

Charter Oak International Academy Calendar of Events 2018 – 2019

Find below the anticipated dates for most of our school events this year. **However, sometimes changes are made so keep an eye out for information from the school and PTO throughout the year.*

September	rev. 9/21/18
Principal's Coffee--8:40-9:30	8/31
Labor Day (No School/Offices Closed)	9/3
Room Parent Gathering (6:30 pm)	9/4
Open House/Curriculum Night PreK, K and 1 - (6:00 - 7:30) PM Childcare provided contact niki_livingston@whps.org	9/6
*Rosh Hashanah (Judaism) (No School)	9/10
Open House/Curriculum Night Gr. 2-5 with students – (6:00 - 7:30 PM) Childcare provided for ages 3-6 niki_livingston@whps.org	9/13
*Yom Kippour (Judaism) (No School)	9/19
Peace Day- (F. 9/21) (8:30 AM)	9/21
Ice Cream Social - (6:00 - 7:30 PM)	9/21
October	
Student-Led Star Assembly (1-5~ 2:00-2:30; PreK-K~ 2:45-3:10)	10/1
PTO Meeting + CHAT (6:00-7:30 PM)	10/4
Principal's Coffee--8:40-9:30	10/5
Indigenous People's Day (No School/Office Closed)	10/8
School Pictures	10/11
Literacy Night (6:30)	10/11
Farmer's Market	10/11
VOICES (6:30-8:00)	10/19
Masquerade Ball (6:00 - 7:30)	10/26
November	
Principal's Coffee (8:40-9:30 AM)	11/2
Student-Led Star Assembly (1-5~ 2:00-2:30; PreK-K~ 2:45-3:10)	11/5
Election Day (No School for Students)	11/6
PTO (6:00-7:30 PM)	11/8
Veterans' Day(Nov. 11) Assembly and class visits	11/12
Student-Led Conferences (1:30 Dismissal T, Th, F; 2:00 Dismissal W)	11/13-11/16
Thanksgiving (No School/Office Closed)	11/22 - 11/23
December	
FRC Family Academy (Saturday 9-11:30am) - Pending funding	12/1
International Human Rights Day Student-Led Star Assembly (Grades 1-5~ 2:00-2:30; PK-K~ 2:45-3:15)	12/3
PTO Meeting + CHAT - (6:00 – 7:30 PM)	12/6
Principal's Coffee (8:40-9:30 AM)	12/7
Winter Concert (AM and Evening – 7:00 PM)	12/11
Winter Break	12/24 - 1/1
January	
Principal's Coffee (8:40-9:30 AM)	1/4
PTO - (6:00-7:30 PM)	1/10
Student-Led Star Assembly (1-5~ 2:00-2:30; PreK-K~ 2:45-3:10)	1/14
Bingo Night - (6:30 PM)	1/18
MLK Jr. Day (No School)	1/21

FRC Play Rehearsal(After school, Fri. daytime/evening)	1/28-1/31
February	
Principal's Coffee (8:40-9:30 AM)	2/1
FRC Play - Afternoon and evening (7:00 PM)	2/1
Magnet Open House (6:30 PM)	2/7 (Snow date 2/21)
Student-Led Star Assembly (1-5~ 2:00-2:30; PreK-K~ 2:45-3:10)	2/11
PTO (6:00-7:30 PM)	2/14
Math/Science Night	2/28
Winter Break	2/18 - 2/19
March	
Principal's Coffee (8:40-9:30 AM)	3/1
Student-Led Conferences (1:30 Dismissal T, Th, F; 2:00 Dismissal W)	3/5-3/8
Family Cultural Celebration	3/9
PTO (6:00 - 7:30)	3/14
Student-Led Star Assembly (1-5~ 2:00-2:30; PreK-K~ 2:45-3:10)	3/18
Career Day (AM Grade 5)	TBD
FRC Family Academy (Saturday) - Pending funding	3/23
Art Show Grand Opening Before School	3/29
April	
Inquiry Gallery (6:30 PM)	4/4
Principal's Coffee (8:40-9:30 AM)	4/5
April Break	4/8 - 4/12
PTO (6:00-7:30 PM)	4/18
Good Friday (Christian)/Passover Begins at Sunset (Judaism) (No School)	4/19
Student-Led Star Assembly (1-5~ 2:00-2:30; PK/K~ 2:45-3:15)	4/22
Earth Day; Poetry (possible culmination of explorations)	
Suzuki Concert	4/23
Poem in Your Pocket Day	4/25
COIA's 1st Annual Week of Action	4/22-4/26
May	
Kindergarten Orientation Evening (6:30)	5/2
Principal's Coffee (8:40-9:30 AM)	5/3
New Pre-K families visit (AM)	5/6 and 5/7
Spring Concert (AM and 7:00 PM)	5/8
Bike to School Day	5/8
PTO (6:00-7:30)	5/9
Kindergarten Registration Days	5/13 (Current); 5/16-5/17
Field Day	5/15 (Rain Date 5/22)
VOICES (Adult evening event 6:30-8:00)	5/17
Volunteer Tea (2:30 PM)	5/20
Field Day Rain Date	5/22
Inter El Tour Day (Select Grade 4 and 5 Musicians)	5/24
Memorial Day (No School/Office Closed)	5/27
Inter El Evening at the Bushnell (7:30-9:00)	5/30
Yard Goats Game	TBD
June	
Principal's Coffee (8:40-9:30 AM)	6/1
Picnic – (5:30 PM)	6/7
Spring Farmer's Market	TBD

Townwide Track and Field Invitational at CHS – Gr. 5	June 4
Townwide Track and Field Invitational – Rain Date	June 6
5 th Grade Recognition (Evening)/Exhibition	TBD
Last Day of School / Talent Show	6/12*TBD based on snow days

Inquiring Families Want to Know About...

Principal's Coffee <i>(First Friday of every month!)</i>	Join the PTO/FRC for a discussion with Mr. Melián in the FRC. Light refreshments will be served (children are welcome to come with parents).
Open House/Curriculum Night (Grades PK-1) <i>(9/6)</i>	Important evening event for <u>parents</u> of students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 1 to attend. Spend time in your child's classroom becoming knowledgeable about the coming year and how you can support your child's education at COIA. Meet other adults in the building who will work with your child. Great opportunity to meet other families! Childcare is available: Please RSVP for childcare to Niki Livingston (860) 233-8506 x5554 or nikki_livingston@whps.org if you need childcare.
Open House/Curriculum Night (Grades 2-5) <i>(9/13)</i>	Important evening event for <u>parents AND students</u> in grades 2-5 to attend. Spend time in your children's classroom(s) becoming knowledgeable about the coming year and how you can support your child's education at COIA. Meet other adults in the building who will work with your child. Great opportunity to meet other families! Childcare is available for younger siblings: please RSVP to Niki Livingston (860) 233-8506 x5554 or nikki_livingston@whps.org if you need childcare.
Peace Day <i>(9/21)</i>	Join us as we wear white (to symbolize peace) and celebrate the United Nations' International Day of Peace with student and guest presenters and to plant our "pinwheels for peace." This year's theme, <i>The Right to Peace</i> will support our IB Mission to make the world "a better and more peaceful place." Lots of volunteers are needed to help assemble and "plant" pinwheels--contact Mrs. Drown (penelope_drown@whps.org) if you can help!
Student-Led Star Assemblies <i>(10/1; 11/5; 12/3; 1/14; 2/11; 3/18; 4/22;)</i>	Monthly assemblies, led by our fifth graders, celebrate student learning and Action. Parents are always welcome to attend and are contacted if their children are STAR students or if they are performing. Grades 1-5 assembly 2-2:30pm. Gr. PK/K assembly 2:45-3:15 pm.
School Pictures <i>(10/11)</i>	Be on the look-out for order forms that will come home with your child in September. Then make sure they are ready to say "Cheese!"
Room Parent Gathering <i>(9/4)</i>	Room parents are invited to this evening event where they can learn more about being a room parent and get to know other room parents.
Ice Cream Social <i>(9/21)</i>	Socialize with other Charter Oak families while enjoying local ice cream and fresh squeezed lemonade served by "COIA celebrity scoopers and squeezers." Enjoy the school garden and playground while you learn more about the PTO and our IB school!
PTO Meetings <i>(10/4; 11/8, 12/6, 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/18, 5/9)</i>	EVERYONE is welcome! The PTO offers free childcare and complimentary pizza for the kids. Adults bring items for a shared potluck dinner to enjoy while discussing important school topics

	including PTO events and activities. CHAT meetings include guest presenters on topics of interest to parents.
Literacy Night (10/11)	Bring the whole family and join in on various activities all over the school that promote literacy.
Masquerade Ball (10/26)	Dress up and dance the night away! Each year the PTO puts on a Masquerade ball for our families with a DJ, photobooth and refreshments for sale. There will be activities designed for all ages! More information to follow!
Veterans' Day Assembly and class visits (11/12)	Families are invited to join us for a morning school-wide assembly to honor and thank local veterans. Then veterans visit classrooms for more discussions with the students. Learn the power of peace from those who have worked to preserve it.
Student-Led Conferences (11/13-11/16; 3/5-3/8)	At Charter Oak, students run their own conferences (with a lot of preparation work with their teachers!) Learn about your child's progress as s/he shares work samples and reflections. Be amazed by your child's independence, commitment and confidence as s/he sets goals for learning.
FRC Family Academies (12/1; 3/23)	These two Saturday morning events offer families a chance to be IB learners together as they participate in a variety of interactive workshops offered by Charter Oak and FRC staff and community members. Breakfast and snacks are provided, too!
Winter/Spring Concerts (12/13 & 5/8)	Students in band, chorus & orchestra perform for the school during the day and families at night.
Bingo Night (1/18)	COIA has an annual Bingo Night with teachers and staff as "celebrity" Bingo callers! There will be refreshments available for purchase. We love to have small donations for prizes. As always, volunteers are welcome to sell Bingo cards, serve food, or organize prizes.
FRC Play (Rehearsals 1/28-1/31) (Performances 2/1)	Students in grades 2-5 audition for, rehearse and perform a play...all in one week! The play is performed for the school during the day on Friday and for families that night.
Magnet Open House (2/7)	This event is for families who are considering sending their children to Charter Oak as magnet students and provides information about our programs and the process of applying.
Math/Science Night (2/28)	Bring the whole family and join in on various activities all over the school that promote math and science.
Cultural Celebration (3/9)	This Saturday event celebrates the many cultures and countries that make up our school community. Visit country displays in a way that highlights the IB elements; view a cultural performance; and a enjoy a delicious intercultural potluck.
Art Show Grand Opening (3/29)	Join us before school to walk around with your child and view the beautiful pieces that our students have created and selected to display for the art show. There is also a reception area with light refreshments.
Inquiry Gallery (4/4)	Evening event for families to be IB learners together as they participate in the inquiry process with their children. Families are invited to move throughout the school to learn at different grade levels and in specials like PE, Music, Art, World Languages and Library.
COIA's 1st Annual Week of Action (Week of 4/22)	Join us as we take Action to make our community a better and more peaceful place. Look for an invitation to share your ideas as we plan this new event!
Suzuki Concert (4/24)	A violin program for young students based on the Suzuki method. Students are selected from a lottery in Pre-K. At this concert Suzuki students perform for the school during the day and for families at night.

Kindergarten Orientation Evening <i>(5/2)</i>	Evening meeting for parents of incoming kindergarten students. Meet the kindergarten teachers, learn about the International Baccalaureate philosophy, and school and district procedure . Childcare is available, Please RSVP to Barb Scully (860) 233-8506 x5554 or niki_livingston@whps.org if you need childcare.
Field Day <i>(5/15; Rain Date 5/22)</i>	Join us for a day of fun as students move through a series of interactive stations led by COIA teachers and parents. Students run, jump, throw and catch as they work in grade level groups. Many volunteers are needed to make this day fun for everyone!
Bike to School Day <i>(5/8)</i>	Charter Oak participates in the National Bike to School Day. This day helps to recognize the importance of exercise and an alternative method for getting to school that is friendlier for our environment! Students and their families are invited to ride their bikes to school. Some of the West Hartford police officers on bicycles also join us! At the beginning of the school day, we will take a group ride around the Sterling Field track. Students are asked to bring locks to secure their bikes during the day on the school's bike rack. And of course- helmets are required!
Inter El Tour Day <i>(5/24)</i>	Grade 4 and 5 Musicians are invited to audition and are selected to participate in the Inter-Elementary Chorus, Band and Orchestra. On tour day, one group visits each elementary school to perform.
Inter El Evening at the Bushnell <i>(5/30)</i>	Grade 4 and 5 Musicians are invited to audition and are selected to participate in the Inter-Elementary Chorus, Band and Orchestra. The culmination of this experience is an evening performance at the Bushnell. Tickets can be purchased through the music department.
Volunteer Tea <i>(5/20)</i>	COIA is the perfect example of the saying "it takes a village!" We appreciate all our wonderful volunteers who help out throughout the year in many different ways. We invite them all to join us for a "tea" at the end of the year as a token of our appreciation.
School Picnic <i>(6/7)</i>	Spring Picnic is a family event held on the main playground. There are inflatables, hot dogs and hamburgers, and so much more! Many volunteers are needed to make this event fun for everyone!
Career Day <i>(TBD)</i>	Grade 5 students meet with professionals with a variety of careers to learn about career options and the type of skills that are needed to successfully do each type of work. If you have--or know of someone--who might be willing to share their "dream job," please contact IB Coordinator, Kirsten Sanderson. kirsten_sanderson@whps.org
Town-wide Track and Field Invitational at CHS – Gr. 5 <i>(6/4 Rain Date 6/6)</i>	5th grade students are nominated by their P.E. teacher to participate in this event which takes place at Conard High School during the school day.
5th Grade Recognition (Evening)/Exhibition <i>(TBD)</i>	The culmination of an IB Primary Years Program is the capstone project called "Exhibition." Fifth graders work in groups to select a globally significant, locally relevant topic to research then go public with their learning using varied modes of presentation. There are several day and evening times for students to share with the entire COIA community. Following the evening presentation, join us in the auditorium to celebrate our fifth grade students followed by refreshments in the cafeteria. Fourth grade parents volunteer to serve refreshments.

Last Day of School / Talent Show <i>(TBD)</i>	Every year we celebrate the last day of school with a school-wide talent show. Classes and families are invited to join us on the field and bring blankets and chairs to be entertained by all the wonderful talent at Charter Oak. Students must “audition” for the talent show the month before and attend an after-school rehearsal as well. They are welcome to perform as individuals or in small groups. You’ll see everything from song and dance routines, to guitar playing to comedy skits and more!
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Some Other Charter Oak/IB Terms You Might Hear and Wonder About...

Explorations	COIA offers a variety of after-school enrichment programs for all students K-5. These courses are taught by staff members, community organizations and even parent volunteers! Students sign up for choices that interest them and are placed in sessions based on their interest and the creation of balanced classes. Be on the lookout during the early fall for a brochure with choices and sign-up sheet.
Homework Center	Students in grades 1-5 are recommended by their teachers for this program where they can receive extra support with homework.
Student Created Video Announcements	Check our website every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for our student created video announcements! Students (mainly grades 3-5) work with our ICT teacher to create video announcements for the school. These videos highlight upcoming events, examples of IB learning happening around the school and other important issues that students identify. They are posted on our website for classes and families to view and discuss!
Deep Roots	This COIA community group is committed to making Charter Oak an environmentally friendly place that promotes sustainable practices, healthy eating of locally sourced food, and teaching children to appreciate nature. They facilitate the school’s fall and spring Farmers’ Markets, coordinate the weekly Salad Bar and help maintain our school gardens... and so much more. Keep your eyes out for meeting info and come join us to learn more!
Farmer’s Market	Each fall and spring , the West Hartford non-profit organization, Growing Great Schools, sponsors Farmers’ Markets in district schools. See how Charter Oak’s Deep Roots team and IB philosophy make ours unique (and extra fun!) Join us in the School Gardens and surrounding areas to try and buy tasty food and learn about a variety of sustainable practices while enjoying live music and participating in fun activities!
IB Inquirers	These newsletters come home for each of the six (four in pre-k) IB units your child(ren) participate in during the school year. The last page includes each of the IB elements highlighted in the unit. We invite families to share how your child demonstrates these IB elements at home either by filling out the form or emailing a description and/or photo to Diana Coyne diana_coyne@whps.org who will share it digitally with our school community. Students who demonstrate IB at home receive an IB at home bracelet each month as part of our school wide assembly.
IB Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Learner Profiles</i> 	Sometimes it might feel like there’s an entire IB language- don’t be overwhelmed! As we go throughout the year we’ll share more about the

- *Attitudes*
- *Approaches to Learning*
- *Key Concepts*
- *Transdisciplinary Themes*
- *Action*

many components of IB. Follow this link charteroak.whps.org/ib to learn more about IB at Charter Oak!