

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
 12 J * Shemini Atzeret
 13 J * Simchat Torah
 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 - Hindu
 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.