Major Religious Holy Days 2018-2019

School Year

The Holy Days listed represent religious days most commonly observed by members of our community.

We hope this calendar will be helpful to you. It is worth noting that this is not an exhaustive list of holidays and observances. *Islamic Holy Days begin the sunset before the date listed but are commemorated on this day. There may be some variance in date due to the actual sighting of the moon. § Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the previous day.

	Holy Day	Tradition	Observance
AUGUST			
July 31(sundown) - Aug. 1	Lammas	Pagan/Wicca	Special festival
15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Roman Catholic	Special Worship
20*	The Day of Arafat	Islam	Fast day
22*	Eid al-Adha	Islam	Special festival
25	Ullambana	Buddhism	Special festival
25	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism	Special festival
SEPTEMBER			
2	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	Special festival
7-14	Paryushana	Jainism	Special worship
9§-11§	Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	Jewish New Year (work restriction)
11*	1st day of Muharram	Islam	Islamic New Year
18§-19§	Yom Kippur	Judaism	Fast day (work restriction)
20*	Ashura	Islam	Fast day
22(sundown)-23	Mabon (Northern Hemisphere)	Pagan/Wicca	Special festival
24§-30§	Sukkot	Judaism	Special festival (work restriction 24§-25§)
OCTOBER			
1§	Shemini Atzeret	Judaism	Special festival (work restriction)
2§	Simchat Torah	Judaism	Special festival (work restriction)
9-17	Navaratri	Hinduism	Special festival
18	Dasara	Hinduism	Special festival
31(sundown)-Nov. 1	Samhain	Pagan/Wicca	Special festival
NOVEMBER			
1	All Saints' Day	Christian	Special worship
2	All Souls' Day	Christian	Special Worship
6-10	Diwali	Hinduism/Sikhism/ Jainism	Special festival
9-10	Birth of the Bab Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'í	Special worship (work restriction)
20*	Mawlid al Nabi	Islam	Special festival
23	Guru Nanak's birthday	Sikhism	Special worship
24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur	Sikhism	Special worship
25(sundown)-26	Day of the Covenant	Bahá'í	Special worship
27(sundown)-28	Ascension of `Abdu'l-Bahá	Bahá'í	Special worship (work restriction)

DECEMBER			
2-24	Advent	Christian	Special Worship
3§-10§	Hanukkah	Judaism	Special festival
8	Bodhi Day/Rohatsu	Buddism	Special worship
8	Immaculate Conception	Roman Catholic	Special worship
21-Jan. 2001	Yule	Pagan/ Wicca	Special festival
23	Human Light	Atheism/Humanism	Special celebration
24	Christmas Eve	Christian	Special worship
25	Christmas	Christian	Special worship
26-Jan. 2001	Kwanzaa	African Heritage	Special festival
26	Zartosht No-Diso	Zoroastrianism	Special worship
JANUARY			
1	Solemnity of Mary	Roman Catholic	Special worship
1	Gantan-sai	Shinto	New Year
6	Epiphany	Christian	Special worship
7	Christmas (Feast of the Nativity)	Orthodox Christian	Special worship
13	Guru Gobind Singh's birthday	Sikhism	Special festival
13	Maghi	Sikhism	Special festival
20	World Religion Day	Bahá'í	Special festival
20§-21§	Tu BiShvat	Judaism	Special celebration
21-23	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism	New Year
FEBRUARY			
1§-2§	Imbolc	Pagan/Wicca	Special festival
3	Setsubun sai	Shinto	Special festival
5	Chinese New Year	onfucianism/Daoism/Buddhism	Lunar New Year
10	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism	Special festival
15	Nirvana Day	Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism	Special worship
25(sundown) – March 1	Ayyám-i-Há	Bahá'í	Special festival
MARCH			
1 (sundown)-20	Nineteen Day Fast	Bahá'í	Fast period
4	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	Special festival
5	Shrove Tuesday	Christian	Special worship
6	Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)	Christian	Special worship
11	Clean Monday (Great Lent begins)	Orthodox Christian	Special worship
20	Mabon (Southern Hemisphere) Ostara (Northern Hemisphere)	Pagan/ Wicca	Special festival
20§-21§	Purim	Judaism	Special worship
20(sundown)-21	Naw Ruz/Norouz	Bahá'í/Zoroastrianism	Persian New Year
21	Magha Puja Day	Buddhism	Special worship
21	Holi	Hinduism	Special festival
22-24	Hola Mohalla	Hinduism	Special festival
28	Khordad Sal	Zoroastrianism	Special observance
APRIL			
3*	Lailat al Mi'raj	Islam	Special worship
6-14	Ramayana	Hinduism	Special festival
8	Buddha's birthday	Buddhism	Special worship
13	Ram Navami	Hinduism	Special festival

14	Palm Sunday	Christian/Orthodox Christian	Special worship
17	Mahavir Jayanti	Jainism	Special worship
18	Maundy Thursday	Christian	Special worship
19	Hanuman Jayanti	Hinduism	Special worship
19§-27§	Passover	Judaism	Special festival/food restriction (work restriction 19§-20§& 26§-27§)
20*-21*	Lailat al Bara'ah	Islam	Special worship previous night
20	Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil	Christian	Special worship
21	Easter	Christian/Orthodox Christian	Special worship
21	First day of Ridvan	Bahá'í	Special festival (work restriction)
29	Ninth Day of Ridvan	Bahá'í	Special festival (work restriction)
MAY			
1	Beltane	Pagan/ Wicca	Special festival
2	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)	Judaism	Special observance
2	Twelfth day of Ridvan	Bahá'í	Special festival (work restriction)
6-June 4*	Ramadan	Islam	Fast period
9§	Yom Ha'Atzmaut	Judaism	Special observance
18	Visakha Puja - Buddha Day	Buddhism	Special festival
23§	Lag BaOmer	Judaism	Special celebration
23(sundown)-24	Declaration of the Báb	Bahá'í	Special worship (work restriction)
30	Feast of the Ascension	Christian	Special worship
28(sundown)-29	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'í	Special worship (work restriction)
31*	Lailat al Qadr	Islam	Special worship previous night
JUNE			
5*	Eid-al-Fitr	Islam	Special festival
9§-10§	Shavuot	Judaism	Special festival (work restriction)
9	Pentecost	Christian	Special worship
16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev	Sikhism	Special worship
21	Litha	Pagan/Wicca	Special festival
JULY			
8(sundown)-9	Martyrdom of the Báb	Bahá'í	Special worship (work restriction)
16	Asalha Puja Day	Buddhism	Special worship
13-15	Obon	Shinto/Buddhism	Special festival