Northern Virginia and reconnect with your student the Mason way. Check the **Mason Family Connection** for a schedule of events and more details.

March

MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Women's History Month			1	2	3	4
5	6 Purim Begins	7 Purim Ends	8 International Women's Day Holi	9	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Time Begins	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
Spring Recess (No Classes)						
19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22 Ramadan Begins	23	24 Midterm Evaluation Period Ends	25
Spring Recess						Pride Week Begins
26	27	28	29	30	31 Spring Family Fling International Week Begins	
Pride Week						



- Every year, Mason hosts **International Week**. Encourage your student to take part in the weeklong celebration that showcases the many countries and cultures that make up the Mason community!
- The end of the semester is near, and your student may be finding it difficult to **prioritize their well being**. Encourage them to take mindful breaks and practice self care that strengthens vitality, purpose and resilience.

April

APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sexual Assault Awareness Month Month of the Military Child						1 April Fools' Day Spring Family Fling International Week Pride Week
2 Palm Sunday Spring Family Fling	3 Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	4	5 Passover Begins	6	7 Good Friday World Health Day	8
International Week						
Pride Week						
9 International Week	10 National Siblings Day	11	12	13 Passover Ends	14	15 Tax Day
16	17	18	19	20 Ramadan Ends	21	22 Earth Day Eid al-Fitr Begins Mason Days
23 Eid al-Fitr Ends	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



- If your student is living on campus, encourage them to talk to their resident advisor to confirm **move out policies and procedures**.
- Finalize **summer plans** with your student. Encourage them to stay engaged, whether they are working a summer job or taking classes, so the transition back to Mason in the fall won't be a drastic change in lifestyle.

May

MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Last Day of Spring Classes
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Reading Days		Examination Period			
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
Examination Period				University Commencement	Degree Conferral	
21	22 First Day of Summer Classes	23	24	25 Shavuot Begins	26	27 Shavuot Ends
28	29 Memorial Day (University Closed)	30 Last Day to Add Classes	31	Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Military Appreciation Month		



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- The transition home after being away at college can be difficult. Allow your student **more responsibility and independence**. Discuss new expectations and rules for living at home over the summer.
- Encourage your student to create a **savings plan** if they have a part-time job over the summer. Remind them how nice it will be to access money throughout the fall semester.
- Encourage your student to **stay in contact with friends from Mason**, and even visit when possible, while still making time for family and other summer responsibilities.

June

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>We hope you enjoyed the 2022–23 Family Calendar! Stay connected by visiting MasonFamily.gmu.edu and joining the Mason Family Connection at gmU.CampusESP.com.</p>				1	2	3
4	5 Last Day to Drop Classes	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	14 U.S. Army Birthday Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends	20 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



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Contact Information

Academic Advising

703-993-3766
advising.gmu.edu

Academic Integrity

703-993-6209
oai.gmu.edu

Bookstore

703-993-2666
gmu.bnccollege.com

Center for Culture, Equity, and Empowerment

703-993-2700
ccee.gmu.edu

Contemporary Student Services

703-993-6563
contemporary.gmu.edu

Counseling and Psychological Services

703-993-2380
caps.gmu.edu

Dean of Students/University Life

703-993-2884
Alternate Phone Numbers:
703-993-8760
703-993-1000
ulife.gmu.edu

Dining Services

703-993-3313
dining.gmu.edu

Disability Services

703-993-2474
ds.gmu.edu

Financial Aid

703-993-2353
financialaid.gmu.edu

First-Gen+ Center

703-993-2700
firstgen.gmu.edu

Housing and Residence Life

703-993-2720
housing.gmu.edu

Information Technology Services

703-993-8870
its.gmu.edu

Learning Services

703-993-2380
learningservices.gmu.edu

LGBTQ+ Resources Center

703-993-2702
lgbtq.gmu.edu

Mason Money, Mason ID, and Meal Plans

703-993-2870
masonid.gmu.edu

Mason Student Services Center

703-993-2000
mssc.gmu.edu

Military Services

703-993-1316
military.gmu.edu

New Student and Family Programs

703-993-2475
ofps.gmu.edu
masonfamily.gmu.edu

Parking and Transportation

703-993-2710
parking.gmu.edu

Patriot Tech

703-993-4100
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Police

Non-emergency: 703-993-2810
Emergency: 911
police.gmu.edu

Provost/Undergraduate Education

703-993-3794
provost.gmu.edu

Registrar

703-993-2441
registrar.gmu.edu

Safety Escorts

Fairfax: 703-993-2810
Mason Square: 703-993-8070
SciTech: 703-993-8370
police.gmu.edu/police-cadets/escorts

Student Accounts

703-993-2484
studentaccounts.gmu.edu

Student Conduct

703-993-6209
studentconduct.gmu.edu

Student Health Services

Fairfax: 703-993-2831
Mason Square: 703-993-4863
SciTech: 703-993-8374
shs.gmu.edu

Student Involvement

703-993-2909
si.gmu.edu

Student Success Coaching

703-993-2470
coaching.gmu.edu

Student Support and Advocacy Center

703-993-3686
ssac.gmu.edu

University Career Services

703-993-2370
careers.gmu.edu

University Information

703-993-1000
info.gmu.edu

University Studies

703-993-3794
transitions.gmu.edu

Colleges and Schools

College of Education and Human Development

703-993-2010
cehd.gmu.edu

College of Engineering and Computing

703-993-1505
cec.gmu.edu

College of Health and Human Services

703-993-1901
chhs.gmu.edu

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

703-993-8720
chss.gmu.edu

College of Science

703-993-3622
cos.gmu.edu

College of Visual and Performing Arts

703-993-8877
cvpa.gmu.edu

Honors College

703-993-1110
honorscollege.gmu.edu

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution

703-993-1300
carterschool.gmu.edu

Schar School of Policy and Government

703-993-2280
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School of Business

703-993-1880
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