

# 2019-2020 Calendar of Religious Holidays, Festivals, and Observances for the RISD Community

The Religious Practices Advisory Committee developed this calendar as an informational guide for RISD teachers and administrators. It is based on information obtained from committee members and religious leaders in our community about holy days, religious holidays, or other observances they consider to be widely recognized, and on which students of the respective faiths might be absent from school. Teachers and administrators should refer to the calendar when planning major tests and other curricular, extracurricular and special activities, and be sensitive to anticipated student absences or other needs for observances on these dates. Of course, not all dates on which individual students may be absent for religious observances are included on this calendar. Teachers and administrators will consider student absences for religious observances on an individual basis. Parents are urged to discuss with the teacher or principal in advance any particular needs of their students for religious observances. Student absences for religious observances are recorded as "R" days.

## WIDELY RECOGNIZED HOLY DAYS AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

### August 2019

11	I	* Eid al-Adha
15	EO	Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos
23	H	Krishna Janmashtami

### September 2019

1	I	Hijra (New Year) - 1st Day of Muharram
30-10/1	J	* Rosh Hashanah

### October 2019

9	J	* Yom Kippur
14-20	J	* Sukkot
20	Ba	* Birth of the B'ab
21	J	* Shemini Atzeret
22	J	* Simchat Torah
27	H, Ja, S	Diwali

### November 2019

1	RC,P	All Saints Day
12	Ba	* Birth of Bahau'llah
12	S	Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib
24	S	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur

### December 2019

23-30	J	* Hanukkah
25	C	Christmas
25	EO	Feast of the Nativity

### January 2020

1	S	Gantan-sai
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### February 2020

25	B	Lunar New Year
26	C	Ash Wednesday

### March 2020

9	B	Magha Puja Day
21	Ba	Naw Ruz (New Year)

### April 2020

5	C	Palm Sunday
9-15	J	* Passover
10	C	Good Friday
12	C	Easter Sunday
14	S	Baisakhi
19	EO	Pascha
21	Ba	* First Day of Ridvan

### May 2020

7	B	Buddha Day-Visakha Puja
23	Ba	* Declaration of the Bab
24	I	* Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)
29	Ba	* Ascension of Baha'ullah
29-30	J	Shavuot

### June 2020

### July 2020

5	B	* Asalha Puja Day
9	Ba	Martyrdom of the Bab
31	I	* Eid al Adha

## ADDITIONAL HOLY DAYS AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVATIONS

### August 2019

### September 2019

3	Ja	Paryushana Parva
10	I	* Ashura
29-10/8	H	Navaratri

### October 2019

8	H	Dasara
31	RC,P	All Hallows Eve

### November 2019

2	RC	All Souls Day
30	C	St. Andrew's Day

### December 2019

8	B	Bodhi Day
12	RC	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
26	Z	Zarathosht Diso

### January 2020

1	RC	Mary, Mother of God
3	H	Vasant Panchami
6	RC	Epiphany
13	S	Maghi

### February 2020

2	EO,C	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
21	H	Maha Shivaratri
26-3/1	Ba	Intercalary Days

### March 2020

10	H	Holi
10	J	* Purim
21	ZI	Norooz (New Year)
22	I	* Laylat-al Miraj

### April 2020

2	H	Ramanavami
23	C	St. George's Day
24-5/24	I	Ramadan

### May 2020

19	I	* Laylat-al Qadr
21	EO	Ascension of Jesus
31	C	Pentecost

### June 2020

11	RC	Corpus Christi
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### July 2020

## OTHER OBSERVANCES

### August 2019

15	H	Raksha Bandhan
15	RC	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
29	EO	Beheading of St. John the Baptist

### September 2019

1	EO	Religious year begins
2	H	Ganesh Chaturthi
8	EO,C	Nativity of Virgin Mary
14	EO	Holy Cross Day

### October 2019

4	RC,C	St. Francis Day
29	P	Reformation Day

### November 2019

10	I	Mawlid An-Nabi
23		Thanksgiving
26	Ba	* Day of Covenant
28	Ba	Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha

### December 2019

1-24	C	Advent
8	RC	Immaculate Conception
21	C	Yule
26	EO,RC	St. Stephen's Day

### January 2020

1	EO	Feast of St. Basil
5	S	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji
6	EO	Feast of Epiphany(Theophany)
19	Ba	* World Religion Day
28	J	* Tu B'Shevat

### February 2020

### March 2020

17	RC	St. Patrick's Day
25	EO,RC	Annunciation of Virgin Mary
28	Z	Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathustra)

### April 2020

12	J	Lag B'Omer
21	J	Yom HaShoah
29	J	* Yom Ha'Atzmaut

### May 2020

7		National Day of Prayer
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### June 2020

7	C	Trinity Sunday
14	EO	All Saints
19	RC	Sacred Heart Day

### July 2020

### Calendar Key

Ba - Bahá'í	Ja - Jain
B - Buddhist	J - Jewish
C - Christian	P - Protestant/Episcopalian
CG - Church of God	RC - Roman Catholic
EO - Eastern Orthodox	S - Sikh
H - HinduS	Z - Zoroastrian
HK - Hare Krishna	ZI - Zoroastrian Iranian
I - Islamic	

\* Indicates this Holy Day or observance may begin the evening before.

Note: Religious observances of some faiths are based on a lunar calendar and may change annually.

Calendar updates will be available on the RISD intranet.