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## Back to School Dates

Here are the first day of school dates for area schools:

- 10 - NRMPS Early College
- 17 - RVEC
- 19 - KIPP
- 24 - HCS, NRMPS, RRGSD, WCS

## Sales Tax Holiday

NC Governor Pat McCrory ended the Sales Tax Holiday in our state. However, if you are willing to travel across the NC/VA border, the VA Sales Tax Holiday is **August 7 -9, 2015**.

Certain clothing, school supplies, Energy Star and WaterSense qualified products, and hurricane and emergency preparedness equipment will be exempt from sales tax. Visit <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday> for more information.

## National Black Business Month

by Sonya P. Pierce

Frederick E. Jordan and John William Templeton are two African American entrepreneurs who joined forces in 2004 to have August recognized as Black Business Month. Both men know the challenges and obstacles faced by black businesses. Black Business Month is designed to help businesses grow through support from local government and community leaders.

The calendar below lists 31 Ways to support black businesses in 31 Days (31 Ways 31 Days). To learn more, go to [www.blackbusinessmonth.com](http://www.blackbusinessmonth.com). Be sure to use #BlackDollarsMatter when showing your support online.

<h1>August 2015</h1>						1 Museums
2 The Black Church	3 Attorneys	4 Health Practitioners	5 Insurers	6 Real Estate	7 Banks	8 Restaurants
9 Hotels	10 Technology	11 Bio-technology	12 Manufacturing	13 HBCU's	14 Theater	15 Publications
16 Literature	17 Radio	18 Broadcast, Cable	19 Musicians	20 Filmmakers	21 Grocery Manufacturers	22 Beauty, Cosmetics
23 Educators	24 Fashion	25 Construction, Architecture, Engineering	26 Energy	27 Transportation	28 Advertising, Design	29 Accountants, Financial planners
30 Agriculture	31 Private equity, venture capital, securities	Notes:				

## *School year tips for Parents*

### **Have your child read at least 30 minutes each night.**

All subjects require students to be able to read. Students who read regularly increase vocabulary, reading comprehension, writing ability, and critical thinking.

### **Check your child's planner/agenda for assignments.**

Most teachers assign nightly homework. If your child struggles with organization, a planner will assist with keeping up with assignments and due dates. If no homework is assigned, a good practice is to review notes or study aides.

### **Keep electronic devices out of the bedroom at night.**

Early bedtimes are not enough to ensure students get proper rest. Students with cell phones and other electronic devices in their bedrooms may stay up late texting friends, using social media, or surfing the Internet. This overstimulation results in tired, cranky students in the classroom and poor student performance.

### **Maintain good communication with your child's teacher(s).**

Teachers are just an email or phone call away. If your schedule permits, attend parent nights and open houses. If you cannot attend, request a conference at a time that works for both you and the teacher.

### **Get your child to school on time each day.**

All schools have a tardy policy. In addition to missing valuable classroom instruction, excessive unexcused tardies may result in undesirable consequences such as detention.

### **Talk to your child.**

Children spend many hours at school cultivating relationships with their classmates and teachers. However, the most important relationships they have are with their parents. Students who lack enough attention at home tend to seek the attention at school. This is often done at inappropriate times and can be disruptive to the learning environment. Ask about what they're learning, their friends, any projects they have to complete, etc.

## **Pope's Corner**

At our Holiday Celebration, we acknowledged that economically, our country has made some progress. However, our counties and some of our families are still suffering. As a part of your family, H.D. Pope Funeral Homes would like to extend an offer to those who may or may not have life insurance or Preneed coverage.

For a limited time, anyone who opens a fully funded Preneed program through one of our in-house Preneed companies will receive a free casket. Please visit our Rocky Mount or Roanoke Rapids locations for more information.

To schedule a Preneed seminar, contact one of our offices.



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