Merit reserves the right to modify or change these dates and will notify families if a class or performance is changed or cancelled. **Please note:** * indicates mandatory events where attendance is required.

### September
- **Sept. 24**: First day of Conservatory classes*  
  **Live from Gottlieb Week**  
  **Mandatory New Parent Orientation** (10am & 2:30pm, need only attend one)
- **Sept. 27**: Wind Symphony sectionals/rehearsals (evening)

### October
- **Oct. 1**: Regular Conservatory day  
  **Live from Gottlieb Week**
- **Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29**: Regular Conservatory days  
  **Forum classes**
- **Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25**: Wind Symphony sectionals/rehearsals (evening)

### November
- **Nov. 5**: Regular Conservatory day  
  **Live from Gottlieb Week**
- **Nov. 12, 19**: Regular Conservatory days  
  **Forum classes**
- **Nov. 1, 8, 15**: Wind Symphony sectionals/rehearsals (evening)
- **Nov. 21-27**: Thanksgiving Break (No Conservatory on Nov. 26, No Wind Symphony on Nov. 22)

### December
- **Dec. 3**: Regular Conservatory day  
  **Live from Gottlieb Week**
- **Dec. 6**: Wind Symphony Dress Rehearsal (evening)*
- **Dec. 7**: Symphonic Band Dress Rehearsal (evening)*
- **Dec. 8**: Merit Philharmonic Dress Rehearsal (evening)*
- **Dec. 9**: Conservatory Concerts (evening)*
- **Dec. 10**: Conservatory Concerts (all day)*
- **Dec. 11-Jan. 6**: Winter Break – No Classes or rehearsals

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### January

- Jan. 7: Regular Conservatory day  
  *Live from Gottlieb Week*

- Jan. 13: **Conservatory Competitive Chamber Ensembles Concert** (participating students only)*

- Jan. 14, 21, 28: Regular Conservatory days  
  *Forum classes*

- Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31: Wind Symphony sectionals/rehearsals

- Jan. 20: **Conservatory Non-Competitive Chamber Ensembles Concert** (string students only)*

- Jan. 21: **Conservatory Piano Duet Concert** (classical piano students only)*

  **TENTATIVE:** **Conservatory Vocal Techniques Concert** (vocal technique students only)*

### February

- Feb. 4: Regular Conservatory day  
  *Live from Gottlieb Week*

- Feb. 11, 18, 25: Regular Conservatory days  
  *Forum classes*

- Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28: Wind Symphony sectionals/rehearsals

### March

- Mar. 4: Regular Conservatory day  
  *Live from Gottlieb Week*

- Mar. 11, 18, 25: Regular Conservatory days  
  *Forum classes*

- Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28: Wind Symphony sectionals/rehearsals

### April

- Apr. 1: Regular Conservatory day  
  *Live from Gottlieb Week*

- Apr. 3-9: **Spring Break** – No Classes or rehearsals

- Apr. 11: Wind Symphony sectionals/rehearsal

- Apr. 15: Regular Conservatory day  
  *Forum classes*

- Apr. 14: **Conservatory Non-Competitive Chamber Ensembles Concert** (string students only)*

- Apr. 18: Wind Symphony dress rehearsal (evening)*

- Apr. 19: Symphonic Band dress rehearsal (evening)*

- Apr. 20: Merit Philharmonic Dress rehearsal (evening)*

- Apr. 21: **Conservatory Spring Concerts (evening)**

- Apr. 22: **Conservatory Spring Concerts (all day)**

- Apr. 23: Conservatory Graduation, Time TBD (Mandatory for Conservatory Seniors)

### 2023-2024 Auditions

- Apr. 29: 2023-2024 Conservatory Audition Day

- May 6: 2023-2024 Conservatory Audition Day

- May 13: 2023-2024 Conservatory Audition Day

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