

**Yearly List of Major Religious and Other Holidays**  
**2024-2025 School Year**

**August 2024**

- **August 26, 2024**
  - Hindu holiday of **Krishna Janmashtami**

**October 2024**

- Wednesday evening, **October 2, 2024** - Friday evening, **October 4, 2024**
  - 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.
- Thursday, **October 3, 2024**-Saturday, **October 12, 2024**
  - Hindu holiday of **Navaratri**
- Friday evening, **October 11, 2024** - Saturday evening, **October 12, 2024**
  - 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.
- Saturday, **October 12, 2024**
  - Hindu holiday **Dussehra** (final day of Celebration of Navaratri)

**November 2024**

- Friday, **November 1, 2024**
  - 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 28, 2024**
  - **Thanksgiving**

**December 2024**

- Wednesday evening, **December 25, 2024** - Thursday evening, **January 2, 2025**
  - Jewish holiday of **Hanukkah** (Festival of Lights)
    - Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration. On the first night, Jewish families gather for a family celebration.
- Tuesday, **December 24, 2024**
  - Christian holiday of **Christmas Eve**
- Wednesday, **December 25, 2024**
  - Christian holiday of **Christmas** (Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.)
- Thursday, **December 26, 2024** - Wednesday, **January 1, 2025**
  - **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 2025**

- Monday, **January 1, 2025**
  - **New Year’s Day**
- Monday, **January 20, 2025**

- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
  - National holiday to honor the memory of the civil rights activist.
- Wednesday, **January 29, 2025**
  - **Chinese New Year**
    - East Asian holiday commemorating the lunar New Year.
- Thursday, **January 30, 2025 - Saturday, February 1, 2025**
  - 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 2025

- Thursday, **February 13, 2025**
  - Buddhist holiday of **Magha Puja** (Four disciples traveled to join the Buddha)
- Friday evening, **February 28, 2025 - Sunday evening, March 30, 2025**
  - Islamic Period of **Ramadan** (One of the holiest Islamic months.)
    - Ramadan is a month of fasting for many Muslims, roughly ages 9 and above. Some children may begin fasting earlier. 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.

### March 2025

- Wednesday, **March 5, 2025**
  - Christian holiday of **Ash Wednesday** (Marks the first day of Lent.)
    - No meat eaten this day by Catholics.
- Fridays, **March 5, 2025- April 17, 2025**
  - Lenten Fridays
    - Catholics do not eat meat during Lent on Fridays
- Wednesday, **March 14, 2025**
  - Hindu holiday **Holi**
- Thursday, **March 20, 2025-Tuesday, April 1, 2025**
  - Iranian celebration of **Persian Nowruz** (Iranian New Year)
- Saturday, **March 29, 2025 - Sunday, March 30, 2025**
  - 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.

### April 2025

- Friday, **April 18, 2024**
  - Christian holiday of **Good Friday**
    - Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
  - **Orthodox Good Friday**
- Sunday, **April 20, 2024**
  - Christian holiday of **Easter**
    - Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Sunday, **April 20, 2025**
  - **Orthodox Easter**
    - Commonly celebrated by Christian families who originate from Eastern Europe

- Saturday evening, **April 12, 2025** - Sunday evening, **April 20, 2025**
  - 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 2025**

- Monday, **May 12, 2025**
  - **Vesak**
    - Commonly celebrated by Buddhist families to celebrate Buddha's Birthday.

#### **June 2025**

- Friday, **June 6, 2025**-Saturday, **June 7, 2025**
  - Islamic holiday of **Eid al-Adha**

