

2022-2023 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. *Religious observances of some faiths are based on a lunar calendar and may change annually. Calendar updates will be available online.*



Holy Days, Religious Observations and Other Observances • **WIDELY RECOGNIZED indicated in bold:**

DATE	OBSERVANCE
Jul. 7, 2022	Eid al-Adha* ISLAMIC
Jul. 10, 2022	Martyrdom of the Bab* BAHÁ'Í
July 13, 2022	Asalha Puja Day BUDDHIST
Jul. 30, 2022	Hijra (New Year) - 1st Day of Muharram* ISLAMIC
Aug. 8, 2022	Ashura* ISLAMIC
Aug. 11, 2022	Raksha Bandhan HINDU
Aug. 15, 2022	Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos EASTERN ORTHODOX
Aug. 15, 2022	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ROMAN CATHOLIC
Aug. 18-19, 2022	Krishna Janmashtami* HINDU
Aug. 23-30, 2022	Paryushana Parva* JAIN
Aug. 30, 2022	Ganesh Chaturthi HINDU
Sep. 1, 2022	Religious year begins EASTERN ORTHODOX
Sep. 8, 2022	Nativity of Virgin Mary EASTERN ORTHODOX, CHRISTIAN
Sep. 10, 2022	Mid-Autumn Festival (Mooncake Festival) EAST/SOUTHEAST ASIAN TRADITION
Sep. 14, 2022	Holy Cross Day EASTERN ORTHODOX
Sep. 26-27, 2022	Rosh Hashanah* JEWISH
Sep. 26- Oct. 4, 2022	Navaratri HINDU
Oct. 4, 2022	St. Francis Day "Blessing of the Animals" EASTERN ORTHODOX, CHRISTIAN
Oct. 5, 2022	Yom Kippur* JEWISH
Oct. 5, 2022	Dussehra (Vijaydashami)* HINDU
Oct. 7-8, 2022	Mawlid An-Nabi (Milad-un-Nabi)* ISLAMIC
Oct. 10-11, 2022	Sukkot (First Days)* JEWISH
Oct. 17, 2022	Shemini Atzeret* JEWISH
Oct. 18, 2022	Simchat Torah* JEWISH
Oct. 24, 2022	Diwali HINDU, JAIN, SIKH

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Oct. 26, 2022	Birth of the B'ab* BAHÁ'Í
Oct. 27, 2022	Birth of Bahau'llah* BAHÁ'Í
Oct. 31, 2022	Reformation Day PROTESTANT/EPISCOPALIAN
Oct. 31, 2022	All Hallows Eve ROMAN CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT/EPISCOPALIAN
Nov. 1, 2022	All Saints Day ROMAN CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT/EPISCOPALIAN
Nov. 1, 2022	All Saints Day EASTERN ORTHODOX
Nov. 2, 2022	All Souls Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
Nov. 8, 2022	Birth of Guru Nanak Dev* SIKH
Nov. 24, 2022	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur SIKH, HINDU
Nov. 24, 2022	Thanksgiving
Nov. 26, 2022	Day of Covenant* BAHÁ'Í
Nov. 27 - Dec. 24, 2022	Advent Season CHRISTIAN
Nov. 28, 2022	Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha* BAHÁ'Í
Nov. 30, 2022	St. Andrew's Day CHRISTIAN
Dec. 3, 2022	Bhagavad Gita Jayanti HINDU
Dec. 8, 2022	Immaculate Conception ROMAN CATHOLIC
Dec. 8, 2022	Bodhi Day BUDDHIST
Dec. 12, 2022	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ROMAN CATHOLIC
Dec. 16-25, 2022	Posadas Navideñas CHRISTIAN (HISPANIC)
Dec. 19 - Dec. 26, 2022	Hanukkah* JEWISH
Dec. 21, 2022	Yule CHRISTIAN
Dec. 25, 2022	Christmas CHRISTIAN
Dec. 25, 2022	Feast of the Nativity EASTERN ORTHODOX
Dec. 26, 2022	St. Stephen's Day EASTERN ORTHODOX, ROMAN CATHOLIC
Dec. 26, 2022	Zarathosht Diso ZOROASTRIAN

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Jan. 1, 2023	Gantan-Sai SHINTO
Jan. 1, 2023	Feast of St. Basil EASTERN ORTHODOX
Jan. 1, 2023	Mary, Mother of God ROMAN CATHOLIC
Jan. 5, 2023	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh SIKH
Jan. 6, 2023	Feast of Epiphany (Theophany) EASTERN ORTHODOX
Jan. 6, 2023	Epiphany ROMAN CATHOLIC
Jan. 13-14, 2023	Makar Sankranti (Pongal, Maghi)* HINDU, SIKH
Jan. 15, 2023	World Religion Day
Jan. 22, 2023	Lunar New Year BUDDHIST
Jan. 25, 2023	Vasant Panchami HINDU
Feb. 2, 2023	Presentation of Christ in the Temple EASTERN ORTHODOX, CHRISTIAN
Feb. 18, 2023	Laylat-al Miraj* ISLAMIC
Feb. 18, 2023	Maha Shivaratri HINDU
Feb. 22, 2023	Ash Wednesday CHRISTIAN
Feb. 22-Apr. 7, 2023	Lenten Season CHRISTIAN
Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2023	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)* BAHÁ'Í
Mar. 6, 2023	Magha Puja Day BUDDHIST
Mar. 7, 2023	Holi HINDU
Mar. 17, 2023	St. Patrick's Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
Mar. 7, 2022	Purim* JEWISH
Mar. 2-21, 2023	Bahá'í Fast BAHÁ'Í
Mar. 21, 2023	Naw Ruz* BAHÁ'Í
Mar. 21, 2023	Norooz (New Year) ZOROASTRIAN
Mar. 22, 2023	Varsha Pratipada (Hindu New Year) HINDU
Mar. 22-30, 2023	Navratri HINDU
Mar. 23-Apr. 21, 2023	Ramadan* ISLAMIC
Mar. 25, 2023	Annunciation of Virgin Mary EASTERN ORTHODOX, ROMAN CATHOLIC
Mar. 26, 2023	Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathustra) ZOROASTRIAN
Mar. 30, 2023	Rama Navami HINDU
Apr. 2, 2023	Palm Sunday CHRISTIAN
Apr. 3, 2023	Mahavira Jayanti JAIN

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Apr. 6-7 2023	Passover (First Days)* JEWISH
Apr. 12-13 2023	Passover (Last Days)* JEWISH
Apr. 5, 2023	Qingming Festival (Tomb Sweeping Day) BUDDHIST (CHINESE)
Apr. 6, 2023	Maundy Thursday CHRISTIAN
Apr. 7, 2023	Good Friday CHRISTIAN
Apr. 9, 2023	Easter Sunday CHRISTIAN
Apr. 13, 2023	Songkran (Thai New Year's Day) BUDDHIST (THAI)
Apr. 14, 2023	Baisakhi HINDU, SIKH
Apr. 16, 2023	Pascha EASTERN ORTHODOX
Apr. 17, 2023	Yom HaShoah* JEWISH
Apr. 18, 2023	Laylat-al Qadr* ISLAMIC
Apr. 21, 2023	First Day of Ridván* BAHÁ'Í
Apr. 21 or 22, 2023	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)* ISLAMIC
Apr. 23, 2023	St. George's Day CHRISTIAN
Apr. 25, 2023	Yom Ha'Atzmaut* JEWISH
Apr. 29, 2023	Ninth Day of Ridván* BAHÁ'Í
May 2, 2023	Twelfth Day of Ridván* BAHÁ'Í
May 4, 2023	National Day of Prayer
May 8, 2023	Lag B'Omer* JEWISH
May 18, 2023	Ascension of Jesus EASTERN ORTHODOX
May 24, 2023	Declaration of the Bab* BAHÁ'Í
May 26-27, 2023	Shavuot* JEWISH
May 28, 2023	Pentecost CHRISTIAN
May 29, 2023	Ascension of Baha'u'llah* BAHÁ'Í
Jun. 3, 2023	Buddha Day-Visakha Puja BUDDHIST
Jun. 4, 2023	Trinity Sunday CHRISTIAN
Jun. 8, 2023	Corpus Christi ROMAN CATHOLIC
Jun. 16, 2023	Sacred Heart Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
Jun. 29, 2023 (tentative)	Eid al Adha* ISLAMIC
Jul. 3, 2023	Guru Purnima HINDU
Jul. 10, 2023	Martyrdom of the Bab* BAHÁ'Í

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