



2025-2026 Important Science Research

Dates

Both parents and students must initial each date and understand that attendance is mandatory for some of our events. Please immediately add these dates to any planner/ calendar you are using. Our website also has an active calendar for these and other special events. Thank you for understanding how much your presence means to your child and our program. Please also complete [this contact information form](#).

Model UN, band, orchestra, sports teams all have conflicting dates! Science competitions and prep must be your FIRST priority or it will not be a good fit for you and your schedule.

Please Initial each date box and add them to your family's calendar.

event	Date	Mandatory for	Short Description
WESEF research PLAN due Final copy and forms check list	9/12 Student initial: Parent Initial:	Juniors and Seniors	This is the plan students will finalize with details from their summer work- ALL students must edit and submit the final copy with their December WESEF application
JSHS soft deadline Abstract and SOA	10/9 Student initial: Parent Initial:	Seniors And juniors	All sections of research paper complete in rough draft form ready for revising
STS application soft deadline	10/3 Student initial: Parent Initial:	Seniors	-All rough drafts of STS essays/ prompts are completed -All guidance counselors/ mentors/ teacher recs are in and submitted
STS DEADLINE 11/6	Student initial: Parent Initial:	Seniors	Application submitted for Science Talent Search
JSHS DEADLINE	unknown Student initial:	Seniors	JSHS application submitted



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	Parent Initial:		
WESEF soft deadline 11/5	Student initial: Parent Initial:	Juniors and Seniors	-Final research plan -All forms -Research paper final draft
WESEF Application Deadline 12/13?	Student initial: Parent Initial:	Juniors and Seniors	WESEF application submitted (Research plan Research paper, forms)
NYSSEF applications open 12/11?	December		
WESEF mini poster holiday party 12/20 (poster due 12/12)	Student initial: Parent Initial:	Juniors and Seniors	Bring snacks and table props as we make our travel practice baby posters and prepare our binders and celebrate seniors
JSHS competition **	unknown Student initial: Parent Initial:	Seniors and juniors	JSHS
WESEF POSTER ROUGH DRAFT PRINT January 1	Student initial: Parent Initial:	Juniors and Seniors	First prints of large posters
NYSSEF videos due January? December?		10 selected competitors based on skill and preparation	
WESEF/NYSSEF science teacher practice session (only top 8 students selected)	February staff meeting 2/9	Selected students	Students will share their poster drafts with the



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			science department for feedback
<i>Symposium</i> 1/9	Student initial: Parent Initial:	Juniors and Seniors	WESEF prep night families and friends welcome! Invite mentors!
WESEF in school open house 1/15	Student initial: Parent Initial:	Juniors and Seniors as presenters 10th graders as judge/ rubric coordinators	Students will share their presentations to Edgemont students and staff in an open house in the library during their science scholar class, friends and family welcome!
WESEF FINAL PRINTS 2/17	ALL changes after this date will be SELF PRINTS* Student initial: Parent Initial: (*this can cost upwards of \$200)	Juniors and Seniors	Please note, any edits you need after the 28th are YOUR RESPONSIBILITY at an outside printer like UPS of Staples.
NYSSEF application	Student initial: Parent Initial:	10 NYSSEF selected students (based on class pillars and WESEF prep night performance)	10 of the most prepared and invested scholars will be chosen to compete for a NYSSEF slot
DECA sharktank 60 second elevator pitch competition	Friday in March at Lunch Student initial: Parent Initial:	Juniors and Seniors	Sharktank event where WESEFers compete with their elevator pitches in front of DECA
WESEF SET UP	Friday March 13th Student initial:	Juniors and Seniors	Poster set up at Somers High School night before WESEF



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	Parent Initial:		A student representative or the student MUST set up their WESEF poster the night before the competition
WESEF competition**	Saturday March 14th Student initial: Parent Initial:	Juniors and Seniors (Sophomores as volunteers)	WESEF competition (family members with a PhD in a science field are encouraged to judge!) - Please ask your mentor/ science parents to judge!
post WESEF party**			celebrate our WESEFers
NYSSEF	? March 23?	10 selected competitors based on skill and preparation	In person competition at NY Hall of Science
Genius Olympiad registration	April 1st? TBD Student initial: Parent Initial:	Juniors and Seniors	Papers must be submitted along with a quad board
Somers Mini Poster Party	March 24th Student initial: Parent Initial:		Bring snacks and table props as we make our travel practice baby posters and prepare our binders
Somers posters Rough Draft Prints 3/30	Student initial: Parent Initial:	Sophomores	Rough draft of posters due
Somer's prep day event 4/6	Student initial: Parent Initial:	Sophomores	Share your rough draft posters with Edgemont science students
Somers faculty meeting practice	4/13	Selected 8 students	



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<i>Somers prep night 4/23</i>	MAY Student initial: Parent Initial:	All Scholars and families	-Sophomores present Final Somers posters -Juniors organize judging -Seniors receive awards ALL MENTORS WELCOME
STEAM FAIR 5/19	April or May Student initial: Parent Initial:	Sophomores	
Somers ** First Saturday in June unless changed (6/6)	Student initial: Parent Initial:	Sophomores AND Seniors (must judge or send proxy)	Somers Science Fair
Genius Olympiad Finalist RIT in-person competition		Selected Finalists	

Parents/ friends/ community supporters are always welcome and encouraged to join us at our prep nights! Please come if you can make it!

*** - please reach out if you would like to put together support packs for our students. In years past they have each received cookies, water, snacks for these long, important competition days! Any encouraging/ yummy items are welcome!*

Optional But Fun Events!

Math Movie Night

Holiday Lights at Untermeyer

Group photo for cover of symposium booklet

March mammal madness