



Calendar of events for Eco-Council



SEPTEMBER

Sustainability Events

01 Sep - 04 Oct

Season of Creation

Weekly themes: water conservation, climate action, biodiversity, and waste reduction, with activities such as clean-ups and eco-pledges.

16 Sep

Int. Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

Hold "Switch-Off" hours to promote energy-saving awareness.

01 Sep

Word Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Begin the school year with a prayer service focused on stewardship and caring for creation.

16 Sep - 22 Sep

Climate Week NYC

Begin a climate action pledge and promote eco-friendly travel options.

01 Sep - 30 Sep

Organic September

Encourage organic food choices and raise awareness of local food sourcing.

22 Sep

Car Free Day

Encourage sustainable travel, like walking, cycling, or carpooling.

05 Sep

FEAST With Us

Support this initiative with cooking sessions for people facing food poverty.

29 Sep

Int. Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste

Conduct food waste audits or hold a composting workshop.



OCTOBER

Sustainability Events

01 Oct

World Vegetarian Day

Promote a vegetarian day and discuss its benefits for health and the environment.

04 Oct

No Disposable Cup Day

Encourage reusable drink containers across the school.

02 - 06 Oct

Switch Off Week

Schedule daily "No Lights" hours to conserve energy.

16 Oct

World Food Day

Host discussions on sustainable agriculture, food security, and reducing food waste.

04 Oct

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

Celebrate St. Francis, patron of ecology, with a nature walk or garden project.

23 Oct - 17 Nov

UN Climate Conference (COP)

Engage students in conversations on climate solutions.

04 Oct

World Animal Day

Link with St. Francis Day, highlighting the importance of animal welfare and conservation.

21 Oct

World Cities Day

Explore sustainable urban living and encourage eco-friendly travel.

NOVEMBER

Sustainability Events

01 Nov

All Saints' Day

Reflect on saints devoted to nature, like St. Kateri Tekakwitha, to inspire eco-consciousness.

06 Nov

Int. Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

Consider how conflict affects natural resources

20 - 26 Nov

National Tree Week

Engage in tree-planting activities to support carbon sequestration and biodiversity.

24 Nov

Buy Nothing Day

Reflect on the impact of consumerism and encourage mindful consumption.



DECEMBER

Sustainability Events



05 Dec

World Soil Day

Hold soil health workshops or plant winter-friendly herbs.

05 Dec

Int. Volunteer Day

Celebrate collective environmental action with school volunteer projects.

11 Dec

Int. Mountain Day

Discuss mountain ecosystems and consider virtual or real hikes to connect with nature.

Early Dec

Advent

Focus on themes of hope and renewal, preparing for Christmas with environmental activities.

JANUARY

Sustainability Events

03 - 07 Jan

Zero Waste Day

Reduce waste with challenges like reusable lunches and no single-use plastics.

15 Jan

Feast of Our Lady of Peace

Reflect on peace with creation, linking it to eco-justice and sustainable choices.

22 - 26 Jan

Big Schools' Birdwatch

Join this citizen science project, observing local bird species to support biodiversity.



FEBRUARY

Sustainability Events



02 Feb

World Wetlands Day

Learn about the importance of wetlands for biodiversity.

10 Feb

World Pulses Day

Hold a plant-based lunch day to explore pulses and their benefits for sustainability.

Feb - Mar

Ash Wednesday (Eco-Lent)

Encourage students to give up environmentally harmful habits for Lent.

26 Feb - 10 Mar

Fairtrade Fortnight

Run activities focused on ethical consumer choices and sustainability.



MARCH

Sustainability Events

03 Mar

World Wildlife

Raise awareness around biodiversity and endangered species.

18 Mar

Global Recycling Day

Organise recycling drives and teach waste sorting best practices.

21 Mar

Int. Day of Forests

Hold tree-planting activities and highlight forest conservation.

23 Mar

World Meteorological Day

Study the impact of weather and climate on ecosystems.



30 Mar

Earth Hour

Join the global lights-off event at 8:30 pm to promote energy conservation.

APRIL

Sustainability Events



06 Apr

Int. Day for of Sport for Development and Peace

Discuss eco-friendly sports practices.

22 Apr

Earth Day

Host a school-wide clean-up and eco-fair showcasing sustainability projects.

Mar - Apr

Easter

Focus on environmental renewal as a symbol of resurrection.



MAY

Sustainability Events

01 - 31 May

No Mow May

Encourage students and staff to leave lawns uncut to support local pollinators and biodiversity.

01 - 31 May

Month of Mary

Honour Mary with “Mother Earth” activities, such as planting flowers or maintaining the school garden.

15 May

Int. Day of Families

Involve families in sustainable practices like recycling or composting.

20 May

World Bee Day

Create a pollinator garden or host discussions on the importance of bees.



22 May

Int. Day for Biological Diversity

Organise a biodiversity walk to explore local ecosystems.

JUNE

Sustainability Events



05 Jun

World Environment Day

Celebrate with a fair on student-led eco-projects.

08 Jun

World Oceans Day

Discuss marine conservation and promote a plastic-reduction challenge.

10 - 14 Jun

Summer Switch-Off Campaign

Power down electronics to conserve energy over summer.



JULY & AUGUST

Sustainability Events

01 - 31 Jul

Plastic-Free July

Reflect on saints devoted to nature, like St. Kateri Tekakwitha, to inspire eco-consciousness.

11 Jul

World Population Day

Consider how conflict affects natural resources

09 Aug

Int. Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Engage in tree-planting activities to support carbon sequestration and biodiversity.

15 Aug

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Reflect on the impact of consumerism and encourage mindful consumption.

