VIVEKANANDA VIDYAPITH CALENDAR 2024



FREEDOM

Let Freedom Ring



"From every mountainside Let Freedom ring."

~ Reverend Samuel Francis Smith ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava Aerial view of the Mountains of the Pamirs, Pamir National Park, Dushanbe, Tajikistan UNESCO World Heritage Site



January 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1-New Year's Day - Kalpataru Day - Pooja / Flower Offering 8 AM - No Classes - Vidyapith Closed for holidays	2	- Sri Sarada Devi's Birthday*	4	5	- Vidyapith Reopens - YOUTH DAY-III (Venue TBD)
7 - Vidyapith Reopens - YOUTH DAY-IV (Venue TBD) - SWAMI SHIVANANDA'S BIRTHDAY*	8	9	10	11	12	13 - YOUTH DAY-V
14 - Pongal*	15	16	17	18	19	20
- Makara Sankranti* - <i>YOUTH DAY-VI</i>	- Martin Luther King Jr. Day	- Sw. Saradananda's Birthday*				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			- Sw. Turiyananda's Birthday*		- India's Rebublic Day	
28	29	30 - Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Day*	31		DECEMBER 2023 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Goal Eternal



"Free from pride and delusion, with the evil of attachment conquered, ever dwelling in the Self, their desires completely stilled, liberated from the pairs of opposites known as pleasure and pain, the undeluded reach that Goal Eternal."

~ Srimad Bhagavad Gita: Chapter 15: Shloka 5 ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava Sunrise at Diamond Head, Oahu, Hawaii



February 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
						- First Day of Spring Semester for Saturday Students
11 - First Day of Spring Semester for Sunday Students - Swami Brahmananda's Birthday*	12	- Swami Trigunatitananda's Birthday*	- St. Valentine's Day - ash wednesday - Saraswati Puja* - Vasant Panchami*	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 0
	- Presidents' Day					- Sw. Adbhutananda's Birthday*
25	26	27	28	29		

The Noble Self



"There is but One: the Free, the Knower, Self, Without a name, without a form or stain...

Like rolling river free Thou ever be, sannyasin bold! Say, 'Om Tat Sat, Om!' "

~ Swami Vivekananda: 'Song of the Sannyasin' ~

Photo: Chirnav Master Dudh Koshi River Phakding Village, Nepal Origin:Mt. Everest



March 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	APRIL 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30				1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	- Purim			- Flower Offering for Maha Shivaratri	- Maha Shivaratri* - International Women's Day	- Maha Shivaratri Celebration - 5PM (See 3/8)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
- RAMADAN BEGINS* - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	- Flower Offering for Sri Ramakrishna's birthday 7PM (See 3/12)	- Sri Ramakrishna's Birthday*				- Sri Ramakrishna's Birthday Celebration 5PM (See 3/11)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
- First Day of Spring - St. Patrick's Day		- Navaroz*	- World Water Day			- Sri Chaitanya's Birthday Celebration 5PM (See 3/25)
24	25 0	26	27	28	29	30
31	- Sri Chaitanya's Birthday* - Holi*	- Sant Tukaram's Jayanti*			- Swami Yogananda's Birthday* - Good Friday	

Lose Yourself



"When you lose all sense of self, the bonds of a thousand chains will vanish. Lose yourself completely. Return to the root of the root of your own soul."

~ Rumi ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming



April 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 •	9	10	11	12	13
- Palm Sunday		- Gudi Padva* - Cheti Chand* - Yugadi*	- Eid-al-fitr* -Ramadan Ends*			- Sri Ramanavami Celebration- 5 PM (See 4/16) - BAISHAKHI*
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
- Easter Sunday - Vishu*		- Sri Ramanavami* (See 4/13) - Shri Swaminarayan Jayanti*				- Annual Function Rehearsal (TBD)
21	22	23 0	24	25	26	27
- Annual Function (TBD) - Shri Mahavir Jayanti*	- Passover Begins - Earth Day	- Hanuman Jayanti*				
28	29	30			MARCH 2024 S M T W T F S 01 0. 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 10 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	01 02 03 04 0 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
		- Passover Ends			24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	26 27 28 29 30 31

The Means to Freedom



"Freedom is attained by the threefold means of work, worship and knowledge.
(a) Work is constant, unceasing effort to help others and love others.
(b) Worship consists of prayer, praise and meditation.
(c) Knowledge follows meditation."

~ Swami Vivekananda ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava Vermont



May 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
- Rabindranath Tagore's Birthday						
12 - Mothers' Day - Sri Sankaracharya's Birthday* - Sri Ramanujacharya' Birthday*	13	14	15	16	17	- Lord Buddha's Birthday Celebration 5 PM (See 5/23)
19	20	21	22	23	O 24	25
			- Teachers Scheduling meeting - 6pm	- Buddha Jayanti* (See 5/18)		- Vidyapith Closed for Memorial Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
- Vidyapith Closed for Memorial Day	- Memorial Day					

Self-Knowledge



"Self-knowledge alone can confer true liberation.
It is the liberation of not only the soul but also the mind.
By raising the blaze of spiritual consciousness,
Self-knowledge frees us from the bondage
of highly personalized life and separative existence."

~ Swami Adiswarananda ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava Orchids, New York Botanical Garden New York



June 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

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SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	JULY 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20					1
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31					- Alumni Service Day - Tabla class recital at 4 PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
- Alumni Service Day						- Graduation Ceremony - Music class recital at 4 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
- Graduation Ceremony						- Family Picnic: 10 AM End of School Year
16	17	18	19	20	21 0	22
- Fathers' Day - Eid-al-Zuha* - Summer Camp Prep	- Summer Camp Prep	- First Day of Summer	- SUMMER CAMP PREP		- Summer Camp Prep	- SUMMER CAMP PREP - SANT KABIR'S BIRTHDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	- Summer Camp - A (KG - Gr.2) - Summer Camp - B (Gr. 6-8)	- Summer Camp - A (KG - Gr.2) - Summer Camp - B (Gr. 6-8)	- Summer Camp - A (KG - Gr.2) - Summer Camp - B (Gr. 6-8)	- Summer Camp - B Gr.6-8	- Summer Camp - B Gr.6-8	

Responsibility



"Responsibility is the price of freedom."

~ Elbert Hubbard ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava Quito, Equador



July 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	MONDAY		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	- Summer Camp - C (Gr. 3-5) - Summer Camp - D (Gr. 9-12)	- Summer Camp - C (Gr. 3-5) - Summer Camp - D (Gr. 9-12)	- Summer Camp - C (Gr. 3-5) - Summer Camp - D (Gr. 9-12)	- U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY - Summer Camp - C (Gr. 3-5) - Summer Camp - D (Gr. 9-12)	- Summer Camp - C (Gr. 3-5) - Summer Camp - D (Gr. 9-12)	- Muharram*
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
- Rath Yatra*						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			- Gauri Vrat*			
21 0	22	23	24	25	26	27
- Sri Guru Purnima*						
28	29	30	31		JUNE 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	01 02 0 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 13 18 19 20 21 22 23 23

Liberation



"Liberated from the grip of egoism, like the moon after the eclipse, full, ever blissful, Self-luminous, one attains one's essence."

~ Adhyatma Upanishad ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava 'Super Moon' Yellowstone National Park Wyoming



August 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	SATURDAY
S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	01 02 03 04 05 06 07			1	- Swami Ramakrishnananda's Birthday*	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 - India's Independence Day -Parsi New Year* - Sri Aurobindo's Birthday	16 - Sri Ramakrishna Mahasamadhi Day *	17
18	19 O - Swami Niranjanananda's Birthday* - Raksha Bandhan*	20	21 - Tulsidas Jayanti*	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	- SRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI* (See 9/14)		- Vidyapith's 48th Anniversary			- Jain Paryushana Begins*

Freedom from Fear



"The only real prison is fear, and the only real freedom is freedom from fear."

~ Aung San Suu Kyi ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava Masai Mara, Kenya



September 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 - Swami Advaitananda's Birthday*	2 - Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7 - GANESH CHATURTHI* - JAIN PARYUSHANA ENDS* - JAIN SAMVATSARI* - Parent Teacher Meetings - 9AM - Book Distribution
RISHI PANCHAMI* - Parent Teacher Meetings - 9AM - Book Distribution	9	10	11	12	13	14 - First Day of Classes for Saturday Students - Janmashtami Celebration - 5PM (See 8/26)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
- First Day of Classes for Sundaay Students - Onam*	- Eid-al-Milad				- Rosh Hashanah	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
- FIRST DAY OF FALL				- Swami Abhedananda's Birthday*		
29	30				AUGUST 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Respect



"To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

~ Nelson Mandela ~



October 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	SATURDAY
		1	2 - Swami Akhandananda's Birthday* - Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	- Navaratri Begins*	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 - Durgashtami* (See 10/12) - Yom Kippur	12 - Durgashtami Celebration 5:00 PM (See 10/11) - NAVARATRI ENDS* - DUSSEHRA*
13	- Indigenous People's Day/ Columbus Day	15	16	17 O	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	- Laxmi Pooja* - Dhan Terash*	- Halloween - Kali Pooja*	SEPTEMBER 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Merging in the Infinite



"As the flowing rivers disappear into the sea, losing their names and forms, So a wise man, freed from name and form, attains the Purusha who is greater than the great."

~ Mundaka Upanishad ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming



November 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	DECEMBER 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				1	2 - Annaklit*
					-Diwali*	- Annakut* - Bestu Varsha*
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
- Daylight Savings Time Ends - Bhai Bij*		- ELECTION DAY	- Jnana Panchami*			- Diwali Function - TBD
10	11	12	13	14	15 0	16
	- Veterans' Day		- Swami Subodhananda's Birthday*	- CHILDREN'S DAY (PANDIT NEHRU'S BIRTHDAY)	- Swami Vijnanananda's Birthday* - Guru Nanak's Birthday*	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				- Thanksgiving Family Get-together - 9 AM - THANKSGIVING DAY		- Vidyapith Closed for Thanksgiving

One's True Nature



"The yearning for Freedom is the desire to free oneself, by realising one's true nature, from all bondage - from that of egoism to that of the body bondage superimposed by Ignorance."

~ Vívekachudamaní: Shloka 27 ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava St. Augustine, Florida



December 2024

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 0	2	3	4	5	6	7
- Vidyapith Closed for Thanksgiving						- Gita Jayanti Celebration - 3:30 PM (See 12/11)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	- Swami Premananda's Birthday*		- Gita Jayanti* - (See 12/07)			- Holy Mother's Birthday Celebration 5:00 PM See 12/22)
15 0	16	17	18	19	20	21
						- Christmas Celebration -YOUTH DAY I - FIRST DAY OF WINTER
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
- HOLY MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY* - Christmas Celebration - YOUTH DAY II		- Christmas Eve	- Christmas Day	- Hanukkah Begins - Kwanzaa	- Swami Shivananda's Birthday*	- Vidyapith Closed for holidays
29 - Vidyapith Closed for holidays	30	31			NOVEMBER 2024 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JANUARY 2025 S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

The Power to Choose



"Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom."

~ Viktor E Frankl ~

Photo: Neirah Bhargava Oxbow Bend Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming



January 2025

Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 - New Year's Day - Kalpataru Day - Pooja / Flower Offering 8 AM	2 - Hanukkah Ends	3	- Vidyapith Reopens - YOUTH DAY-III (Venue TBD)
- Vidyapith Reopens - YOUTH DAY-IV (Venue TBD) - SWAMI SARADANANDA'S BIRTHDAY*	6	7	8	9	10	- YOUTH DAY-V
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
- YOUTH DAY-VI - SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S BIRTHDAY*	- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Sw. Turiyananda's Birthday*	- Pongal* - Makara Sankranti*				
19	20	21	22	23 0	24	25
	- Swami Brahmananda's Birthday*					
26	27	28	29	30	31	
- India's Rebublic Day				- Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Day*		



Vivekananda Vidyapith Inc.

An Academy of Indian Philosophy and Culture (Established in 1976)
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Vivekananda Vidyapith is dedicated to the development of the life and character of youngsters through an all-round educative process based on ancient spiritual wisdom and modern scientific teaching methods. Believing that each individual is potentially divine, the Vidyapith provides a conducive environment for everyone to unfold their energy and talents, and to channelize these towards the noble path of character building.

The Vidyapith shares the conviction of the great teachers of humanity, in that a growing sapling should be continuously nurtured by positive and uplifting thoughts and ideas in a systematic and appealing way. Such positive ideas strengthen character, which becomes the guiding force in the critical times of

one's life and determines the destiny of the individual. Such an individual becomes a beneficial asset to society.

The Vidyapith emphasizes simple and practical ideals such as respecting one's elders, achieving academic proficiency, developing good health through exercise and proper eating habits, occupying the mind with constructive ideas and projects, and cultivating a truthful, service-oriented life.

The teachings of Vivekananda Vidyapith are based on the Vedanta philosophy, which assimilates the basic principles of all religions. The Vidyapith welcomes all who aspire toward character building.

THE VIDYAPITH CONDUCTS THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

Saturday and Sunday Classes for Youngsters

Every Saturday and Sunday, classes are held for youngsters based on age groups. Inspiring thoughts, biographies of great personalities, stories from epics such as the Ramayana, the Mahabharata, the Upanishads, and the Bhagavad Gita are taught in an interesting way that appeals to young minds. Music, arts and crafts, and languages are also integrated into the curriculum.

Sapling

Sapling is a quarterly magazine published by the Vidyapith. Students write the articles for the magazine as well as form its editorial committee. The magazine reflects the curriculum of the Vidyapith.

Summer Camps

Every year, the Vidyapith holds for its students summer day camps on its premises. Students follow a comprehensive program that includes studies, service, and recreational activities. These camps stimulate the enthusiasm and interest of the students.

Annual Function

The students of the Vidyapith hold a special celebration every year to share their learning with families and friends.

Their talents find expression through music, dance, plays, recitations, and various other forms of art.

Study Classes for Adults

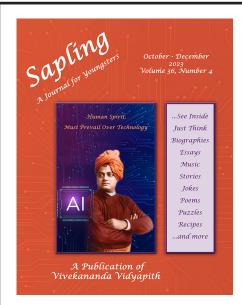
Twice a week scriptural study classes are held for adults. The classes include the study of the Bhagavad Gita, Upanishads and Vedanta as expounded by Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Swami Vivekananda. Practicing the ideals of the scriptures is emphasized in these classes.

Special Celebrations

The Vidyapith celebrates religious festivals such as Ramanavami, Shivaratri, Janmashtami, Christmas, Buddha Jayanti and the birthdays of great saints and teachers. Swami Vivekananda's birthday is celebrated as YOUTH DAY during the month of January with a program of speech competitions, essay writing, and symposiums. An outdoor get-together and picnic is organized once a year for the Vidyapith students and their families.

Guest Speakers

The Vidyapith organizes special lectures of distinguished speakers to inspire and encourage students and parents.



Sapling A Unique Quarterly Magazine

This magazine is the product of children's creativity and literary skills. It is beneficial to all age groups, specially youngsters growing up in America who are eager to learn about the rich heritage of Asian Indian Culture. Sapling inspires all who are looking for positive ideas and a broad outlook which nurture life in all its aspects. Sapling has inspiring biographies, teachings of great personalities, analytical essays, music lessons, brain teasing puzzles, amusing jokes, stories that take one into the vast treasures of Hindu mythology, and much more.

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Vivekananda Vidyapith Weekly Schedule

MONDAY	6:00 p.m 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m 8:30 p.m.	Evening prayer Scriptural Study Class
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m 8:30 p.m.	Prayer & Scriptural Study Class
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m 3:00 p.m. 1:15 p.m 3:30 p.m.	Character building Classes for Youngsters Vidyapith Choir Practice Teachers' Meeting Classical Vocal Music Classes
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m 3:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Character building Classes for Youngsters Vidyapith Choir Practice Teachers' Meeting Tabla Classes

For more information please visit our website: www.vidyapith.org

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