

**Yearly List of Major Religious and Other Holidays**  
**2023-2024 School Year**

**June 2023**

- Wednesday evening, **June 28, 2023** - Thursday evening, **June 29, 2023**
  - Islamic holiday of **Eid al Adha** (Feast of the Sacrifice)
    - Muslim students may not attend school on Eid al Adha if it falls on a school day. Eid al Adha begins at sunset. Due to changes in the lunar calendar, this holiday may fall one day later.

**September 2023**

- Friday evening, **September 15, 2023** - Sunday evening, **September 17, 2023**
  - Jewish holiday of **Rosh Hashanah** (Jewish New Year)
    - When Rosh Hashanah falls on a school day, Jewish students may be absent one or both days, depending on their religious observance.
- Sunday evening, **September 24, 2023** - Monday evening, **September 25, 2023**
  - Jewish holiday of **Yom Kippur** (Holiest day of the year in Judaism)
    - When Yom Kippur falls on a school day, Jewish students may be absent that day.

**November 2023**

- Sunday, **November 12, 2023**
  - Hindu holiday of **Diwali**, also known as the **Festival of Lights**
    - One of the most important festivals in Indian religions, it symbolizes the “victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.”
- Thursday, **November 23, 2023**
  - **Thanksgiving**

**December 2023**

- Thursday evening, **December 7, 2023** - Friday evening, **December 15, 2023**
  - Jewish holiday of **Hanukkah** (Festival of Lights)
    - Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration. On the first night, Jewish families gather for a family celebration.
- Sunday, **December 24, 2023**
  - Christian holiday of **Christmas Eve**
- Monday, **December 25, 2023**
  - Christian holiday of **Christmas** (Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.)
- Tuesday, **December 26, 2023** - Monday, **January 1, 2024**
  - **Kwanzaa**
    - Kwanzaa is a week-long holiday celebrated in the United States and other countries with African descendants. This holiday honors family, community, and African culture.

**January 2024**

- Monday, **January 1, 2024**
  - **New Year's Day**
- Sunday, **January 7, 2024**
  - **Orthodox Christmas**
    - Commonly celebrated by Christian families who originate from Eastern Europe
- Monday, **January 15, 2024**

- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
  - National holiday to honor the memory of the civil rights activist.
- Monday, **January 22, 2024** - Wednesday, **January 24, 2024**
  - Chaldean Church Celebration of **Baoutha**
    - Chaldean students who observe the celebration of Baoutha will fast for all three days until noon and they will not eat meat. They will attend school. Administrators may need to provide a later lunch time for observant students who are fasting until noon.

### February 2024

- Wednesday, **February 14, 2024**
  - Christian holiday of **Ash Wednesday** (Marks the first day of Lent.)
    - No meat eaten this day by Catholics.

### February/March 2024

- Fridays, **February 16, 2024- March 29, 2024**
  - Lenten Fridays
    - Catholics do not eat meat during Lent on Fridays
- Sunday evening, **March 10, 2024** - Tuesday evening, **April 9, 2024**
  - Islamic Period of **Ramadan** (One of the holiest Islamic months.)
    - Ramadan is a month of fasting for Muslims ages 9 and above. Some children may begin fasting from as early as age 6. The fasting is from dawn to sunset. The students will attend school. Students may not be as energetic as usual due to the day-long fasting.
- Friday, **March 29, 2024**
  - Christian holiday of **Good Friday**
    - Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
- Sunday, **March 31, 2024**
  - Christian holiday of **Easter**
    - Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### April 2024

- Tuesday evening, **April 9, 2024** - Wednesday evening, **April 10, 2024**
  - Islamic holiday of **Eid al Fitr** (Feast of the Breaking of the Fast. Marks the end of Ramadan.)
    - When Eid al Fitr falls on a school day, Muslim students may be absent. Eid al Fitr begins at sunset. Due to changes in the lunar calendar, this holiday may fall one day later.
- Monday evening, **April 22, 2024** - Tuesday evening, **April 30, 2024**
  - Jewish holiday of **Passover** (Celebrates the exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt)
    - Depending on their religious observance, some Jewish students may not attend school on the first and second day of Passover, if these days fall on school days.

### May 2024

- Friday, **May 3, 2024**
  - **Orthodox Good Friday**
    - Commonly celebrated by Christian families who originate from Eastern Europe
- Sunday, May 5, 2024
  - **Orthodox Easter**
    - Commonly celebrated by Christian families who originate from Eastern Europe