

## Major Religious Holy Days 2008-2009 School Year

The Holy Days listed represent major religious observations in several traditions. There are additional minor holidays in these traditions which are not listed.

### September 2008

- 2 - Ramadan begins\* (Islamic)
- 3 - Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)
- 22 - Fall Equinox (Pagan/Wicca)
- 30-Oct. 1 Rosh Hashanah\*\* (Jewish)
- 30-Oct. 8 - Navaratri (Hindu)

### October 2008

- 1 - Eid al-Fitr\* (Islamic)
- 9 - Yom Kippur\*\* (Jewish)
- 14-21 - Sukkot\*\* (Jewish)
- 22 - Simchat Torah\*\* (Jewish)
- 28 - Diwali (Hindu)
- 29 - Birth of the Ba'b (Baha'i)
- 31 - Samhain (Pagan/Wicca)

### November 2008

- 1 - All Saints' Day (Christian)
- 12 - Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

### December 2008

- 8 - Bodhi Day/Rohatsu (Buddhist)
- 8 - Immaculate Conception of Mary
- 9 - Eid al-Adha\* (Islamic)
- 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 21 - Yule (Pagan/Wicca)
- 21-29 - Chanukah\*\* (Jewish)
- 25 - Christmas (Christian)
- 26-Jan. 1 - Kwanzaa (African-American/Interfaith)
- 29 - Al-Hijra-New Year\* (Islamic)

### January 2009

- 6 - Epiphany (Christian)
- 7 - Christmas (Orthodox Christian)
- 7 - Ashura\* (Tenth of Muharram) (Islamic)
- 26 - Chinese New Year (Confucian/Daoist/Buddhist)

### February 2009

- 2 - Imbolc (Pagan/Wicca)
- 24 - Shrove Tuesday (Christian)
- 25 - Ash Wednesday-Lent begins (Christian)

### March 2009

- 9 - Eid al-Mawlid\* (Islamic)
- 10 - Purim\*\* (Jewish)
- 11 - Holi (Hindu)
- 21 - Vernal Equinox (Pagan/Wicca)
- 21 - Naw Ruz-New Year (Baha'i)

### April 2009

- 9 - Passover begins\*\* (Jewish)
- 9 - Maundy Thursday (Christian)
- 10 - Good Friday (Christian)
- 12 - Easter (Christian)
- 16 - Passover ends (Jewish)
- 17 - Holy Friday (Orthodox Christian)
- 19 - Easter (Orthodox Christian)
- 21 - First day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
- 21 - Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) (Jewish)
- 29 - Ninth day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

### May 2009

- 1 - Beltane (Pagan/Wicca)
- 2 - Twelfth day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
- 9 - Buddha Day (Buddhist)
- 23 - Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
- 29-30 - Shavuot\*\* (Jewish)
- 29 - Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
- 31 - Pentecost (Christian)

### June 2009

- 7 - Pentecost (Orthodox Christian)
- 21 - Summer Solstice (Pagan/Wicca)

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