## 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,KH: Krishna Janmashtami

#### September 2017
- **1-4** I: * Eid-ul-Adha
- **21-22** J: * Rosh Hashanah
- **21-22** I: * Hijra (New Year) - 1st Day of Muḥarram
- **30** J: * Yom Kippur

#### October 2017
- **5-11** J: Sukkot
- **12** J: * Shemini Atzeret
- **13** J: * Simchat Torah
- **19** H,Ja,S: Diwali
- **20** B: * Birth of the Bab

#### November 2017
- **1** RC,P: All Saints Day
- **4** S: Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib
- **12** B: * Birth of Baha’u’llah
- **24** S: Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur

#### 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

#### April 2018
- **1** C: Easter Sunday
- **8** EO: Pascha
- **14** S: Baisakhi
- **29** Ba: Buddha Day-Visakhapuja

#### May 2018
- **20-21** J: * Shawuot
- **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: Navaratni
- **30** H: Dasara

#### October 2017
- **1** I: * Ashter
- **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: Zarathoshti 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 Shivrati
- **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-Qadr

#### July 2018
- **11** I: * Laylat-al-Kadr

### 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** EO: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- **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
- **1** EO: National Day of Prayer
- **3**-24 C: Advent
- **13** J: * Yom HaShoah
- **19** J: * Yom HaAtzmaut

#### 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 Ha’Atzmaut
- **19** J: * Yom HaAtzmaut

#### May 2018
- **3** National Day of Prayer
- **3** J: Lag B’Omer
- **27** C: Tishrei 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  
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H - Hindu  
H,JK - Hindu, Jain  
HK - Hare Krishna  
I - Islamic  
J - Jewish  
P - Protestant/Episcopalian  
RC - Roman Catholic

* 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.