

# West Point

The United States Military Academy

## *Calendar Information for Academic Year 2011-2012*

June 27, 2011	“R” Day – Reception Day – Class of 2015 reports to West Point
August 8	March Back from Cadet Basic Training
August 8-12	Reorganization Week
August 13	Acceptance Day Parade
August 15	First Day of Classes
August 19-20	Ring Weekend – Class of 2012 Event
September 5	Labor Day (Holiday – No Classes)
October 10	Columbus Day (Holiday – No Classes)
November 11	Veterans Day (Holiday – No Classes)
November 23	Compressed Class Day – Classes end by 1 p.m.
November 24-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 27	Cadets must return by 7 p.m.
December 9	Last Day of Classes – First Semester
December 10	Army-Navy Game – Washington, D.C. - FedEx Field
December 12-17	Term End Exams (Final Exams)
December 16	December Graduation
December 18	Winter Leave Begins
January 3, 2012	Winter Leave Ends – Cadets must return by 7 p.m.
January 4-6	Winter Reorganization
January 9	First Day of Classes – Second Semester
January 16	Martin Luther King Day (Holiday – No Classes)
January 21	500 <sup>th</sup> Night (Class of 2013 Event)
February 4	Yearling Winter Weekend (Class of 2014 Event)
February 17	Corps Training Holiday (No Classes)
February 20	Presidents’ Day (Holiday – No Classes)
February 25	100 <sup>th</sup> Night (Class of 2012 Event)
March 9-11	Plebe-Parent Weekend (Class of 2015 Event)
	Plebes are released on Sunday, March 11 for Spring Break
March 10-18	Spring Break – Cadets must return by 7 p.m. on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
April 9	Corps Training Holiday (No Classes)
May 3	Projects/Reading Day
May 11	Last Day of Classes
May 14-19	Term End Exams
May 26	Class of 2012 Graduation

## 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](http://www.westpoint.edu/DComm/wppc.asp) - Bus schedules, calendar information, links, mailing instructions, link to Parents Almanac, expenses for the class of 2014 and more.

Social media sites:

[www.facebook.com/westpointparents](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/westpointUSMA) - This is public page that showcases the accomplishments of staff, faculty and cadets.

[www.twitter.com/westpointparent](http://www.twitter.com/westpointparent) - short burst messages from West Point. Content is also posted to Facebook.

[www.flickr.com/photos/westpointparents](http://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. The pictures will give you a sense of the types of training and activities the “new cadets” will go through.

[www.youtube.com/thewestpointchannel](http://www.youtube.com/thewestpointchannel) - bi-weekly webisode called “The Point” is posted on this site. “The Point” is an 8-10 minute show highlighting events and cadet life.

Finally, the West Point Parent List Serve – coming soon! Once your son or daughter has received their appointment to West Point, you will have access to joining our “official” West Point Parent List serve. The service will also include a periodic newsletter.

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