



Event/Travel Calendar Descriptions

****events highlighted in yellow are subject to change due to COVID restrictions on attendance**

Open Weekend: A weekend in which boarding cadets may depart campus with authorized parents or family. Typically, an open weekend commences at 12:30 on Friday and ends at 17:00 on Sunday.

Closed Weekend: A weekend in which boarding cadets are required to remain on campus to participate in structured activities, military training, or other required events. Missing a closed weekend will impact a cadet's military performance grade. Passes are available with prior approval from the Military Department.

Founder's Day: A specified day in September on which the founding of the academy is celebrated with competition, ceremony, and fellowship, to include a special meal. This day is for cadets and includes no parental activities or passes.

Weekend of Service: A weekend in September where faculty, staff, cadets, and alumni come together and work to improve our campus. Cadets, and adults, are split into groups to work on different projects around campus. Weekend of service is a closed weekend.

Parent's Weekend: A designated special weekend at which parents meet with faculty, coaches, and/or TAC's to discuss cadet progress. Conferences and the silent auction begins Friday at noon. Saturday, new cadet pinning ceremony around 10 and Corp of Cadets Parade. After the parade, parents may sign out their cadet for a weekend pass returning on Monday by 17:00.

Veteran's Day Parade: A special parade by the Corps of Cadets to honor Veteran's that takes place on or near the actual Veteran's Day. Parents and families are welcome to attend but it is a closed weekend.

Fall Varsity Sports Banquet: A celebration of the achievements of our Fall varsity sports teams. A dinner is held in conjunction with the awards ceremony; **parents are welcome to attend.**



Hanging of the Greens: A spiritual service held in the chapel to recognize Advent and the beginning of the Christmas season. Cadets play an active role in the service. Parents and families are welcome.

Spiritual Emphasis Month: Spiritual Emphasis Month is set aside in the Hargrave calendar in order to revitalize the spirituality of the cadets, faculty, staff and the institution as a whole. This month is designed as an uplifting experience for all involved.

Winter Fun Day: A day in February where the cadets get to take a break from their classes and busy schedules to have a day filled with fun activities.

Military Ball: A formal military event (similar to prom) for 10th-12th and Post-Graduates held on a Saturday. Senior Officers and their dates have a procession to begin the event to include a crowning of King and Queen. Dates of Senior Officers wear a formal white gown, all other cadet dates wear formal gowns of any color. The cadets and their dates enjoy dinner and dancing. **Parents are invited to attend and view the processional and then depart for a social at the President's house.** Cadets who attend the Ball may depart on pass after the Ball concludes and return 17:00 Monday with an excused absence from Monday classes. Cadets who do not attend the Ball are on a closed weekend. CIS cadets (7th through 9th grades) are on an open weekend commencing Friday at 12:30 and ending Sunday at 17:00.

Eye of the Tiger: Is a competition amongst the Corps of Cadets hosted by the Military Dept. The exercise is to test the cadets endurance and learned military skills. It is a required event for all cadets.

Winter Varsity Sports Banquet: A celebration of the achievements of our Winter varsity sports teams. A dinner is held in conjunction with the awards ceremony; **parents are welcome to attend.**

Junior Retreat: The junior class attends an overnight retreat with advisors from the Academy in celebration of their upcoming year. The retreat consists of advisory time, team building activities, and motivation as they prepare to embark on their final year as cadet leaders. The retreat takes place in April during a closed weekend.



Sophomore Challenge: A day of exercise that builds camaraderie amongst the sophomore class. This challenge is held on a closed weekend in April.

Alumni Homecoming Weekend: A special weekend where alumni return to pay homage to their alma mater and rekindle friendships with fellow cadets, staff, faculty, and TAC's. The weekend includes a parade by the Corps of Cadets, a barracks inspection by select alumni, golf tournaments, food, and other fun events. **Parents and families are welcome to attend, but the weekend is designated "closed".**

Spring Sports Banquet: A celebration of the achievements of our Spring varsity sports teams. A dinner is held in conjunction with the awards ceremony; **parents are welcome to attend.**

Mother's Day Weekend: A weekend to celebrate mothers. A chapel service and a parade are held on Mother's Day along with a special brunch. Underclassmen awards are also presented during this special weekend. **Parents and families are welcome to attend.**

Baccalaureate: A celebratory service that honors our graduating senior class; **parents welcome.**

Graduation: Commencement ceremony for the graduating class; **parents welcome.**