

# Religious Holidays Dates

**2018–2019**  
**School Year**

**Observances**

## September

9/10/18 – 9/11/18 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)  
*Begins at sundown on 9/09/18 and continues through sundown on 9/11/18*  
9/12/18 Muharram begins (Islam)  
*Begins at sundown on 9/11/18 and continues through sundown on 9/12/18*  
9/21/18 Tenth Day of Muharram—Ashura (Islam)  
9/19/18 Yom Kippur (Jewish)  
*Begins at sundown on 9/18/18 and continues through sundown on 9/19/18*

## October

10/10/18 – 10/18/18 Navaratri (Hindu)  
*Begins at sundown on 10/9/18 and continues through sundown on 10/18/18*  
10/20/18 Birth of the B'ab (Baha'i)  
*Begins at sundown on 10/19/18 and continues through sundown on 10/20/18*

## November

11/07/18 Diwali (Buddhist, Hindu, and Sikh)  
11/12/18 Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i) —  
Bicentennial celebration  
11/15/18 Advent begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)  
11/23/18 Birthday of Guru Nanak (Sikh)

## December

12/02/18 Advent begins (Western Christian)  
12/03/18 – 12/10/18 Hanukkah (Jewish)  
*Begins at sundown on 12/02/18 and continues through sundown on 12/10/18*  
12/25/18 Christmas Day (Western Christian)  
12/26/18 – 1/01/18 Kwanzaa

## January

1/07/19 Christmas (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

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## February

2/05/19 Lunar (Chinese) New Year (Buddhist)  
2/26/19 – 3/01/19 Intercalary Days (Baha'i)

## March

3/02/19 – 3/20/19 Nineteen-day fast (Baha'i)  
3/06/19 Ash Wednesday Beginning of Lent  
(Western Christian)  
3/11/19 Beginning of Great Lent  
(Eastern Orthodox Christian)  
3/21/19 Naw-Rúz (Baha'i)  
*Begins at sundown on 3/20/19 and continues through sundown on 3/21/19*  
3/21/19 Holi (Hindu)  
*Begins at sundown on 3/20/19 and continues through sundown on 3/21/19*  
3/21/19 Magha Puja Day (Buddhist)

## April

4/14/19 Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (Sikh)  
4/14/19 Palm Sunday (Western Christian)  
4/18/19 Holy Thursday (Western Christian)  
4/19/19 Good Friday (Western Christian)  
04/19/19 Lord's Evening Meal (Jehovah's Witness)  
4/19/19 – 4/27/19 Passover (Jewish)  
*Begins at sundown on 4/19/19 with the first seder, continues on 4/20/19 with the second seder, and continues through sundown on 4/27/19*  
4/21/19 First day of Ridvan (Baha'i)  
4/21/19 Easter Sunday (Western Christian)  
4/21/19 Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)  
4/26/19 Good Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)  
4/28/19 Easter Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)  
4/29/19 Ninth day of Ridvan (Baha'i) May

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## May

5/02/19 Twelfth day of Rivdan (Baha'i)  
5/6/19 – 6/4/19 Ramadan (Islam)  
*Begins at sundown on 5/5/19 and continues through sundown on 6/04/19*  
5/18/19 Visakha Puja— Buddha Day (Buddhist)  
5/24/19 Declaration of the B'ab (Baha'i)  
*Begins at sundown on 5/23/19 and continues through sundown on 5/24/19*  
5/29/19 Ascension of the Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)  
*Begins at sundown on 5/28/19 and continues through sundown on 5/29/19*

## June

6/04/19 – 6/5/19 Eid Al Fitr (Islam)  
*Begins at sundown on 6/03/19 and continues through sundown on 6/05/19*

## July

7/10/19 Martyrdom of the B'ab (Baha'i)  
7/13/19 – 7/15/19 Ullambana or Obon (Buddhist)  
7/16/19 Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)

## August

8/12/19 – 8/15/19 Eid al Adha (Islam)  
*Begins at sundown on 8/11/19 and continues through sundown on 8/15/19*  
8/24/19 Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)  
8/31/19 Muharram begins (Islam)

*Islamic Holiday dates are shared with the best information available at the time this calendar was printed. Some Muslim families may observe a given holiday, one day removed from the date listed if their observance follows actual moon sightings (about which there may be some variation) rather than predictive scientific calculations.*

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