

2026-2027 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
May 21 - 23, 2026	Shavuot* JEWISH
May 27, 2026	Eid al Adha* ISLAMIC
May 31, 2026	Holy Pentecost EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
June 16, 2026	Hijra (New Year)* ISLAMIC
June 19, 2026	Sacred Heart Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
June 25, 2026	Ashura* ISLAMIC
July 9, 2026	Martyrdom Of The Bab* BAHÁ'Í
July 16, 2026	Asalha Puja Day BUDDHIST
July 25 - 26, 2026	Tisha B'Av* JEWISH
July 29, 2026	Guru Purnima* HINDU
August 6, 2026	Raksha Bandhan* HINDU
August 6, 2026	Transfiguration EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
August 15, 2026	Dormition of the Theotokos EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
August 15, 2026	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ROMAN CATHOLIC
August 15, 2026	Paryushana Parva* JAIN
August 25, 2026	Krishna Janmashtami* HINDU
August 26, 2026	Mawlid An-Nabi* ISLAMIC
September 8, 2026	Nativity of the Theotokos EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
September 11 - 13, 2026	Rosh Hashanah* JEWISH
September 14, 2026	Exaltation of the Holy Cross EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
September 20 - 21, 2026	Yom Kippur* JEWISH
September 25 - 30, 2026	Navratri * HINDU
September 25 - October 2, 2026	Sukkot* JEWISH
October 2 - 3, 2026	Shemini Atzeret* JEWISH
October 3 - 4, 2026	Simchat Torah* JEWISH
October 4, 2026	St. Francis Day CHRISTIAN

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October 5, 2026	Dussehra (Vijayadashami)* HINDU
October 6, 2026	Mid-Autumn Festival * EAST/SOUTHEAST ASIAN
October 10, 2026	Ganesh Chaturthi* HINDU
October 31, 2026	Reformation Day PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN
October 31, 2026	All Hallows' Eve CHRISTIAN
November 1, 2026	All Saints' Day CHRISTIAN
November 2, 2026	All Souls' Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
November 5, 2026	Birth of Guru Nanak Dev* SIKH
November 7, 2026	Diwali* HINDU, JAIN
November 10, 2026	Birth of the Báb* BAHÁ'Í
November 11, 2026	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh* BAHÁ'Í
November 21, 2026	Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
November 24, 2026	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur* SIKH, HINDU
November 25, 2026	Day of the Covenant* BAHÁ'Í
November 28, 2026	Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha* BAHÁ'Í
November 29, 2026	Advent Season Christian
November 30, 2026	St. Andrew's Day CHRISTIAN
November 30, 2026	Bhagavad Gita Jayanti* HINDU
December 4 - 12, 2026	Hanukkah* JEWISH
December 8, 2026	Bodhi Day BUDDHIST
December 8, 2026	Immaculate Conception ROMAN CATHOLIC
December 12, 2026	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ROMAN CATHOLIC
December 16 - 24, 2026	Posadas Navideñas HISPANIC CHRISTIAN
December 25, 2026	Christmas CHRISTIAN
December 26, 2026	St. Stephen's Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
December 26, 2026	Zarathosht Diso ZOROASTRIAN

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January 1, 2027	Feast of St. Basil EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
January 1, 2027	Mary, Mother of God ROMAN CATHOLIC
January 1, 2027	Shogatsu/Gantan-sai SHINTO
January 5, 2027	Leilat al-Miraj* ISLAMIC
January 5, 2027	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh SIKH
January 6, 2027	Feast of Epiphany EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
January 14, 2027	Makar Sankranti (Pongal, Maghi)* HINDU
January 24, 2027	Vasant Panchami* HINDU
February 2, 2027	Presentation of Christ in the Temple EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
February 7 - 9, 2027	Ramadan** ISLAMIC
February 7, 2027	Lunar New Year* BUDDHIST, CHINESE
February 10 - March 28, 2027	Lenten Season CHRISTIAN
February 10, 2027	Ash Wednesday CHRISTIAN
February 15, 2027	Maha Shivaratri* HINDU
February 23 - 24, 2027	Purim* JEWISH
February 26 - March 1, 2027	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)* BAHÁ'Í
March 1, 2027	Magha Puja Day BUDDHIST
March 2 - 21, 2027	Bahá'í Fast* BAHÁ'Í
March 5 - 7, 2027	Laylat al-Qadr** ISLAMIC
March 9 - 11, 2027	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)** ISLAMIC
March 10, 2027	Holi* HINDU
March 15, 2027	Lent Begins EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
March 17, 2027	St. Patrick's Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
March 20 - 21, 2027	Norooz/Naw-Rúz (New Year)* PERSIAN, ZOROASTRIAN, BAHÁ'Í
March 21, 2027	Palm Sunday CHRISTIAN
March 25, 2027	Annunciation of Virgin Mary, Theotokos EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
March 25, 2027	Maundy Thursday CHRISTIAN
March 26, 2027	Khordad Sal ZOROASTRIAN
March 26, 2027	Rama Navami* HINDU
March 26, 2027	Good Friday CHRISTIAN
March 28, 2027	Easter Sunday CHRISTIAN
March 31, 2027	Mahavira Jayanti* JAIN
April 5, 2027	Qingming Festival* BUDDHIST, CHINESE

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April 13, 2027	Songkran (Thai New Year)* BUDDHIST, THAI
April 14, 2027	Vaisakhi (New Year)* SIKH, HINDU
April 21, 2027	First Day of Ridván* BAHÁ'Í
April 21 - 29, 2027	Passover* JEWISH
April 23, 2027	St. George's Day CHRISTIAN
April 30, 2027	Orthodox Good Friday* EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
May 1, 2027	Visakha Puja - Buddha Day BUDDHIST
May 1, 2027	Twelfth Day of Ridván* BAHÁ'Í
May 2, 2027	Pascha / Orthodox Easter* EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
May 3, 2027	Clean Monday EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
May 4, 2027	Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Memorial Day* JEWISH
May 12, 2027	Yom Ha'Atzmaut* JEWISH
May 16 - 17, 2027	Eid al-Adha* ISLAMIC
May 16, 2027	Pentecost CHRISTIAN
May 23, 2027	Trinity Sunday CHRISTIAN
May 24, 2027	Declaration of the Báb* BAHÁ'Í
May 25, 2027	Lag B'Omer* Jewish
May 27, 2027	Corpus Christi ROMAN CATHOLIC
May 29, 2027	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh* BAHÁ'Í
June 4, 2027	Sacred Heart Day ROMAN CATHOLIC
June 10 - 12, 2027	Shavuot* Jewish
June 20, 2027	Pentecost EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
July 10, 2027	Martyrdom of the Báb* BAHÁ'Í
July 18, 2027	Guru Purnima* HINDU

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