

West Point

The United States Military Academy

Calendar Information for Academic Year 2012-2013

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| July 2, 2012 | “R” Day – Reception Day – Class of 2016 reports to West Point |
| August 13 | March Back from Cadet Basic Training |
| August 13-17 | Reorganization Week |
| August 18 | Acceptance Day Parade |
| August 20 | First Day of Classes |
| August 24-25 | Ring Weekend – Class of 2013 Event |
| September 3 | Labor Day (Holiday – No Classes) |
| October 8 | Columbus Day (Holiday – No Classes) |
| November 12 | Veterans Day (Holiday – No Classes) |
| November 21 | Compressed Class Day – Classes end by 1 p.m. |
| November 22-25 | Thanksgiving Holiday |
| November 25 | Cadets must return by 7 p.m. |
| December 8 | Army-Navy Game – Philadelphia, PA – Lincoln Financial Field |
| December 14 | Last Day of Classes – First Semester |
| December 15-21 | Term End Exams (Final Exams) |
| December 21 | December Graduation |
| December 22 | Winter Leave Begins |
| January 2, 2013 | Winter Leave Ends – Cadets must return by 7 p.m. |
| January 3-7 | Winter Reorganization |
| January 8 | First Day of Classes – Second Semester |
| January 21 | Martin Luther King Day (Holiday – No Classes) |
| January 26 | 500 th Night (Class of 2014 Event) |
| February 2 | Yearling Winter Weekend (Class of 2015 Event) |
| February 18 | Presidents’ Day (Holiday – No Classes) |
| February 22-23 | 100 th Night (Class of 2013 Event) |
| March 8-10 | Plebe-Parent Weekend (Class of 2016 Event) Plebes are released on Sunday, March 10 for Spring Break |
| March 8-17 | Spring Break – Upper-class Cadets depart after last duty on March 8 th , and return by 7 p.m. on the 17 th . |
| April 19-20 | Sandhurst Competition |
| May 2 | Projects/Reading Day |
| May 10 | Last Day of Classes |
| May 11-18 | Term End Exams |
| May 25 | Class of 2013 Graduation |

Dates subject to change!

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Parent Communication – Thoughts for Parents of Applicants

Once your son or daughter decides West Point is their “college” of choice, consider joining the West Point Parent Club in your area! The West Point Parent Clubs exist to provide support to cadets, families and the United States Military Academy. The main focus of the clubs is facilitating communication between the Academy and cadet parents, promoting the image of West Point, assisting the Academy in recruitment efforts and providing fellowship to parents of cadets.

Our philosophy on parent communication is simply that parents should have the correct information in order to support their sons and daughters while attending West Point. Please keep in mind that it is a college experience and they will need to navigate much of it on their own. And, we encourage open communication between parents and cadets! That said, it is the role of the Parent Communication Liaison to help answer questions or redirect parents if/when the need arises.

Check out our website: www.westpoint.edu/DComm/wppc.asp - Bus schedules, calendar information, links, mailing instructions, link to Parents Almanac, tax information and more.

Social media sites:

www.facebook.com/westpointparents - This is a public page. Even if you do not have a Facebook account, you can see some of the content on this page; events and happenings at West Point, items of interest for parents and families.

www.facebook.com/westpointUSMA - This is public page that showcases the accomplishments of staff, faculty and cadets.

www.twitter.com/westpointparent - short burst messages from West Point. Content is also posted to Facebook. This Twitter account is for “parent or event” information.

www.twitter.com/WestPointUSMA - short burst messages from West Point. Content is also posted to Facebook. This Twitter account is for the larger West Point audience.

www.flickr.com/photos/westpointparents - photos are posted that showcase various cadet activities at West Point. Please visit the site and view the sets of photos from the summer of 2010 and 2011. The pictures will give you a sense of the types of training and activities the “new cadets” will go through.

www.youtube.com/thewestpointchannel - Videos produced/shared by West Point staff are posted on this site. Of note, “The Point”, is a web production highlighting Academy events and cadet life.

Finally, the West Point Parent List Serve – Once your son or daughter has accepted their appointment to West Point, you are eligible to join! If you are interested in becoming part of our list serve, please send an email request to Deb Dalton – deb.dalton@usma.edu .

Thanks for taking the time to visit West Point! It is an amazing place with endless opportunities!