



THE FRANKLIN FIVE

AUGUST

GET READY FOR SCHOOL

Your kids may drag their feet, but it's time to gear up for the upcoming school year. Buying new clothes, school supplies, and a new planner is a given, but you may also need to upgrade your internet speed and brush up on your homeschooling skills. Start planning now to help ensure your kids keep a balanced schedule.

FINISH A PROJECT

As summer draws near a close and another school year is about to start, it's time to wrap up your warm-weather projects. Perhaps you have an outdoor project, a garage or storage unit, or some other ambitious goal you'd like to finish. Set a deadline in your planner and schedule the steps necessary to ensure it gets done.

PRACTICE HABIT SEVEN

Sharpen the saw. Invest time, effort, and perhaps even some money to strengthen your ability to produce. Add knowledge and talents to your skill set, determine to exercise, meditate, and rest—so you can better perform your duties and serve others.

GRILL SOMETHING NEW

There's something special about food prepared outdoors. Fire and smoke make the perfect addition to almost any recipe. But many of us are nervous to cook outside. Thankfully we have the Internet. Find a new recipe and learn to master it while the weather is nice.

SCHEDULE AN OUTDOOR BLOCK PARTY

Contact your neighbors and drag your grills out to your driveway. Even if you're social distancing, you can still enjoy the company of friends over good food. Get creative with games, contests, or you may even choose to project a movie on a wall that the neighbors can watch. Don't let the summer pass by unnoticed.

MY FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH

KEY DATES

- 1 FRIENDSHIP DAY
- 4 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DAY
- 9 BOOK LOVER'S DAY
- 11 SON AND DAUGHTER DAY
- 21 SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY
- 26 NATIONAL DOG DAY
- 26 WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

- 1-7 NATIONAL SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE WEEK
- 15-21 NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP WEEK

MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

- FAMILY FUN MONTH
- NATIONAL GOLF MONTH