

2024-2025 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 7, 2024	Sacred Heart Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
June 12 - 13, 2024	Shavuot* JEWISH
June 16, 2024	Eid al Adha* ISLAMIC
June 23, 2024	Holy Pentecost EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
July 7, 2024	Hijra (New Year)* ISLAMIC
July 9, 2024	Martyrdom of the Bab* BAHÁ'Í
July 16, 2024	Ashura* ISLAMIC
July 20, 2024	Asalha Puja Day BUDDHIST
July 21, 2024	Guru Purnima* HINDU
August 6, 2024	Transfiguration EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
August 13, 2024	Tisha B'Av* JEWISH
August 15, 2024	Dormition of the Theotokos EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
August 15, 2024	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ROMAN CATHOLIC
August 19, 2024	Raksha Bandhan* HINDU
August 26, 2024	Krishna Janmashtami HINDU
August 30, 2024	Paryushana Parva* JAIN
September 8, 2024	Nativity of the Theotokos EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
September 14, 2024	Exaltation of the Holy Cross EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
September 15, 2024	Mawlid An-Nabi ISLAMIC
September 17, 2024	Mid-Autumn Festival* EAST/SOUTHEAST ASIAN
September 29, 2024	Ganesh Chaturthi* HINDU
October 3 - 4, 2024	Rosh Hashanah* JEWISH
October 3 - 12, 2024	Navratri / Dussehra (Vijaydashami)* HINDU
October 4, 2024	St. Francis Day CHRISTIAN
October 11, 2024	Yom Kippur* JEWISH
October 17 - 23, 2024	Sukkot* JEWISH

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October 24, 2024	Shemini Atzeret* JEWISH
October 24 and 25, 2024	Simchat Torah* JEWISH
October 31, 2024	Reformation Day PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN
October 31, 2024	All Hallows' Eve CHRISTIAN
November 1, 2024	Diwali* HINDU, JAIN, SIKH
November 1, 2024	All Saints' Day CHRISTIAN
November 2, 2024	All Souls' Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
November 2, 2024	Birth of the Bab* BAHÁ'Í
November 3, 2024	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh* BAHÁ'Í
November 15, 2024	Birth of Guru Nanak Dev* SIKH
November 21, 2024	Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
November 24, 2024	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur* SIKH, HINDU
November 24, 2024	Day of the Covenant* BAHÁ'Í
November 26, 2024	Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha* BAHÁ'Í
November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving
November 30, 2024	St. Andrew's Day CHRISTIAN
December 1, 2024	Advent Season CHRISTIAN
December 8, 2024	Bodhi Day BUDDHIST
December 8, 2024	Immaculate Conception ROMAN CATHOLIC
December 11, 2024	Bhagavad Gita Jayanti HINDU
December 12, 2024	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ROMAN CATHOLIC
December 16 - 24, 2024	Posadas Navideñas HISPANIC CHRISTIAN
December 25, 2024	Christmas CHRISTIAN
December 25, 2024 - January 2, 2025	Hanukkah* JEWISH
December 26, 2024	St. Stephen's Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
December 26, 2024	Zarathosht Diso ZOROASTRIAN

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January 1, 2025	Feast of St. Basil EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
January 1, 2025	Mary, Mother of God ROMAN CATHOLIC
January 1, 2025	Shogatsu/Gantan-sai SHINTO
January 6, 2025	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh SIKH
January 6, 2025	Feast of Epiphany EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
January 15, 2025	Makar Sankranti (Pongal, Maghi)* HINDU, SIKH
January 27, 2025	Leilat al-Miraj* ISLAMIC
January 29, 2025	Lunar New Year* BUDDHIST, CHINESE
February 2, 2025	Presentation of Christ in the Temple EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
February 2, 2025	Vasant Panchami* HINDU
February 12, 2025	Magha Puja Day BUDDHIST
February 25 - 28, 2025	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)* BAHÁÍ
February 25, 2025	Maha Shivaratri HINDU
February 28, 2025	Ramadan (first day)* ISLAMIC
March 1 - March 19, 2025	Bahá'í Fast* BAHÁÍ
March 3, 2025	Lent Begins EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
March 5 - April 17, 2025	Lenten Season CHRISTIAN
March 5, 2025	Ash Wednesday CHRISTIAN
March 13, 2025	Purim* JEWISH
March 14, 2025	Holi* HINDU
March 17, 2025	St. Patrick's Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
March 20, 2025	Norooz/Naw-Rúz (New Year)* PERSIAN, ZOROASTRIAN, BAHÁÍ
March 25, 2025	Annunciation of Virgin Mary, Theotokos EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
March 26, 2025	Khordad Sal ZOROASTRIAN
March 27, 2025	Laylat al-Qadr* ISLAMIC
March 29, 2025	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)* ISLAMIC
March 30 - April 7, 2025	Vasant Navratri HINDU
April 4, 2025	Qingming Festival BUDDHIST, CHINESE
April 10, 2025	Mahavira Jayanti JAIN
April 12 - 14, 2025	Passover (First days)* JEWISH
April 13, 2025	Palm Sunday CHRISTIAN
April 13, 2025	Songkran (Thai New Year) BUDDHIST, THAI
April 13, 2025	Varsha Pratipada (Hindu New Year) HINDU

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April 14, 2025	Vaisakhi SIKH
April 17, 2025	Maundy Thursday CHRISTIAN
April 17, 2025	Rama Navami HINDU
April 18, 2025	Orthodox Good Friday EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
April 18, 2025	Good Friday CHRISTIAN
April 18 - 20, 2025	Passover (Last days)* JEWISH
April 20, 2025	Easter Sunday CHRISTIAN
April 20, 2025	Pascha / Orthodox Easter* EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
April 21, 2025	Clean Monday EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
April 20, 2025	First Day of Ridván* BAHÁÍ
April 23, 2025	St. George's Day CHRISTIAN
April 24, 2025	Yom HaShoah* JEWISH
April 30, 2025	Twelfth Day of Ridván* BAHÁÍ
May 12, 2025	Visakha Puja - Buddha Day BUDDHIST
May 15, 2025	Lag B'Omer* JEWISH
May 23, 2025	Declaration of the Báb* BAHÁÍ
May 28, 2025	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh* BAHÁÍ
May 29, 2025	Ascension of Jesus EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
May 30, 2025	Yom Ha'Atzmaut* JEWISH
June 1 - 3, 2025	Shavuot* JEWISH
June 6 - 8, 2025	Eid al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice, lasts 3 days)* ISLAMIC
June 8, 2025	Pentecost CHRISTIAN
June 15, 2025	Trinity Sunday CHRISTIAN
June 19, 2025	Corpus Christi ROMAN CATHOLIC
June 27, 2025	Sacred Heart Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
July 9, 2025	Martyrdom of the Báb* BAHÁÍ
July 10, 2025	Guru Purnima HINDU

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