

2017-2018 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 2017

15 EO Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos
15 H,HK Krishna Janmashtami

September 2017

1-4 I * Eid-ul-Adha
21-22 J * Rosh Hashanah
21-22 I Hijra (New Year) - 1st Day of Muharram
30 J * Yom Kippur

October 2017

5-11 J Sukkot
19 H,Ja,S Diwali
20 Ba * Birth of the B'ab

November 2017

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

December 2017

13-20 J * Hanukkah
25 C Christmas
25 EO Feast of Nativity

January 2018

1 S Gantan-sai

February 2018

14 C Ash Wednesday
16 B Chinese New Year

March 2018

21 Ba Naw Ruz (New Year)
25 C Palm Sunday
30 C Good Friday
31 B Magha Puja Day
3/31-4/7 J * Passover

April 2018

1 C Easter Sunday
8 EO Pascha
14 S Baisakhi
29 Ba Buddha Day-Visakha Puja

May 2018

20-21 J Shavuot
23 Ba * Declaration of the Bab
29 Ba * Ascension of Baha'ullah

June 2018

15-17 I Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)

July 2018

27 B * Asalha Puja Day

ADDITIONAL HOLY DAYS AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVATIONS

August 2017

26-31 Ja Paryushana Parva

September 2017

1-4 Ja Paryushana Parva
21-29 H Navaratri
30 H Dasara

October 2017

1 I * Ashura
31 RC,P All Hallows Eve

November 2017

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

December 2017

8 B Bodhi Day
12 RC Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
13-20 J * Hanukkah
26 Z Zarathosht Diso

January 2018

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

February 2018

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

March 2018

3 H Holi
21 ZI Norooz (New Year)
26 H Ramanavami
28 J * Purim

April 2018

21 Ba * First Day of Ridvan
23 C St. George's Day

May 2018

5/16-6/15 I Ramadan
17 EO Ascension of Jesus
20 C Pentecost
31 RC Corpus Christi

June 2018

11 I * Laylat-al Kadr

July 2018

OTHER OBSERVANCES

August 2017

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

September 2017

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

October 2017

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

November 2017

23 Thanksgiving
26 Ba * Day of Covenant
28 Ba Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha

December 2017

1 I * Mawlid An-Nabi
3-24 C Advent
8 RC Immaculate Conception
21 C * Yule
26 EO,RC St. Stephen's Day

January 2018

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

February 2018

March 2018

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

April 2018

12 J Yom HaShoah
19 J * Yom Ha'Atzmaut

May 2018

3 National Day of Prayer
3 J Lag B'Omer
27 C Trinity Sunday

June 2018

2 EO All Saints
8 RC Sacred Heart Day

July 2018

Calendar Key

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

* 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.