

2016-2017 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	ADDITIONAL HOLY DAYS AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVATIONS	OTHER OBSERVANCES
<p>August 2016 15 EO Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos 25 H,HK Krishna Janmashtami</p> <p>September 2016 11-14 I * Eid-ul-Adha</p> <p>October 2016 2 I Hijra (New Year) - 1st Day of Muharram 3-4 J * Rosh Hashanah 12 J * Yom Kippur 17-23 J Sukkot 20 Ba * Birth of the B'ab 30 H,Ja,S Diwali</p> <p>November 2016 1 RC,P All Saints Day 12 Ba * Birth of Bahau'llah 14 S Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib 24 S Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom</p> <p>December 2016 25-1 J * Hanukkah 25 C Christmas</p> <p>January 2017 7 EO Feast of Nativity 1 S Gantan-sai 28 B Chinese New Year</p> <p>February 2017</p> <p>March 2017 1 C Ash Wednesday 12 B Magha Puja Day 21 Ba Naw Ruz (New Year)</p> <p>April 2017 9 C Palm Sunday 14 C Good Friday 14 S Baisakhi 11-18 J * Passover (Pesach) 16 EO Pascha 16 C Easter Sunday</p> <p>May 2017 10 Ba Buddha Day-Visakha Puja 23 Ba * Declaration of the Bab 29 Ba * Ascension of Baha'ullah 31-6/1 J Shavuot</p> <p>June 2017 26-28 I Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)</p> <p>July 2017 9 B * Asalha Puja Day</p>	<p>August 2016</p> <p>September 2016 6-15 Ja Paryushana Parava</p> <p>October 2016 1-10 H Navaratri 11 H Dasara 12 I * Ashura 31 RC,P All Hallows Eve</p> <p>November 2016 2 RC All Souls Day 30 C St. Andrew's Day</p> <p>December 2016 25-1/1 J * Hanukkah 8 B Bodhi Day 12 RC Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 26 Z Zarathosht Diso</p> <p>January 2017 1 RC Mary, Mother of God 6 RC Epiphany 13 S Maghi</p> <p>February 2017 2 EO,C Presentation of Christ in the Temple 1 H Vasant Panchami 25 H Maha Shivaratri 26-3/1 Ba Intercalary Days</p> <p>March 2017 12 J * Purim 13 H Holi 21 ZI Norouz (New Year)</p> <p>April 2017 5 H Ramanavami 21 Ba * First Day of Ridvan 23 C St. George's Day</p> <p>May 2017 25 RC Ascension of the Lord</p> <p>June 2017 4 C Pentecost 15 RC Corpus Christi 22 I * Laylat-ul-Qadr</p> <p>July 2017</p>	<p>August 2016 17 H Ganesh Chaturthi 15 RC Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 18 H Raksha Bandhan 29 EO Beheading of St. John the Baptist</p> <p>September 2016 1 EO Ecclesiastical year begins 8 EO,C Nativity of Mary 14 EO Holy Cross Day</p> <p>October 2016 4 RC,C St. Francis Day 31 P Reformation Day</p> <p>November 2016 26 Ba * Day of Covenant 24 Thanksgiving 28 Ba Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha 27 C 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>December 2016 4,11,18 C Sundays of Advent 8 RC Immaculate Conception 12 I * Mawlid An-Nabe 21 C * Yule 26 EO,RC St. Stephen's Day</p> <p>January 2017 1 EO Feast of St. Basil 5 S Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji 6 EO Feast of Theophany 15 B * World Religion Day</p> <p>February 2017 25 J * Tu B'Shevat</p> <p>March 2017 17 RC St. Patrick's Day 25 EO,RC Annunciation of Virgin Mary 28 Z Birth of Zarathustra</p> <p>April 2017 23 J Yom HaShoah</p> <p>May 2017 1 J * Yom Ha'Atzmaut 4 National Day of Prayer 14 J Lag B'Omer</p> <p>June 2017 11 C Trinity Sunday 23 RC Sacred Heart Day</p> <p>July 2017 11 EO All Saints</p>

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/S	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.