

Yearly List of Major Religious and Other Holidays 2025-26 School Year

September 2025

- Monday evening, **September 22, 2025** - Wednesday evening, **September 24, 2025**
- Jewish holiday of **Rosh Hashanah** (Jewish New Year)
- Jewish students may be absent, depending on their religious practice.

- Monday, **September 22** - Wednesday, **October 1, 2025**
- Hindu holiday of Navrati (festival dedicated to the worship of the divine feminine)

October 2025

- Wednesday evening, **October 1, 2025** - Thursday evening, **October 2, 2025**
- Jewish holiday of **Yom Kippur** (Holiest day of the year in Judaism)
- Jewish students may be absent, depending on their religious practice.

- Thursday, **October 2, 2025**
- Hindu holiday **Dussehra** (final day celebrating the culmination of Navaratri)

- Monday, **October 20, 2025**
- Hindu/Indian religions holiday of **Diwali** (festival of lights, celebrating good over evil)
- Celebrated in Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism.

November 2025

- Thursday, **November 27, 2025**
- US holiday of **Thanksgiving**

December 2025

- Sunday evening, **December 14, 2025** - Monday evening, **December 22, 2025**
- Jewish holiday of **Hanukkah** (Festival of Lights)
- Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration, with families gathering nightly.

- Wednesday, **December 24** - Thursday, **December 25, 2025**
- Christian holidays of **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas**, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ

- Friday, **December 26, 2025** - Thursday, **January 1, 2026**
- **Kwanzaa** (honors family, community, and African heritage)

January 2026

- Thursday, **January 1, 2026**
- **New Year's Day** (secular)

- Monday, **January 6 - Thursday, January 7, 2026**
- Orthodox Christian holidays of **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas**, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

- Monday, **January 20, 2026**
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- Federal holiday to honor the memory of the civil rights activist.

- Monday, **January 26, 2026 - Wednesday, January 28, 2026**
- Chaldean Church Celebration of **Ba'utha**
- Chaldean students may fast until noon and they may not eat meat. Observant students may need a later lunch time and modified menu.

February 2026

- Tuesday, **February 17, 2026**
- **Chinese New Year**
- East Asian holiday commemorating the lunar New Year.

- Tuesday evening, **February 17, 2026 - Thursday, March 19, 2026** (approximate)
- Expected to be the Islamic Period of **Ramadan** (One of the holiest Islamic months). Dates are lunar-based and may vary by one day.
- 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, but may not be as energetic as usual due to fasting.

- Wednesday, **February 18, 2026**
- Christian holiday of **Ash Wednesday** (Marks the first day of Lent.)
- The first day of Lent in Western Christian Churches. Students may attend services. No meat eaten this day by Catholics.

- Wednesday, **February 18, 2026 - Thursday, April 2, 2026**
- Lenten Fridays
- Lent is a 40-day period in Christianity leading up to Easter. Catholics do not eat meat during Lent on Fridays.

March 2026

- Tuesday, **March 3, 2026**
- Buddhist holiday of **Magha Puja** (celebrates when disciples gathered to hear Buddha teach)

- Wednesday, **March 4, 2026**
- Hindu holiday **Holi**
- Hindu festival of colors, celebrating the arrival of spring and the triumph of good.

- Evening of Thursday, **March 19 - Friday, March 20, 2026**
- 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 circumstances, this holiday may fall one day later. In some traditions, Eid al Fitr is a three day celebration.
- Friday, **March 20, 2026**
- **Persian Nowruz** (Iranian New Year)

April 2026

- Wednesday evening, **April 1, 2026** - Thursday evening, **April 9, 2026**
- 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.
- Friday, **April 3, 2026**
- Christian holiday of **Good Friday** (Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ according to western Christian churches.)
- Sunday, **April 5, 2026**
- Christian holiday of **Easter** (Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ according to western Christian churches.)
- Friday, **April 10, 2026**
- Orthodox Christian holiday of **Good Friday** (Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ according to Orthodox Christian churches.)
- Sunday, **April 12, 2026**
- **Orthodox Christian Easter** (Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ according to Orthodox Christian churches.)

May 2026

- Friday, **May 1, 2026**
- **Vesak** (Buddhist holiday recognizing Buddha's birthday)
- Evening of Tuesday, **May 26** - Wednesday, **May 27, 2026**
- Islamic holiday of **Eid al-Adha**
- Festival marking the culmination of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. Begins at sunset, depending on the citing of the moon.