

## 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

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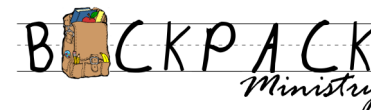
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August 27 (7 weeks)	February 12 (4 weeks)
October 23 (4 weeks)	March 12 (5 weeks)
November 27 (food only—no packing) (5 weeks)	April 23 (5 weeks) (this could change depending on snow days)
January 15 (4 weeks)	

## Morning Packs (all on Thursdays at 10 (set up), 10:30 (start packing))

September 6 (3 weeks)	January 31
October 11	February 28
November 8	April 11
November 29 (3 weeks)	May 9 (3 weeks)
January 3	

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