

# 2018-2019 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

<b>August 2018</b>		
15	EO	Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos
22-25	I *	Eid ul-Adha
<b>September 2018</b>		
3	H,HK	Krishna Janmashtami
10-11	J	* Rosh Hashanah
12	I	Hijra (New Year) - 1st Day of Muharram
19	J	* Yom Kippur
24-30	J	* Sukkot
<b>October 2018</b>		
1	J	* Shemini Atzeret
2	J	* Simchat Torah
<b>November 2018</b>		
1	RC,P	All Saints Day
7	H, Ja, S	Diwali
9	Ba	* Birth of the B'ab
10	Ba	* Birth of Bahau'llah
23	S	Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib
24	S	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur
<b>December 2018</b>		
3-10	J	* Hanukkah
25	C	Christmas
25	EO	Feast of Nativity
<b>January 2019</b>		
1	S	Gantan-sai
<b>February 2019</b>		
5	B	Lunar New Year
<b>March 2019</b>		
6	C	Ash Wednesday
21	Ba	Naw Ruz (New Year)
21	B	Magha Puja Day
<b>April 2019</b>		
14	C	Palm Sunday
14	S	Baisakhi
19	C	Good Friday
19-27	J	* Passover
21	Ba	* First Day of Ridvan
21	C	Easter Sunday
28	EO	Pascha
<b>May 2019</b>		
19	B	Buddha Day-Visakha Puja
23	Ba	* Declaration of the Bab
29	Ba	* Ascension of Baha'ullah
<b>June 2019</b>		
5-7	I	Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)
9-10	J	Shavuot
<b>July 2019</b>		
9	Ba	Martyrdom of the Bab
27	B	* Asalha Puja Day

## ADDITIONAL HOLY DAYS AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVATIONS

<b>August 2018</b>		
<b>September 2018</b>		
6-14	Ja	Paryushana Parva
21	I	* Ashura
<b>October 2018</b>		
9-16	H	Navaratri
19	H	Dasara
31	RC,P	All Hallows Eve
<b>November 2018</b>		
2	RC	All Souls Day
30	C	St. Andrew's Day
<b>December 2018</b>		
3-10	J	* Hanukkah
8	B	Bodhi Day
12	RC	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
26	Z	Zarathosht Diso
<b>January 2019</b>		
1	RC	Mary, Mother of God
6	RC	Epiphany
13	S	Maghi
<b>February 2019</b>		
2	EO,C	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
10	H	Vasant Panchami
26-3/1	Ba	Intercalary Days
<b>March 2019</b>		
4	H	Maha Shivaratri
20	H	Holi
21	ZI	Norooz (New Year)
21	J	* Purim
26	H	Ramanavami
<b>April 2019</b>		
23	C	St. George's Day
<b>May 2019</b>		
5/6-6/5	I	Ramadan
30	EO	Ascension of Jesus
<b>June 2019</b>		
1	I	* Laylat-al Kadr
9	C	Pentecost
20	RC	Corpus Christi
<b>July 2019</b>		

## OTHER OBSERVANCES

<b>August 2018</b>		
15	RC	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
29	EO	Beheading of St. John the Baptist
29	H	Raksha Bandhan
<b>September 2018</b>		
1	EO	Religious year begins
8	EO,C	Nativity of Virgin Mary
13	H	Ganesh Chaturthi
14	EO	Holy Cross Day
<b>October 2018</b>		
4	RC,C	St. Francis Day
28	P	Reformation Day
<b>November 2018</b>		
21	I	* Mawlid An-Nabi
22		Thanksgiving
26	Ba	* Day of Covenant
28	Ba	Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha
<b>December 2018</b>		
2-24	C	Advent
8	RC	Immaculate Conception
21	C	* Yule
26	EO,RC	St. Stephen's Day
<b>January 2019</b>		
1	EO	Feast of St. Basil
5	S	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji
6	EO	Feast of Epiphany(Theophany)
20	B	* World Religion Day
20	J	* Tu B'Shevat
<b>February 2019</b>		
<b>March 2019</b>		
17	RC	St. Patrick's Day
25	EO,RC	Annunciation of Virgin Mary
28	Z	Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathustra)
<b>April 2019</b>		
<b>May 2019</b>		
2	J	Yom HaShoah
2		National Day of Prayer
9	J	* Yom Ha'Atzmaut
23	J	Lag B'Omer
<b>June 2019</b>		
16	C	Trinity Sunday
23	EO	All Saints
28	RC	Sacred Heart Day
<b>July 2019</b>		

### 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.

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