

2019-2020
CALENDAR




Cooke
School and Institute

COOKE SCHOOL MISSION



Cooke envisions a world in which all people with special needs are included as valued members of their communities, leading independent and purposeful lives.

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 9
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 21
COOKE
BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC

TUESDAYS
NEW SCHOOL: TUESDAY TOURS
SEPTEMBER 17-OCTOBER 29

SEPTEMBER-JUNE
ANNUAL GIVING/
BUILDING FUTURES
CAMPAIGN

OCTOBER 21-24
COOKE COIN CAMPAIGN

MAY 19
COOKE
FOOD FOR THOUGHT GALA

FRIDAYS
(ONGOING)
TOWN HALL MEETINGS (CGS)
COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY (CA)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE CONTACT THE PSA TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT COOKE.

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LET'S BE SOCIAL!

JOIN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNITY BY SEARCHING

COOKESCHOOLNYC ON    

SHARE OUR POSTS AND TAG US IN YOUR COOKE PHOTOS USING OUR HASHTAGS:

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BUILDING FUTURES





“What the renderings don’t reveal is what’s going to happen when all of Cooke is united under one roof. As students, faculty and administrators walk through the same front door every morning, the Cooke community will come together in a way it hasn’t been able to do since its inception more than 30 years ago. What we are most excited about is the impact our new building will have on our students as it empowers everyone in the Cooke community to learn more, share more, interact more and achieve more.”

– DAGNALL FOLGER
Cooke Parent and Trustee



MARCH 2018



GROUNDBREAKING



APRIL 2018



BUILDING
FUTURES



JUNE 2018



BUILDING
FUTURES

FEBRUARY 2019



MARCH 2019



MAY 2019



JULY 2019



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SEPTEMBER

21

Back-to-School Picnic

The Cooke family picnic welcomes new and returning families to kick off the school year! We hope to see all families!



SEPTEMBER

24

ACADEMY

Back-to-School Nights

Cooke families meet teachers to gain a better understanding of the curriculum and teaching practices that guide their child's individualized education. We hope to empower families to actively participate in supporting their child's growth and development throughout the school year.

SEPTEMBER

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SKILLS

SEPTEMBER

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day School Closed	3	4	5	6 ● New Student Orientation	7
8	9 ● First Day of School for All Students Noon Dismissal	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 ● Building Futures: Tuesday Tours	18	19	20 ● Alumni Kickoff Party	21 ● Back-to-School Picnic 12-3 pm
22	23	24 ● Building Futures: Tuesday Tours ● Academy Back-to-School Night 6 pm	25 ● SKILLS Back-to-School Night 6 pm	26 ● Grammar School Back-to-School Night 6 pm	27 ● Staff Professional Development Noon Dismissal	28
29	30 Rosh Hashanah School Closed					

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OCTOBER
21-24

**Cooke Coin
Campaign**

Every year, students and families bring in tons of coins for our annual Coin Campaign fundraiser! Students enjoy the sense of accomplishment and school spirit as they see their change make a difference. Our goal is school-wide participation, and families can send in any amount of spare change. A little change goes a long way!

Ways to participate:

- Send in your change to help increase the funds raised by the Cooke community.
- Spread the word! Encourage the people in your networks to #SupportCooke by donating their change to Cooke. Everyone can participate... every coin counts!

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Rosh Hashanah School Closed	2	3 ● Grammar School Open House	4	5
6	7	8 ● Building Futures: Tuesday Tours	9 Yom Kippur	10	11 ● Alumni Event	12
13	14 Columbus Day School Closed	15 ● Building Futures: Tuesday Tours	16	17 ● 9th Grade/ New Student Orientation 9 am or 6 pm	18	19
20	21 ● Academy Open House	22 ● Building Futures: Tuesday Tours	23	24	25 ● Alumni Halloween Dance	26
27	28	29 ● Building Futures: Tuesday Tours	30	31		

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**Share your
love of Cooke.**

Encourage other families
to attend an open house to
learn more about Cooke's
programming, and get a
preview of our exciting
new state-of-the-art school
building opening in

**SPRING
2020**



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NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ● Academy Fall Dance 7-9 pm	2
3	4	5 ● Election Day ● Staff Professional Development No School for Students	6	7 ● Parent Conferences No School for Students	8 ● Parent Conferences No School for Students	9
10	11 Veterans Day School Closed	12	13	14 ● Grammar School Open House	15 ● Alumni Event	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Noon Dismissal	28 THANKSGIVING BREAK — SCHOOL CLOSED	29 THANKSGIVING BREAK — SCHOOL CLOSED	30 198 days until THE BIG MOVE! 

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Annual Giving Campaign

Cooke's Annual Giving Campaign is the largest fundraising effort of the school year, enabling us to provide the expansive education and support our students need to reach their greatest potential. Every gift, no matter the amount, makes an impact and brings us closer to our goal.

The Annual Giving Campaign begins in October and runs throughout the school year. Annual Giving requests are mailed to Cooke families in the fall. (Please note: all gifts received by December 31 qualify as a tax-deductible contribution on your 2019 taxes.)

How to participate:

- Visit: www.cookeschool.org/donate to make a donation to our Annual Giving Campaign.
- Send a gift payable to: Cooke School
- Does your company have a matching gift program? Introduce them to Cooke! This is a perfect way to maximize your giving.

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DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 ● Academy Ring Day ● Staff Professional Development Noon Dismissal	7
8	9 ● Academy Open House	10	11	12 ● Grammar School Open House ● Academy Talent Show	13 ● Alumni Event	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	WINTER BREAK — SCHOOL CLOSED					
29	30	31				
	WINTER BREAK — SCHOOL CLOSED					

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JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED	2 ● School Resumes	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 ● Alumni New Year's Party	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day School Closed	21	22	23 ● <i>Grammar School Open House</i>	24 End of Semester 1 ● Alumni Event	25
26	27 ● Staff Professional Development No School for Students	28 Semester 2 Begins	29	30	31	<div> <div>136 days until THE BIG MOVE!</div>  </div>


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FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 ● Alumni Valentine's Day Dance	8
9	10 ● Academy Open House	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	MID-WINTER RECESS — SCHOOL CLOSED					
23	24	25	26	27 ● Grammar School Open House ● SKILLS Talent Show	28	29 107 days until THE BIG MOVE! 

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MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 ● Alumni Event	7
8	9	10	11	12 ● Parent Conferences	13 ● Parent Conferences	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 ● Alumni Event	21
22	23	24	25	26 ● Academy STEM Night 6-8 pm	27 Noon Dismissal	28
29	30	31				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 ● Grammar School Open House	3 ● Alumni Event ● Academy Musical	4
5 ● Academy Musical	6	7 ● Academy Musical	8	9	10	11
				SPRING BREAK — SCHOOL CLOSED		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				SPRING BREAK — SCHOOL CLOSED		
19	20	21	22	23	24 ● Alumni Event ● Academy Spring Fling	25
26	27 ● Academy Open House	28	29	30		

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MAY
19

Cooke Food For Thought Gala

The Cooke gala is the biggest fundraising event of the year. It supports Cooke's continued commitment to provide outstanding, individualized special education to our diverse student population! Join us for this special evening of delectable, show-stopping cuisine from some of the most innovative restaurants in New York City. This event will be held at Pier Sixty on May 19, and the Cooke community (adults, 21 and older) are invited to attend to experience the magic of this night! More info to come.

Ways to support the Cooke Food For Thought Gala:

- Purchase a ticket or sponsorship package
- Consider sponsoring a teacher to attend the event
- Ask your company to purchase a corporate sponsorship package
- Invite family, friends and co-workers to learn more about Cooke and have a great time
- Attend and enjoy!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ● Staff Professional Development Noon Dismissal	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 ● Alumni Spring Fling	9
10	11	12	13	14 ● Grammar School Open House	15	16
17	18	19 Cooke Food for Thought Gala	20	21	22 ● Alumni Event	23
24	25 Memorial Day School Closed	26	27	28	29 ● Academy Prom	30 16 days until THE BIG MOVE! 
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Support Cooke!
Make a
tax-deductible
gift before
June 30

Your continued support of our impactful programming helps us reach our goal of providing quality special education to current and future generations.

We work together to empower our students to lead their best lives!
Thank you.

Support Cooke today:
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Support the Annual Giving Campaign Fiscal Year ends June 30!	1	2	3	4 ● Staff Professional Development No School for Students	5 ● Alumni End-of-Year Karaoke Party	6
7	8 ● SKILLs Banquet 6 pm	9 ● Grammar School Graduation	10 ● Academy Graduation	11	12 ● Last Day of School Noon Dismissal	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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