

2023-2024 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 on these days. Teachers and administrators should refer to the bolded dates on 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 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
June 11, 2023	All Saints Day CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
June 28, 2023	Eid al-Adha* ISLAMIC
July 10, 2023	Martyrdom of the Bab* BAHÁ'Í
July 19, 2023	Hijra (New Year) - 1st Day of Muharram* ISLAMIC
July 27, 2023	Ashura* ISLAMIC
July 27, 2023	Tisha B'Av* JEWISH
August 1, 2023	Asalha Puja Day* BUDDHIST
August 6, 2023	Transfiguration CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
August 15, 2023	Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
August 15, 2023	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* CHRISTIAN (ROMAN CATHOLIC)
August 29, 2023	Raksha Bandhan* HINDU
September 5, 2023	Krishna Janmashtami* HINDU
September 8, 2023	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
September 11, 2023	Paryushana Parva* JAIN
September 14, 2023	Exaltation of the Holy Cross CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
September 16 - 17, 2023	Rosh Hashanah* JEWISH
September 19, 2023	Ganesh Chaturthi HINDU
September 25, 2023	Yom Kippur* JEWISH
September 26, 2023	Mawlid An-Nabi (alt sp : Milad-un-Nabi)* ISLAMIC
September 29, 2023	Mid-Autumn Festival (Mooncake Festival)* EAST/SOUTHEAST ASIAN TRADITION
September 30 - October 1, 2023	Sukkot (First days)* JEWISH
October 4, 2023	St. Francis Day "Blessing of the Animals" CHRISTIAN
October 7, 2023	Shemini Atzeret* JEWISH
October 7, 2023	Simchat Torah* JEWISH
October 8, 2023	Simchat Torah* JEWISH
October 15 - 23, 2023	Navratri HINDU

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October 16, 2023	Birth of the Bab* BAHÁ'Í
October 17, 2023	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh* BAHÁ'Í
October 24, 2023	Dussehra (Vijaydashami)* HINDU
October 31, 2023	Reformation Day CHRISTIAN (PROTESTANT)
October 31, 2023	All Hallows Eve CHRISTIAN
November 1, 2023	All Saints Day CHRISTIAN
November 2, 2023	All Souls Day CHRISTIAN (ROMAN CATHOLIC)
November 12, 2023	Diwali HINDU, JAIN, SIKH
November 21, 2023	Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
November 23, 2023	Thanksgiving
November 24, 2023	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur SIKH, HINDU
November 26, 2023	Day of Covenant* BAHÁ'Í
November 27, 2023	Birth of Guru Nanak Dev* SIKH
November 28, 2023	Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha* BAHÁ'Í
November 30, 2023	St. Andrew's Day CHRISTIAN
December 3, 2023	Advent Season CHRISTIAN
December 8 - 15, 2023	Hanukkah* JEWISH
December 8, 2023	Bodhi Day BUDDHIST
December 8, 2023	Immaculate Conception CHRISTIAN (ROMAN CATHOLIC)
December 12, 2023	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe CHRISTIAN (ROMAN CATHOLIC)
December 16 - 24, 2023	Posadas Navideñas CHRISTIAN (HISPANIC CATHOLIC)
December 21, 2023	Yule
December 22, 2023	Bhagavad Gita Jayanti HINDU
December 25, 2023	Christmas CHRISTIAN
December 25, 2023	Feast of the Nativity, Navity of Christ CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
December 26, 2023	St. Stephen's Day CHRISTIAN (ROMAN CATHOLIC)

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December 26, 2023	Zarathosht Diso ZOROASTRIAN
January 1, 2024	Feast of St. Basil CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
January 1, 2024	Mary, Mother of God CHRISTIAN (ROMAN CATHOLIC)
January 1, 2024	Shogatsu/Gantan-sai (New Years) SHINTO
January 5, 2024	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh SIKH
January 6, 2024	Feast of Epiphany (Theophany)* CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
January 15, 2024	Makar Sankranti (Pongal, Maghi)* HINDU, SIKH
February 2, 2024	Presentation of Christ in the Temple CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
February 6, 2024	Leilat-al Miraj* ISLAMIC
February 10, 2024	Lunar New Year BUDDHIST (CHINESE)
February 14 - March 31, 2024	Lenten Season CHRISTIAN
February 14, 2024	Ash Wednesday CHRISTIAN
February 14, 2024	Vasant Panchami HINDU
February 24, 2024	Magha Puja Day BUDDHIST
February 26 - 29, 2024	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)* BAHÁ'Í
March 1 - 19, 2024	Bahá'í Fast* BAHÁ'Í
March 8, 2024	Maha Shivaratri HINDU
March 17, 2024	St. Patrick's Day CHRISTIAN (ROMAN CATHOLIC)
March 19, 2024	Norooz/Naw-Rúz (New Year)* PERSIAN/ZOROASTRIAN
March 20, 2024	Naw - Ruz* BAHÁ'Í
March 10, 2024	Ramadan (first day)* ISLAMIC
March 18, 2024	Lent Begins CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
March 24, 2024	Palm Sunday CHRISTIAN
March 24, 2024	Purim* JEWISH
March 25, 2024	Annunciation of Virgin Mary, Theotokos CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
March 25, 2024	Holi* HINDU
March 26, 2024	Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathustra) ZOROASTRIAN
March 28, 2024	Maundy Thursday CHRISTIAN
March 29, 2024	Good Friday CHRISTIAN
March 31, 2024	Easter Sunday CHRISTIAN
April 4, 2024	Qingming Festival (Tomb Sweeping Day) BUDDHIST (CHINESE)
April 5, 2024	Laylat-al Qadr* ISLAMIC
April 9 - 17, 2024	Vasant Navratri HINDU

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April 8, 2024	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan, lasts 3 days)* ISLAMIC
April 13, 2024	Songkran (Thai New Year's Day) BUDDHIST (THAI)
April 13, 2024	Varsha Pratipada (Hindu New Year) HINDU
April 14, 2024	Vaisakhi SIKH
April 17, 2024	Rama Navami HINDU
April 20, 2024	First Day of Ridván* BAHÁ'Í
April 21, 2024	Mahavira Jayanti JAIN
April 23, 2024	St. George's Day CHRISTIAN
April 23 - 24, 2024	Passover (First days)* JEWISH
April 25 - 28, 2024	Passover (Last days)* JEWISH
April 28, 2024	Palm Sunday CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
April 29 - May 4, 2024	Holy Week CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
April 28, 2024	Ninth Day of Ridván* BAHÁ'Í
May 1, 2024	Twelfth Day of Ridván* BAHÁ'Í
May 2, 2024	National Day of Prayer INTERFAITH
May 3, 2024	Good Friday CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
May 5, 2024	Pascha / Orthodox Easter* CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
May 5, 2024	Yom HaShoah * JEWISH
May 9, 2024	Ascension of Jesus CHRISTIAN
May 12, 2024	Yom Ha'Atzmaut* JEWISH
May 19, 2024	Pentecost CHRISTIAN
May 23, 2024	Declaration of the Báb* BAHÁ'Í
May 23, 2024	Visakha Puja - Buddha Day BUDDHIST
May 23, 2024	Lag B'Omer* JEWISH
May 26, 2024	Trinity Sunday CHRISTIAN
May 28, 2024	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh* BAHÁ'Í
May 30, 2024	Corpus Christi CHRISTIAN (ROMAN CATHOLIC)
June 7, 2024	Sacred Heart Day CHRISTIAN (ROMAN CATHOLIC)
July 9, 2024	Martyrdom of the Bab* BAHÁ'Í
June 12 - 13, 2024	Shavuot* JEWISH
June 17, 2024	Eid al Adha (Feast of Sacrifice, lasts 3 days)* ISLAMIC
June 23, 2024	Holy Pentecost CHRISTIAN (EASTERN ORTHODOX)
July 21, 2024	Guru Purnima HINDU

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