

2022-2023 Religious and Cultural Observances

Chart One: Religious Days of Highest Impact During the School Week

(Dates to avoid scheduling events or activities on. Pay special attention to dates marked SD because events and activities should also not be scheduled the night before the date listed. Expect some student observers to be out of school.)

Representational of the Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Islamic, Baha'i, Buddhist, Sikh, Non-Denominational Christian, and Neo Pagan religions.

Date	Name of Observance	Religion	Notes SD = Starts at sun down the night before the date listed, ends at sun down on the date listed.
8/8/2022	Ashura	Islamic	SD *Date not fixed, but often stays within 1 to 2 days of the date listed
9/26/2022	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	SD
9/26/2022	Feast of Trumpets	Non-Denominational Christian	SD
10/5/2022	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Jewish	SD
10/10/2022-10/15/2022 (High Days are first, last, and Sabbath)	Feast of Tabernacles (first and last days, and Sabbath)	Non-Denominational Christian	SD
10/27/2022	Birth of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	SD
10/24/2022	Diwali	Hindu	
12/19/2021-12/26/2022	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	SD
12/24/2022	Christmas Eve	Christian	During Winter Break
12/25/2022	Christmas Day	Christian	During Winter Break
1/22/2023	Lunar New Year	East and South Asian Culture	
3/7/2023	Holi	Hindu	SD
3/22/2022	Nowruz (Persian New Year)	Zoroastrian, Iranian	
3/22/2023	Ugadi/Yugadi New Year	Telugu/Kannada	
4/14/2023	Vaisakhi/ Vishu New Year	Sikh/Tamil	
4/6/2023-4/13/2023	Passover	Jewish	SD
4/9/2023	Easter	Christian	
4/6/2023-4/13/2023	Feast of Unleavened Bread (Last Day)	Non-Denominational Christian	SD
4/22/2023	Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)	Islamic	SD

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Chart Two: Days of Fasting During the School Week

(Dates to acknowledge and be sensitive to student observers' needs due to fasting)

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8/8/2022	Ashura	Islamic	SD
8/19/2022	Janmashtami	Hindu	SD
8/31/2022	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu	SD
10/5/2022	Yom Kippur	Jewish	SD
10/5/2022	Day of Atonement	Non-Denominational Christian	SD
3/2/2023 - 3/20/2023	The Baha'i Fast	Baha'i	SD
2/22/2023 - 4/6/2023	Lent	Christian	
2/18/2023	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	
3/23/2023 - 4/20/2023	Ramadan	Islamic	*Dates not fixed, but often stay within 1 to 2 days of the dates listed.
4/14/2022	Orthodox Good Friday	Christian	

Chart Three: Full Religious and Cultural Observances Calendar

(A working document for education and awareness)

Representational of the Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Islamic, Baha’i, Buddhist, Sikh, Non-Denominational Christian, and Neo Pagan religions

(SD) for observances starting at sundown the night prior

Day of fasting for observers

Day of highest impact for observers

Date of Observance	Name of Observance	Religion/Culture	Impact
7/8/2022- 7/12/2022(SD)	Hajj	Islamic	Pilgrimage to Mecca
7/9/2022 (SD)	Day of Arafat	Islamic	Second day of the pilgrimage to Mecca
7/10/2022	Eid al-Adha *dates not fixed	Islamic	Marks the sacrifice feast, honors Ibrahim’s sacrifice of his son on Allah’s orders, festival takes place
7/30/2022	Muharram	Islamic	Day to mourn and remember Hussein ibn Ali
8/19/2022	Janmashtami	Hindu	Celebrates the birth of Krishna, celebrated in evening, most observers fast the whole day and eat after midnight
8/8/2022 (SD) 8/8/2022 (SD)	Ashura	Islamic	Tenth day of Muharram, Sunni Muslims fast, some students will not go to school
9/5/2022	Labor Day	U.S. Culture	Dedication to working people across the U.S.
9/26/2022 - 9/27/2022 (SD)	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	Celebrate the New Year, celebrate with family gatherings, non-work day for observers, some students do not go to school
9/26/2022 - 9/27/2022 (SD)	Feast of Trumpets	Christian	First of the Fall Holy Days, depicts the day Christ will return to this

			world, non-work day for observers, some students do not go to school
8/31/2022	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu	Honor Ganapathi. Observers fast for the day until the next morning after they have offered prayers, ten day festival takes place
9/11/2022	Enkutatash	Ethiopian Culture	Celebrate the first day of the new year
10/5/2022 (SD) 10/5/2022 (SD)	Yom Kippur	Jewish	The Day of Atonement, special service in synagogue, 25 hour fast, non-work day for observers, majority of students will not be at school
10/5/2022 (SD)	Day of Atonement	Non-Denominational Christian	Day of fasting, portrays the human race finally becoming at one with God
9/9/2022- 9/11/2022	Chuseok	Korean Culture	Celebrate Korean Thanksgiving Day
9/21/2022 - 9/29/2022	Mabon	Neo Pagan	Celebrate the second harvest and the changing of seasons
9/10/2022	Tet Trung Thu	Vietnamese Culture	Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival
9/10/2022	Moon Festival	Celebrated in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, and Vietnam Cultures	Celebrate harvest, gathering, giving, and praying
10/10/2022- 10/16/2022 (SD)	Sukkot	Jewish	Honor the time that Jewish people spent in the desert on their journey, celebrating God's protection, during this time some students will not go to school
10/10/2022- 10/26/2022 (SD)	Feast of Tabernacles	Non-Denominational Christian	Pictures the future 1,000-year rule of Jesus Christ

(High Days are first, last, and Sabbath)			on earth, non-work days for observers, some students do not go to school
10/4/2022	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi	Christian	Practice gratitude, spend time with an animal, pray, church service
10/5/2022	Dashain Festival	Nepalese Culture	Celebrate the Gods' victory over demons, fifteen day festival
09/26/2022- 10/4/2022	Navratri/Dussehra	Hindu	Honor Goddess Durga over a span of nine nights
10/26/2022 (SD)	Birth of Bab	Baha'i	Celebrate and honor Bab, students may not go to school
10/27/2022 (SD)	Birth of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	Celebrate and honor Baha'u'llah, students may not go to school
10/10/2022	Dia de la Raza	Latin American Culture	Celebrate Latina/o/x heritage and culture
10/10/2022	Indigenous Peoples' Day	U.S. Culture	Honor Indigenous people, histories, and cultures
10/8/2022 (SD)	Mawlid-al-Nabi	Islamic	Celebrate the birth of the Prophet Muhammad
10/20/2022	Birth of the Guru Granth	Sikh	Celebrate the birth of Guru Granth Sahib
10/31/2022	Halloween	U.S. Culture	Cultural observance with activities
11/1/2022 (SD)	Samhain	Neo Pagan	Celebrate the year's third and last harvest festival
11/1/2022- 11/2/2022	Dia de los Muertos	Mexican Culture	Celebrate the Day of the Dead, honor those who have passed
11/1/2022	All Saints' Day	Christian	Celebrate all Saints, remember all those who

			have gone to heaven, church service
11/2/2022	All Souls' Day	Christian	Day to honor the dead, church service
11/11/2022	Veteran's Day	U.S. Culture	Honor military veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces
10/24/2022	Diwali	Hindu	Celebrates light and new beginnings, five day festival takes place
11/24/2022	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib	Sikh	Honor the passing of Guru Tegh Bahadur
11/24/2022	Thanksgiving	U.S. Culture	Honor family and friends, honor Indigenous histories
11/27/2022	First Sunday of Advent	Christian	The beginning of the Christian year, celebrate the coming of Jesus for the four weeks to follow
12/19/2022- 12/26/2022 (SD)	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	The Festival of Lights spanning across eight days
12/8/2022	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Christian	Celebrate the immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary
12/8/2022	Buddhist Enlightenment Day	Buddhist	Day for observers to be reborn and find out the truth about life
12/12/2022	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexican Christian)	Christian	Celebrate when Juan Diego saw the Virgin Mary
12/16/2022- 12/24/2022	Simbang Gabi (Fillipino Christian)	Christian	Series of nine masses at dawn, celebrate the birth of Jesus
12/16/2022- 12/24/2022	Las Posadas	Mexican Culture	Celebrate Joseph & Mary's travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem

12/21/2022	Winter Solstice	Neo Pagan	Honor the new solar year
12/24/2022	Christmas Eve	Christian	Midnight Mass, celebrate the birth of Jesus
12/25/2022	Christmas Day	Christian	Celebrate the birth of Jesus
12/26/2022- 1/1/2023	Kwanzaa	African Culture	Celebrate African culture and history
1/1/2023	New Year's Day	U.S. Culture	Celebrate the first day of the new year
1/6/2023	Dia de los Reyes (Hispanic Christian)	Christian	Honor the Three Wise Men, exchange gifts
1/6/2023	Epiphany	Christian	Honor the Three Wise Men, exchange gifts
1/7/2023	Orthodox Christmas Day	Christian	Celebrate the birth of Jesus
1/20/2023	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh	Sikh	Celebrate the birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
1/13/2023	Lohri	Hindu	Lohri is a New Year celebrated by Punjabi and people from many other North Indian regions. The festival is celebrated mid-wintertime with new harvest and bonfires
1/15/2023	Makar Sankranti/ Pongal	Hindu	Makar Sankranti/Pongal is a harvest festival celebrated by South Indian States
1/14/2023	Orthodox New Year	Christian	Celebrate the New Year
1/16/2023	Martin Luther King Day	U.S. Culture	Honor Dr. King's voice and legacy
1/22/2023	Lunar New Year	East and South Asian Culture	Celebrate the new year
1/27/2023	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	Jewish	Commemoration of the Holocaust
2/2/2023 (SD)	Imbolc	Neo Pagan	Celebrate the Winter Cross-Quarter

2/6/2023 (SD)	Tu B'Shvat/Tu B'Shevat	Jewish	Celebrate connection to the earth and environment, trees often planted
2/14/2023	Valentine's Day	U.S. Culture	Celebrate relationships and friendships
2/15/2023	Nirvana Day	Buddhist	Honors the passing of Buddha
2/19/2023	Day of Observance (Japanese Internment)	U.S. Culture	Commemorate the Internment of Japanese Americans during World War II
2/18/2023	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	Honors the Lord Shiva, fasting takes place for the whole day and night
2/18/2023 (SD)	Isra and Mi'raj	Islamic	Celebrate the night Allah took Muhammad to Jerusalem from Mecca
2/20/2023	Presidents' Day	U.S. Culture	Remember all U.S. presidents
2/22/2023	Ash Wednesday (Christian)	Christian	First day of Lent
2/22/2023- 4/6/2023	Lent	Christian	Some observers fast through Lent
2/26/2023- 3/1/2023 (SD)	Ayyam-i-Ha	Baha'i	Celebrate God and devote themselves to charity and giving
3/2/2023- 3/20/2023	The Baha'i Fast	Baha'i	Observers fast during this time
3/7/2023 (SD)	Purim	Jewish	Day of exchanging food and gifts
3/7/2023	Holi	Hindu	Celebrates the arrival of spring, love, fertility, and good over evil, spans over 2 days
3/22/2023 (SD)	Nowruz (Persian New Year)	Zoroastrian, Iranian Culture	Marks the beginning of spring

3/22/2023	Ugadi/Yugadi/Gudi Padwa	Hindu	Celebrates the traditional New Year, Spring festival
3/20/2023	Ostara	Neo Pagan	Celebrate the arrival of spring
3/22/2023- 4/21/2023 (SD)	Ramadan *dates are not fixed	Islamic	Honor the first Quran revelation to Muhammad, fast sunrise to sunset for the duration of the holiday for those who have reached puberty
3/25/23	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	International observance	Offers the opportunity to honor and remember the individuals who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal system of enslavement.
3/30/2023	Rama Navami	Hindu	Celebrates Lord Rama's birthday
4/2/2023	Palm Sunday	Christian	Honor the last days of Jesus' life
4/6/2023 - 4/13/2023 (SD)	Passover	Jewish	Celebrates journey to freedom
4/6/2023- 4/13/2023 (SD) (High Days are first and last)	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Non-Denominational Christian	Symbolizes striving to live a sin-free life, observers remove leavening (sin) from homes and eat unleavened breads to symbolize the righteousness of Christ, non-work day for observers, some students will not go to school
4/6/2023	Maundy Thursday	Christian	Remember when Jesus celebrated his last Passover with Disciples
4/7/2023	Good Friday (Christian)	Christian	Honor Jesus' Passion, crucifixion, and passing

4/8/2023	Holy Saturday	Christian	Honor the day that Jesus' body rest in the tomb after his passing
4/9/2023	Easter (Christian)	Christian	Celebrate Jesus' resurrection
4/14/2023-4/16/2023	Bun Pi Mai	Laotian Culture	Laos New Year
4/14/2023	Vaisakhi	Sikh	Celebrate the founding of the Sikh community, known as Khalsa
4/14/2023	Orthodox Good Friday	Christian	Events that honor and lead up to the crucifixion of Jesus, many observe with fasting
4/14/2023	Vishu (Solar New Year)	Hindu	Vishu is a Solar New Year celebrated by people of Tamil Nadu and some North Indian regions
4/15/2023	Orthodox Holy Saturday	Christian	Honor the time between the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus
4/16/2023	Orthodox Easter	Christian	Honor the resurrection of Jesus
4/18/2023 (SD)	Laylat al Qadr *date not fixed	Islamic	Honor the holiest night of Ramadan on the 27 th day
4/18/2023	Birthday of Guru Angad Dev	Sikh	Celebrate the birthday of Guru Angad Dev
4/21/2023 - 5/2/2023 (SD)	Ridvan	Baha'i	Celebrates Baha'u'llah's time in the Rivdan garden, and the declaration of his prophecy, students may not go to school for the first and last day
4/22/2023 (SD)	Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan) *date not fixed	Islamic	Marks the end of Ramadan, feast of breaking the fast, students often do not go to school

4/29/2023	Dia de los Niños	Mexican Culture	Celebrate children, family, and learning
5/1/2023	Beltane	Neo Pagan	Celebrate the May Lord, May Lady and fertility, do maypole dancing
5/9/2023 (SD)	Lag BaOmer	Jewish	Small holiday known for weddings, getting haircuts, having bonfires
5/18/2023	Ascension Day	Christian	Honors Jesus' ascension into Heaven
5/24/2023 (SD)	Declaration of the Bab	Baha'i	Celebrate Bab's declaration as a Messenger of God, students may not go to school
5/25/2023- 5/27/2023 (SD)	Shavuot	Jewish	Celebrates the Five Books of the Torah, many observers stay up all night to study the Torah and celebrate
5/27/2023	Buddha's Birthday	Buddhist	Celebrate the birth of Buddha
5/28/2023 (SD)	Pentecost	Non-Denominational Christian	Feast of First Fruits, also known as Feast of Weeks, celebrate His Spirit
5/28/2023	Pentecost	Christian	Celebrate the Holy Spirit
5/29/2023 (SD)	Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	Honors the passing of Baha'u'llah, students may not go to school
5/29/2023	Memorial Day	U.S. Culture	Honor military personnel who have passed while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces
5/29/2023	Whit Monday	Christian	Continuation of celebrating the Holy Spirit
6/4/2023	Trinity Sunday	Christian	Celebrate the Trinity

6/8/2023	Corpus Christi	Christian	Celebrate Jesus' body and blood
6/16/2023	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib	Sikh	Honor the passing of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib
6/19/2023	Juneteenth	African-American Culture	Celebrate the abolition of slavery in the state of Texas
6/21/2023	Summer Solstice	Neo Pagan	Celebrate the longest day of the year
6/26/2023 - 7/1/2023	Hajj	Islamic	Pilgrimage to Mecca
6/28/2023 (SD)	Day of Arafah	Islamic	Second day of the pilgrimage to Mecca
6/29/2023 (SD)	Eid al-Adha *date not fixed	Islamic	Marks the sacrifice feast, honors Ibrahim's sacrifice of his son on Allah's orders, festival takes place
7/9/2023 (SD)	Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha'i	Honors the passing of the Bab, some students may not go to school
8/30/2023	Raksha Bandhan	Hindu	Celebrates the unity and bond between brothers and sisters, sisters tie a thread around their brothers' wrists, brothers declare that they will protect their sister
8/15/2023	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	Christian	Celebrate Mary's assumption into Heaven by God

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