

## Major Religious Holy Days 2009-2010 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.

### August 2009

21 - Ramadan begins\* (Islamic)

23 - Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)

### September 2009

20 - Eid al-Fitr\* (Islamic)

22 - Fall Equinox (Pagan/Wicca)

19-20 - Rosh Hashanah\*\* (Jewish)

19-27 - Navaratri (Hindu)

28 - Yom Kippur\*\* (Jewish)

### October 2009

3-9 - Sukkot\*\* (Jewish)

11 - Simchat Torah\*\* (Jewish)

17 - Diwali (Hindu)

20 - Birth of the Ba'b (Baha'i)

### November 2009

1 - Samhain (Pagan/Wicca)

1 - All Saints' Day (Christian)

12 - Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

27 - Eid al-Adha\* (Islamic)

### December 2009

8 - Bodhi Day/Rohatsu (Buddhist)

8 - Immaculate Conception of Mary

12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

18 - Al-Hijra-New Year\* (Islamic)

21 - Yule (Pagan/Wicca)

12-19 - Chanukah\*\* (Jewish)

25 - Christmas (Christian)

26-Jan. 1 - Kwanzaa (African-American/Interfaith)

27 - Ashura\* (Tenth of Muharram) (Islamic)

### January 2010

6 - Epiphany (Christian)

7 - Christmas (Orthodox Christian)

### February 2010

2 - Imbolc (Pagan/Wicca)

14 - Chinese New Year

(Confucian/Daoist/Buddhist)

16 - Shrove Tuesday (Christian)

17 - Ash Wednesday-Lent begins (Christian)

26 - Eid al-Mawlid\* (Islamic)

28 - Purim\*\* (Jewish)

### March 2010

1 - Holi (Hindu)

20 - Vernal Equinox (Pagan/Wicca)

21 - Naw Ruz-New Year (Baha'i)

30-31 - Passover begins\*\* (Jewish)

### April 2010

1 - Maundy Thursday (Christian)

2 - Good Friday (All Christians)

4 - Easter (All Christians)

6 - Passover ends (Jewish)

11 - Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) (Jewish)

21 - First day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

29 - Ninth day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

### May 2010

1 - Beltane (Pagan/Wicca)

2 - Twelfth day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

19-20 - Shavuot\*\* (Jewish)

23 - Pentecost (All Christians)

23 - Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)

27 - Buddha Day (Buddhist)

29 - Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

### June 2010

21 - Summer Solstice (Pagan/Wicca)

\*Islamic Holy Days are not fixed to a calendar but based on the actual sighting of the moon, causing some variance in the date

\*\*Jewish Holy Days begin at sundown the day before.