



## STEPPINGSTONE SCHOOL

### 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### SPECIAL EVENTS (in **bold** and **bold underlined**)

Parents, we encourage you to pre-arrange your calendar and attend all special events to provide your child with the enrichment experiences and social opportunities that s/he needs for optimal development. Occasions in **bold text** are events at which attendance by all students and at least one parent is expected. **Bold underlined** events are important for both parents to attend.

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS/SERVICE (in **red**)

Parents, teach your child to have fun contributing to his/her world by volunteering and participating in community service events. Our primary partnerships are with the DNR (SIC, Salmon In the Classroom) and FOTR, Friends Of The Rouge (Rouge Water Quality Monitoring & PARC Butterfly Rain Gardens).

#### PE FIELD TRIPS (see \*asterisk)

Parents, pre-arrange your calendar and share these recreational sports activities with your child. Your participation contributes to the enjoyment, which in turn encourages your child to incorporate recreational sports activities into a healthy style of living. This is part of developing the physical fitness component of the whole child. Other field trips will be added as they are confirmed.

#### PARENT CONFERENCES

At least one parent must attend parent conferences; however, **both** parental perspectives will maximize the teacher's understanding of the child's learning needs and, therefore, are preferred.

#### FIELD TRIP DRIVERS/CHAPERONES

Field trip drivers and chaperones are needed for all off-campus activities. Mark your calendars if you would like to help and check newsletters for details as the dates approach.

#### CURRICULAR FIELD TRIPS

Additional field trips may be scheduled during the school year. Please keep an eye on the newsletters for further information as well as details for the events listed on this school calendar.

#### PROMPT ARRIVAL

To avoid Extended Morning charges and tardy marks, arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and pick-up between 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

#### REGULAR ATTENDANCE

We ask students to attend school daily unless contagiously ill (e.g., abnormal temperature) or advised by a physician. Parents, **call if your child will be absent for any reason** but especially if she or he is ill since we must report communicable diseases to the Wayne County Health Dept. Please wait 24 hours after a fever or vomiting to return to school.

#### VACATIONS

We ask that family vacations be scheduled to coincide with days when there is no school or special event. Not only do vacationing students generate considerable extra work for teachers, but also the student must complete alternative written assignments with parental assistance in place of the interactive assignments they missed.

#### EXPENSE ACCOUNT CHARGES

DUE on the 15th of each month (or next school day)

#### SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

We close with PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS for inclement weather (e.g., snow and cold days). Please check radio and TV listings.

SEP	1	M	NO SCHOOL
	2	T	9am – 12pm
	3	W	9am
	5-7	<b>F-Sun</b>	<b>3pm</b>
	12	F	9am – 6pm
	12	F	6 - 9pm
	18	Th	7pm
	19-26	<b>F-F</b>	
	TBD	T	9:40am
OCT	1	<b>W</b>	<b>9am – 12pm</b>
	2	Th	12:30pm
	9	Th	9am
	10	F	NO SCHOOL
	19	<b>Su</b>	<b>11:30am-2:30pm</b>
	23	Th	7pm
	31	F	9am
NOV	5	<b>W</b>	<b>11:30am - 12:30pm</b>
	6	Th	12:30pm
	10-14	M - F	
	13	Th	9am
	13	Th	7pm
	14	F	NO SCHOOL
	21-28	<b>F-F</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	26-28	W - F	NO SCHOOL
DEC	4	Th	12:30pm
	11	Th	7pm
	12	F	NO SCHOOL
	22-31	M - W	NO SCHOOL

Labor Day Weekend

#### FIRST DAY ORIENTATION

First full day of school, 9am – 4 pm

***PLYMOUTH FALL FEST in downtown Plymouth***

FIELD DAY\*: Meet @ Maybury State Park (8 Mile Rd. & Beck) –

\*\*NO EXTENDED MORNING --- Meet @ Walnut Shelter

**WELCOME BACK POTLUCK at Maybury (details in newsletter)**

**SPARCler Parent Support Forum #1 - "How to Build Grit"**

***SCARECROWS IN THE PARK DECORATION in Kellogg Park***

ROUGE RIVER WATER FESTIVAL (Gr. 4-8) - Cranbrook

***ROUGE RIVER FALL TESTING (4-8 only) - meet at school***

SPIRIT DAY (Wear Gold & Black): Lunch and Awards

School Picture Day

#### **FALL PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES**

***PUMPKIN PALOOZA***

**SPARCler #2 - "How to Emotionally Support Gifted Children"**

LITERARY CHARACTER DAY & BOWLING\* (@ Super Bowl)

#### **Open House #1**

SPIRIT DAY (Wear Gold & Black): Lunch and Awards

#### **Design & Invention Week**

School Picture Retake Day

**Science FAIR** \*\*NO P.M. EXTENDED DAY

Teacher Workday

***WALK OF TREES DECORATION in Kellogg Park***

Thanksgiving Holiday

SPIRIT DAY (Wear Gold & Black): Lunch and Awards

**WINTERFEST** \*\*NO P.M. EXTENDED DAY

Teacher Workday

Winter Break

(over)

**2025 – 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR (cont.)**

JAN 1 - 2	Th - F	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
5	M	Classes resume	
8	Th	12:30pm	SPIRIT DAY (Wear Gold & Black): Lunch and Awards
19	M	NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
22	Th	7pm	<b>SPARCler #3 - "How to Address Perfectionism"</b>
23	F	9 – 4pm	CROSS-COUNTRY SKI* Day (@ Kensington Golf Course)
FEB 4	W	11:30am - 12:30pm	<b>Open House #2</b>
5	Th	12:30pm	SPIRIT DAY (Wear Gold & Black): Lunch and Awards
13	F	NO SCHOOL	Midwinter break
16	M	NO SCHOOL	Presidents' Day observed
23-26	M - Th	9am-12pm	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTING (IOWA), grades 3 - 8
26	Th	7pm	<b>SPARCler #4 - "Interpreting IQ Evaluations"</b>
27	F	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Workday
MAR 5	Th	12:30pm	SPIRIT DAY (Wear Gold & Black): Lunch and Awards
6	F	NO SCHOOL	<b>SPRING PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES</b>
9	M	4:30pm	<b>PHS CAMP ORIENTATION</b> (parent attendance mandatory)
16	M	9am	Survival Camping Trip paperwork due ( <i>must be submitted by this date to participate</i> )
16	M		DUE: Re-enrollment Agreements / Tuition Deposits for '26 – '27
26	Th	7pm	<b>SOCIAL STUDIES EXPO</b> **NO P.M. EXTENDED DAY
27	F	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Workday
APR 2	Th	12:30pm	SPIRIT DAY (Wear Gold & Black): Lunch and Awards
3-10	F-F	NO SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK
23	Th	9am	STUDENT PRE-AUCTION PARTY & ICE SKATING* (@ Plymouth Cultural Center)
24	F	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Workday
TBD	Sat	9am - 4pm	<b>MAGC Conference</b>
MAY 2	Sat	6pm	33rd ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION (non-student event)
6	W	9am – 4pm	<b>ROUGE RIVER SPRING TESTING – (see newsletter for details)</b> <b>**NO A.M. EXTENDED DAY SERVICES</b>
7	Th	12:30pm	SPIRIT DAY (Wear Gold & Black): Lunch and Awards
13	W	11:30am - 12:30pm	<b>Open House #3</b>
14	Th	7pm	<b>FINE ARTS FEST</b> **NO P.M. EXTENDED DAY
15	F	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Workday
25	M	NO SCHOOL	Memorial Day observed
28	Th		STORY-TELLING Day presentations
28	Th	8am	Departure - PHS Survival Campers' Departure (Grades 6 – 8)
28-29	Th-F		PHS SURVIVAL CLASS TRIP
JUN 1-4	M – Th	All day	PHS SURVIVAL CLASS TRIP* (Grades 6 - 8) *pick-up early evening at school (we will call with an ETA)
5	F	9am – 4 pm	NO SCHOOL for PHS (K-5th attendance)
8	M		Whole School "BEE" DAY
9	Tu		Class "BEE" DAY
10	W		"EXPLORATIONS!" and <i>BUTTERFLY GARDEN maintenance</i>
11	Th		BOARD GAMES and READ-A-THON <b>**NO P.M. EXTENDED DAY SERVICES</b>
11	Th	6pm	<b>YEAR-END POTLUCK, GRADUATION &amp; AWARDS Ceremony</b> @ Plymouth Township Park ( <i>see newsletter for details</i> )
12	F	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Work Day

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