

2020-2021 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 2020

7/31-3	I	*	Eid al-Adha
12	H		Krishna Janmashtami
15	EO		Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos
20	I	*	Hijra (New Year) - 1st Day of Muharram

September 2020

19-20	J	*	Rosh Hashanah
28	J	*	Yom Kippur

October 2020

3-9	J	*	Sukkot
10	J	*	Shemini Atzeret
11	J	*	Simchat Torah
20	Ba	*	Birth of the B'ab

November 2020

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

December 2020

11-18	J	*	Hanukkah
25	C		Christmas
25	EO		Feast of the Nativity

January 2021

1	S		Gantan-sai
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February 2021

12	B		Lunar New Year
17	C		Ash Wednesday

March 2021

21	Ba	*	Naw Ruz (New Year)
28	B		Magha Puja Day
28	C		Palm Sunday
28-4/3	J	*	Passover

April 2021

2	C		Good Friday
4	C		Easter Sunday
8	B		Buddha Day-Visakha Puja
14	S		Baisakhi
16	Ba	*	First Day of Ridvan

May 2021

2	EO		Pascha
13	I	*	Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)
17-18	J	*	Shavuot
23	Ba	*	Declaration of the Bab
29	Ba	*	Ascension of Baha'ullah

June 2021

July 2021

9	Ba	*	Martyrdom of the Bab
20-23	I	*	Eid al Adha
24	B		Asalha Puja Day

ADDITIONAL HOLY DAYS AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVATIONS

August 2020

29	I	*	Ashura
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September 2020

21	Ja	*	Paryushana Parva
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October 2020

17-24	H		Navaratri
25	H		Dasara
31	RC,P		All Hallows Eve

November 2020

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

December 2020

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

January 2021

1	RC		Mary, Mother of God
6	RC		Epiphany
13	S		Maghi

February 2021

2	EO,C		Presentation of Christ in the Temple
16	H		Vasant Panchami
25-28	Ba		Intercalary Days
26	J	*	Purim

March 2021

10	I	*	Laylat-al Miraj
12	H		Maha Shivaratri
21	ZI		Norooz (New Year)
29	H		Holi

April 2021

13	I	*	Ramadan
21	H		Ramanavami
23	C		St. George's Day

May 2021

8	I	*	Laylat-al Qadr
13	EO		Ascension of Jesus
23	C		Pentecost

June 2021

3	RC		Corpus Christi
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July 2021

OTHER OBSERVANCES

August 2020

3	H		Raksha Bandhan
15	RC		Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22	H		Ganesh Chaturthi

September 2020

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

October 2020

4	RC,C		St. Francis Day
29	I	*	Mawlid An-Nabi
29	P		Reformation Day

November 2020

1	EO		All Saints Day
26			Thanksgiving
26	Ba	*	Day of Covenant
28	Ba	*	Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha
29-12/24	C		Advent

December 2020

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

January 2021

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

February 2021

March 2021

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

April 2021

8	J	*	Yom HaShoah
15	J	*	Yom Ha'Atzmaut
30	J	*	Lag B'Omer

May 2021

4			National Day of Prayer
30	C		Trinity Sunday

June 2021

11	RC		Sacred Heart Day
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July 2021

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 - Hindu	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.