

Friends Academy

Calendar

2026-2027



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How do I obtain another student ID card?

Contact Island Photography at joseph.k@islandphoto.com or 516-767-1234. There may be a fee.

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year!

Throughout the year, we invite you to join us for a myriad of events, from Back-to-School nights, community and service events, performances, athletic matches, and more.

NEW THIS YEAR – Coming Soon>> Download our new school app to access many of the features within the Parent/Caregiver Portal including the FA calendar, directories, student attendance, lunch menus, and more!



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF FA!

Save these upcoming dates during our year-long calendar of events

September 10

Convocation & Head of School Induction
Kick off our 150th school year with us and re-welcome Alfred (Rik) F. Dugan III to the community as our 26th Head of School.

October 2-3

Fall Fair & Homecoming Weekend
Our entire FA community is invited to join us for a special 150th Friday Night BBQ and Bonfire, followed by a full day of fun on Saturday. Special reunion celebrations are planned for classes ending in "6" and "1".

May 7

Dinner & Auction
Our largest fundraiser of the year will bring the community together while looking back on the deep history of our school and forward to the future of Friends Academy.



1876

1958

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In celebration of our 150th school year, this calendar celebrates 150 years of Friends Academy through archival photographs and documents.

I need to reach the...

MAIN SCHOOL

516-676-0393

NURSE

Daisy Baldwin, 516-393-4221

Suzan Canca, 516-629-4876

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Rik Dugan, 516-393-4217

Admin. Assistant, Lauren Shalit,
516-393-4218

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Danielle Langone, 516-393-4296

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516-393-4259

Coordinator Cathy Philipakos,
516-393-4224

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516-393-4216

Emergency: 516-318-8137

US Asst. Principal Jen Newitt
516-629-5801

Admin. Assistant Katherine Cleary,
516-393-4215

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Principal Judi O'Brien,
516-393-4229

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MS Asst. Principal Christine Botti,
516-393-4282

LS Asst. Principal Fina Cassará,
516-465-1766

Admin. Assistant Jess Robbins,
516-393-4230

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

Director Laurie Hindley,
516-393-4269

CAMPUS STORE

Manager Danielle Joseph,
516-393-4202

AUGUST 2026

Sunday

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FRIENDS ACADEMY, LOCUST VALLEY, NEW YORK

October, 1963

ROLL CALL — NEW TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Besides getting some more electricity, some new floors and walls, F. A. has acquired five new additions to the faculty.

went to Niagara Falls and then "roughed it" by living on one of the Ontario Islands. Mrs. Burian stated that before coming to the



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Last Day of Summer Programs

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Upper School Football Begins

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US Fall Sports Begin
(Soccer, Field Hockey, Crew,
Cross Country, Girls Tennis,
Volleyball, Cheerleading)

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Opening day through the years

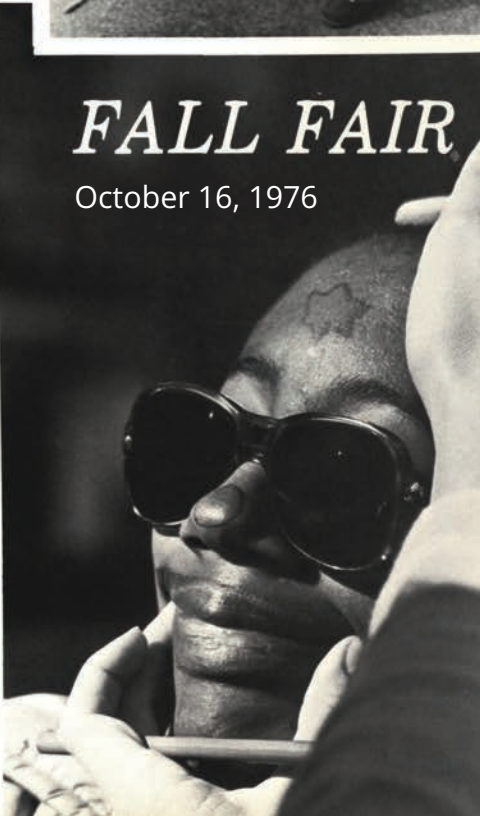
SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 All offices close at noon	5
6 A WEEK	7 Labor Day School & Offices Closed	8 School & Offices Closed Little Friends Orientation	9 School Begins All Grades MS Fall Sports begin Extended Day programs begins EC and K Dismissal – 11 am	10 Kindergarten begins full-day of classes – 3:10 pm dismissal Convocation and Head of School Induction – 8:30 am (Under the Tent, Quad) EC Dismissal – 11 am	11 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown EC Dismissal – 11 am; followed by “EC Open Classroom”	12 Rosh Hashanah
13 B WEEK Rosh Hashanah	14 Upper School Photo Day Play Group Dismissal – 11 am Pre-K begins full-day of classes – 2:45 pm dismissal	15 Hispanic Heritage Month (until Oct. 15) Play Group begins full-day of classes – 2:45 pm dismissal	16	17 EC & Lower School Back-to-School Night – 6:30 pm (KWL, Classrooms)	18 Lower & Middle School Photo Day	19
20 A WEEK International Day of Peace Yom Kippur begins at Sundown	21 Yom Kippur School & Offices Closed	22 Little Friends Photo Day	23 Early Childhood Photo Day	24 Middle School Back-to-School Night – 6:30 pm (KWL, Classrooms)	25	26
27 B WEEK	28	29 Upper School Back-to-School Night – 6:45 to 9 pm (Classrooms)	30			

October - 1950s



October 18, 2025



FALL FAIR
October 16, 1976

OCTOBER 2026

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FA's Fair began in 1939 as a Hobby Fair. Lower School students displayed their projects including terrariums, fish tanks, ant colonies, and stamp collections. Games were available to play along with a Pet Show, hot dogs, and hamburgers.

By 1976 (our 100th school year) Fall Fair became what we know and love today!

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World Quaker Day

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Indigenous People's
Day & Columbus Day
School & Offices
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No Early Childhood,
Lower School, or
Middle School Classes

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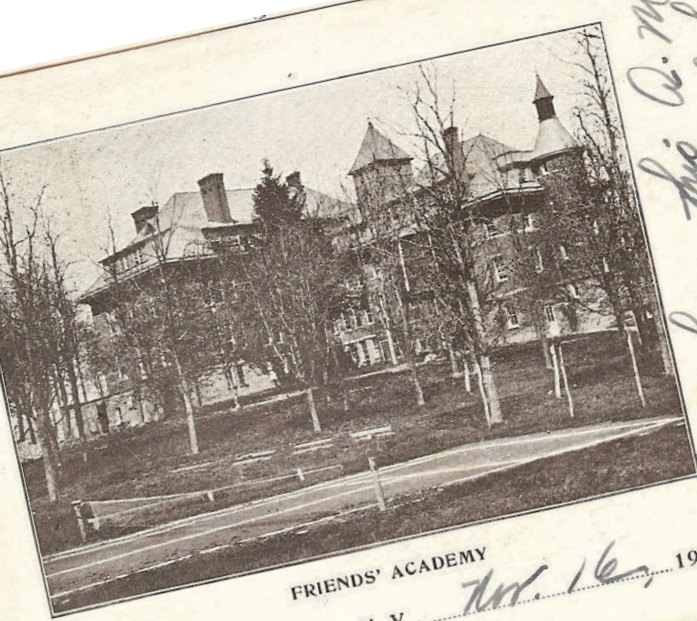
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US Mid-Semester 1 Ends

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FRIENDS' ACADEMY

Locust Valley, N. Y., Nov. 16, 1902

*I learn how this A. I. is like
for Wantagh. I like
for W. I. but how
is like home you A. I.*

POST CARD



THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS



Miss Elizabeth W. Vanden

Long

Sunny Co.



Friend's Academy Locust Valley, L. I.

FACTS ABOUT

Friends' Academy

It is a co-educational boarding school, founded by Gideon Frost in 1876, and is under the supervision of a thoroughly live and interested Board of Trustees.

It is chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York and its course is fully approved by them.

It fits for any College or Technical School.

Its faculty is made up of well-trained, enthusiastic instructors, who take a personal interest in the welfare of each pupil.

It is primarily a home school, where children are educated and trained.

Its pupils are selected with care and come from homes of culture and refinement, where the parents are truly interested in education.

It believes in athletics under proper supervision, and has regular classes under competent instructors in gymnasium work for both boys and girls.

It has a strong music department.

It is located in a beautiful and healthful section of Long Island, 30 miles from New York.

The building is a commodious structure, provided with modern and improved methods of lighting, heating and ventilating.

Its charges are moderate.

For catalogue and other information, address

NELSON A. JACKSON, Principal
Locust Valley, N. Y.

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends – 2 am	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8 Diwali	9 MS 2nd Quarter Begins	10	11 Veterans Day School & Offices Closed	12	13	14
15	16 Upper School Winter Sports Begin (Basketball, Winter Track, Ice Hockey, Squash, Dance Team)	17	18	19	20 No Upper School Classes	21
22	23	24	25 School & Offices Closed	26 Thanksgiving Day School & Offices Closed	27 School & Offices Closed	28
29	30 School & Offices Closed					

1948



Then...

1983



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...and now!

DECEMBER 2026

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A WEEK

Classes Resume
Giving Tuesday

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Hanukkah begins at
Sundown

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A WEEK

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Financial Aid Application
Deadline for Current
and Prospective Families

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Holiday Break Begins

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Christmas Eve
Offices Closed

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Christmas Day
Offices Closed

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Kwanzaa Begins

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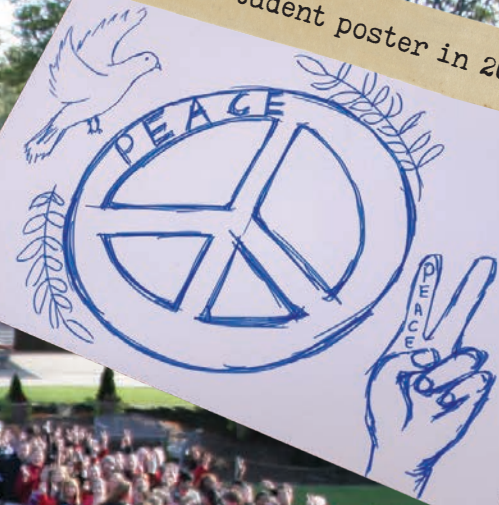
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New Year's Eve
Offices Closed

Student poster in 1971

PEACE TO
YOU MY
FRIENDS.

Student poster in 2024



All-School Peace Photo in 2008



JANUARY 2027

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Saturday



Peace means, to me, sharing with others. Peace means helping others. Peace means sending a card. Peace means to share. Peace means not to be greedy. Peace means to me no fighting. Peace means to me love. Peace means to me kindness.

Amanda Forte
First Grade, 1987

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New Year's Day
Offices Closed

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B WEEK

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Classes Resume

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El Día de los Reyes
(Three Kings Day)

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US Semester 1 Ends;
MS 2nd Quarter/1st
Semester Ends

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B WEEK

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Martin Luther King Jr.
Birthday
School & Offices Closed

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MS Winter II Sports Begin
MS 3rd Quarter/
2nd Semester Begins

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A WEEK

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B WEEK



12/12 silhouette

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The Friends Academy Theater And Dance Department Presents...

William Shakespeare's
A Midsummer Night's Dream

November 9th, 10th and 11th, 2000 - 7:30PM
The Helen A. Dolan Center
\$5 Students / \$7 General Admission
Thursday's performance benefits GLOBELINK

Our musical productions are typically held in February each year.

Did you know, Friends Academy has done Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* multiple times? First in 1919 and most recently in 2017.



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FEBRUARY 2027

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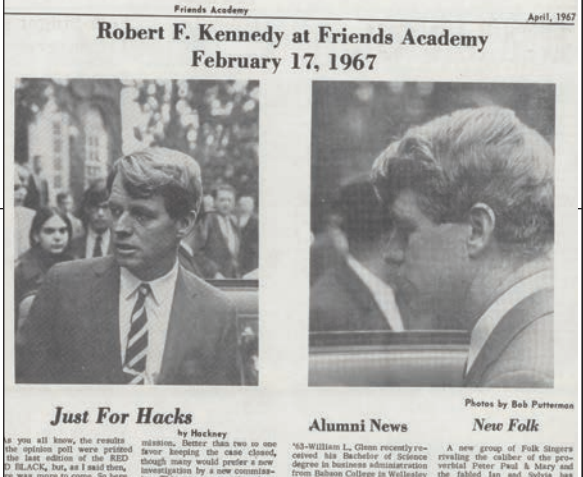
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	1 B WEEK Black History Month Begins	2	3	4	5	6 Lunar New Year and Chinese New Year (Year of the Fire Goat)
7 A WEEK Ramadan begins at Sundown	8	9	10 Ash Wednesday	11	12	13
14	15 February Break Begins Presidents Day Offices Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21 B WEEK	22 All Colleagues In-Service Day School Closed	23 Classes Resume	24	25	26 27 	
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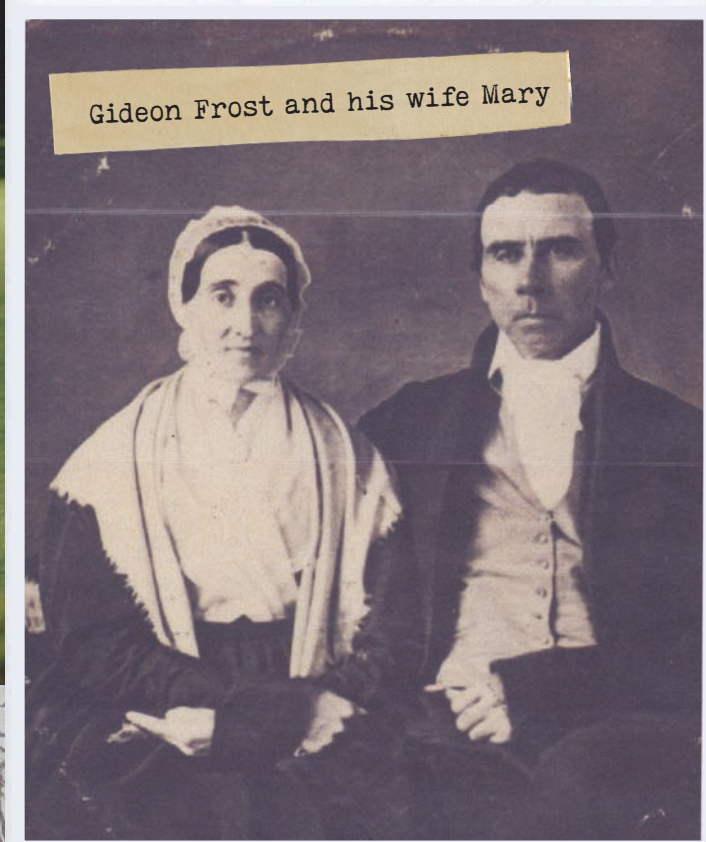


Marty Jacobson in 1983



MARCH 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Women's History Month	2	3	4	5 No Early Childhood and Lower School Classes	6
7	8 Ramadan Ends at Sundown Upper School Spring Sports Begin (Baseball, Crew, Lacrosse, Softball, Track & Field)	9 Eid al-Fitr and Naw Ruz (Persian New Year) begins at Sundown	10 Eid al-Fitr School & Offices Closed	11	12 US Mid-Semester 2 Ends	13
14	15 Upper School Spring Sports Begin (Golf, Boys Tennis)	16	17	18	19 MS Quarter 3 Ends	20
21 Palm Sunday Holi	22 MS 4th Quarter Begins	23	24	25	26 Good Friday School & Offices Closed	27
28 Easter Sunday	29 School & Offices Closed	30 MS Spring Sports begin	31	Marty Jacobson was appointed Athletic Director in 1973. Over the course of his tenure, he worked to give the girls athletic program more equal opportunities, including increasing the number of girls programs, moving the girls teams into the main athletic building, and entering the girls teams into the Section VIII public school league.		



APRIL 2027

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Spring Break begins

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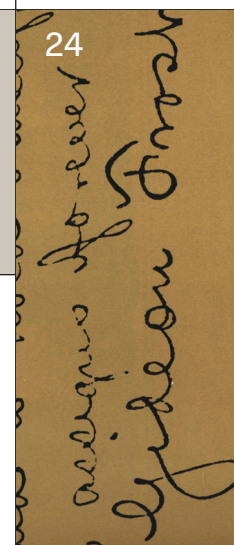
Passover at Sundown

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Passover
Offices Closed
Earth Day

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B WEEK

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Classes Resume

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Passover
ends at Sundown

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Last Day of Classes
for Seniors

THE RED AND BLACK PANSIES AND DAFFODILS

Pansies, with your dear little heads,
Peeking out of your cozy beds,
Some of your faces are beautiful blues
And others are colored with various hues.
Daffodils, daffodils, bright yellow daffodils,
Smiling so sweetly on meadows and hills,
You are the first flowers to bloom in the spring
And joyously, gay hearts with happiness sing.

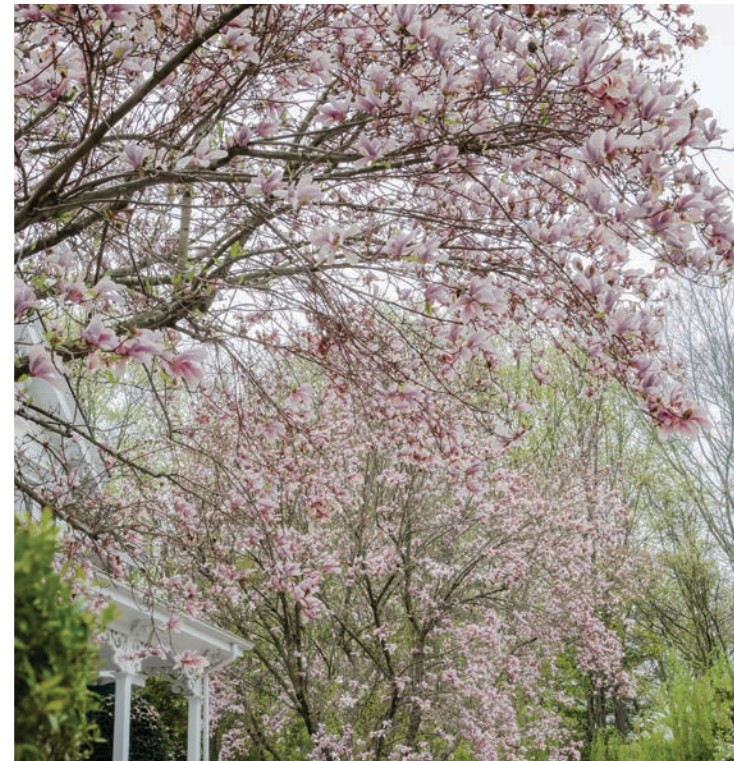
Betty Cheritree, Fifth Grade.

MAY

May brings us very pretty flowers
May brings us lots of happy hours,
It brings us lots of butterflies
It brings us, too, nice soft blue skies,
It makes all children glad and gay,
Oh, how I love the month of May!

Harriet D. P. Patterson, Fifth Grade.

Red & Black, 1931



MAY 2027

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Asian American
and Pacific Islander
Heritage Month Begins

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Greek Orthodox
Easter Sunday

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Advanced
Placement Week I

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Friends Academy
Dinner & Auction

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Mother's Day

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Advanced
Placement Week II

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Begins at Sundown

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Eid al-Adha

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Memorial Day
School & Offices Closed



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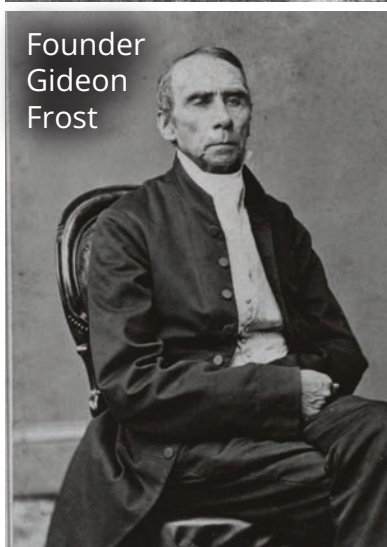
1900



1917



Founder
Gideon
Frost



ALMA MATER

Our strong band shall ne'er be broken,
Formed in old F. A.,
Far surpassing wealth unspoken,
Hail, all hail, F. A.

Memory's leaflets close shall twine
About our hearts for aye
And waft us back o'er life's broad track
To pleasures long gone by.

Our school days at best are passing,
Gliding fast away.
Then let us pledge in word and deed
Our love for old F. A.

CHORUS

Flag we love, Red and Black, ever wave,
Dear old F. A., o'er thee.
We will ever prove most loyal
To thy memory.

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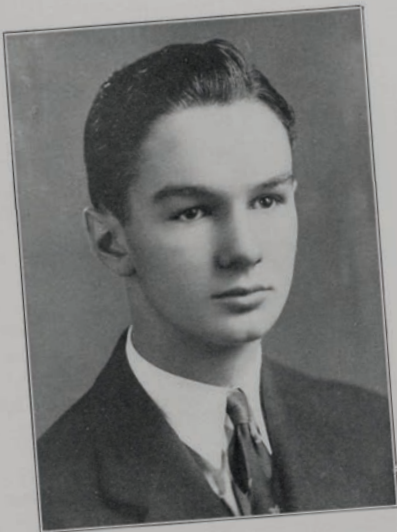
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JUNE 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 A WEEK	2	3	4	5
6 Baccalaureate Meeting for Worship – 10 am (Matinecock Meeting House) Senior Brunch – 11 am (Commons)	7 Convocation Last Day EC & LS Full Day of Classes	8 Grade 4 Moving Up Ceremony – 10:30 am (Matinecock Meeting House)	9 Fourth Day Honors – 8:15 am (Theater) Last Day MS/US Classes 12 pm Dismissal Pre-Prom – 6:30 pm (Under the Tent); Prom – 7:30 pm (Crescent Beach Club)	10 Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony/Reception – 10:30 am (Matinecock Meeting House)	11	12 Commencement – 12 pm (Quad)
13	14 FA Pre-Summer Programs (EC-Grade 8)	15 FA Pre-Summer Programs (EC-Grade 8)	16 FA Pre-Summer Programs (EC-Grade 8)	17 FA Pre-Summer Programs (EC-Grade 8)	18 Juneteenth (observed) Offices & Camp Closed	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21 FA Pre-Summer Programs (EC-Grade 8)	22 FA Pre-Summer Programs (EC-Grade 8)	23 FA Pre-Summer Programs (EC-Grade 8)	24 FA Pre-Summer Programs (EC-Grade 8)	25 FA Pre-Summer Programs (EC-Grade 8)	26
27	28 FA Summer Programs Begin	29	30			

Excerpt from the 1934 Red & Black written by
Editor-in-Chief Robert Philip Moore '34



Robert Philip Moore

Twenty-five years ago Friends Academy was a fairly well-known school in the vicinity of Nassau County and the greater part of Long Island. Ten years ago the Academy was well on the upward path. Five years ago in the middle of the great American prosperity the Academy stood as one of the best secondary schools in this part of the country. Since then the financial structure of the world has almost entirely collapsed, business has sunk to the lowest levels of many years, and the morale of the country has been in a most deplorable state. Many institutions have been forced to close and others which were thought to have the soundest structures have met unparalleled difficulties. At the same time it is a most gratifying and consoling thought that the Academy has withstood this abyss of dangers in such a marvelous way. Fortunately, it has suffered very slightly from all this upheaval. The reason for this lies in its well-established and firm position which it has been developing for over fifty years. It is a most comforting thought to feel that in the financial world that was falling about us the place which we love so dearly has been able to carry on with the same traditions and standards which have been its heritage. Today we are coming out of the depression and we are pushing ahead to new goals. This is true in everything which we are doing and we must make it also true in our work and loyalty to our school.

Friends Academy stands for more than most of us realize. It is a unique school and it is a school of which the alumni and friends are proud. There is something about Friends Academy which is impossible to find in any other school and that is the spirit of splendid co-operation and unselfishness which has always predominated the life of the school. Sincerity and the simple unassuming attitude which has been a marked characteristic of both teachers and students have been the subjects of praise for many years by those who have visited our "happy ten acres."



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