



Religious Holidays and Celebrations 2018-2019 Academic Year

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June 2018 – December 2018

May 16, 2018- June 14, 2018	Ramadan month	Islam
July 11, 2018	Feast of St. Benedict, Patriarch of Western Monasticism	Catholic
August 15, 2018	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Catholic
August 19 – August 24, 2018	Hajj	Islam
August 22, 2018	Eid-UI-Adha	Islam
September 2, 2018	Krishna Jayanthi	Hindu
September 9 – September 11, 2018	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish
September 12, 2018	Muharram	Islam
September 13 – September 23, 2018	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu
September 18 – September 19, 2018	Yom Kippur	Jewish
September 23 – September 30, 2018	Sukkot	Jewish
September 30 – October 2, 2018	Shemini Azterot/Simchat Torah	Jewish
October 10 – October 19, 2018	Navaratri	Hindu
October 31, 2018	Reformation Day	Protestant
November 1, 2018	All Saints' Day	Catholic/Protestant
November 7, 2018	Diwali (Deepvali)	Hindu
November 7, 2018	Bandi Chor Diwas	Sikh
November 9, 2018	Birth of Bab	Baha'i
November 21, 2018	Mawlid al-Nabi	Islam
November 23, 2018	Guru Nanak Jayanti	Sikh
December 2, 2018	First Sunday of Advent	Catholic/Protestant
December 2 – December 10, 2018	Hanukkah	Jewish
December 8, 2018	Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary	Catholic
December 25, 2018	Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day)	Catholic/Protestant
December 26, 2018 - January 1, 2019	Kwanzaa	Cultural



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January 2019 – May 2019

January 1, 2019	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)	Catholic
January 7, 2019	Orthodox Christmas (Old Calendar)	Orthodox
January 13, 2019	Guru Gobind Singh Janaynti	Sikh
January 13, 2019	Lohri	Sikh/Hindu
January 13, 2019	Bodhi Day	Buddhist
January 15, 2019	Makar Sankranti	Hindu
February 5, 2019	Chinese New Year	Cultural
February 8, 2019	Nirvana Day	Buddhist
March 4, 2019	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
March 6, 2019	Ash Wednesday	Catholic/Protestant
March 10, 2019	First Sunday of Lent	Catholic/Protestant
March 20 – March 21, 2019	Purim	Jewish
March 20 – March 21, 2019	Holi	Hindu
March 21, 2019	Solemnity of St. Benedict	Catholic
April 8, 2019	Vesak Day	Buddhist
April 14, 2019	Palm Sunday	Catholic/Protestant
April 14, 2019	Visakhi Day	Sikh
April 19 – April 27, 2019	Pesach (Passover)	Jewish
April 18, 2019	Holy Thursday	Catholic/Protestant
April 19, 2019	Good Friday	Catholic/Protestant
April 20, 2019	Holy Saturday	Catholic/Protestant
April 21, 2019	Easter Sunday Orthodox Palm Sunday	Catholic/Protestant Orthodox
April 26, 2019	Holy and Great Friday	Orthodox
April 28, 2019	Pascha (Orthodox Easter)	Buddhist Orthodox
May 1 – May 2, 2019	Yom HaSho'ah	Jewish
May 5 – June 4, 2019	Ramadan Month	Islam
May 30, 2019	Ascension of the Lord	Catholic
June 9, 2019	Pentecost Sunday	Catholic/Protestant