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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](mailto: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](https://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](https://gmucampusesp.com).

### CONNECT WITH US!

-  [families@gmu.edu](mailto:families@gmu.edu)
-  703-993-2475
-  [masonfamily.gmu.edu](https://masonfamily.gmu.edu)
-  [gmucampusesp.com](https://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](http://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 <a href="http://registrar.gmu.edu">registrar.gmu.edu</a> 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



University Events



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Student Life Events



- 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 <a href="https://welcome2mason.gmu.edu">welcome2mason.gmu.edu</a> 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](https://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](https://MasonFamilyEvents.gmu.edu) for details and to view the schedule of events.

# October

## OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>LGBTQ+ History Month</b> <b>Domestic Violence Awareness Month</b> <b>National Disability Awareness Month</b> <b>Hispanic Heritage Month ends on October 15.</b>						
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 <b>Fall Break (Classes do not meet)</b>	Monday Classes/ Labs Meet		U.S. Navy Birthday	Midterm Evaluation Period Ends	<b>Family Weekend</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sukkot Ends <b>Family Weekend</b>						
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](http://shuttle.gmu.edu) about four weeks before the scheduled break.

# November

## NOVEMBER 2022

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





- 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)						



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- 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 Immunization Record Deadline	6	7 Mahayana New Year
Winter Recess (University Closed)						
8	9	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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- 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			



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- 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
<b>Sexual Assault Awareness Month</b> <b>Month of the Military Child</b>						<b>1</b> April Fools' Day <span style="background-color: #e0f2f1;">Spring Family Fling</span> <span style="background-color: #fff9c4;">International Week</span> <span style="background-color: #fff9c4;">Pride Week</span>
<b>2</b> Palm Sunday <span style="background-color: #e0f2f1;">Spring Family Fling</span>	<b>3</b> Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Passover Begins	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Good Friday World Health Day	<b>8</b>
<span style="background-color: #fff9c4;">International Week</span>						
<span style="background-color: #fff9c4;">Pride Week</span>						
<b>9</b> <span style="background-color: #fff9c4;">International Week</span>	<b>10</b> National Siblings Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Passover Ends	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Tax Day
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Ramadan Ends	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Earth Day Eid al-Fitr Begins <span style="background-color: #fff9c4;">Mason Days</span>
<b>23</b> Eid al-Fitr Ends	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						



- 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		



- 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 <a href="https://MasonFamily.gmu.edu">MasonFamily.gmu.edu</a> and joining the <a href="https://gmU.CampusESP.com">Mason Family Connection</a> at <a href="https://gmU.CampusESP.com">gmU.CampusESP.com</a>.</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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Student Life Events

# 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  
gmu.bnccollege.edu

## 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  
schar.gmu.edu

## School of Business

703-993-1880  
business.gmu.edu

## School of Integrative Studies

703-993-1436  
integrative.gmu.edu





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