



TO: Faculty and Staff
FROM: Jay Hartzell, President
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 SMU Holidays

While the spring 2026 semester has just begun, it is the time of year when we set the official holidays for the following fiscal year. Accordingly, please take note of the following FY 2026-27 holidays:

2026 Holidays

- Independence Day: Friday, July 3
- Labor Day: Monday, September 7
- Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27
- Christmas/Winter Break: Wednesday, December 23, 2026, through Friday, January 1, 2027

2027 Holidays

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 18
- Good Friday: Friday, March 26
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 31

Also, as you know, we have been experimenting with some designated workdays where remote work is permitted (for roles where campus operations allow such a temporary shift). For FY 2026-27, the Designated Remote Workdays are:

Designated Remote Workdays for 2026:

- Monday, November 23
- Tuesday, November 24
- Wednesday, November 25
- Monday, December 21
- Tuesday, December 22, 2026

Thank you for all you do for SMU and for our students. Now, back to Spring 2026!

Jay Hartzell