

## 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

| DATE(S)                                                                                                                                                        | HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE                | NOTES                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                                                                                                                                               |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Hispanic Heritage Month</b>                                                                                                                                 |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Sept 7, 2026                                                                                                                                                   | Labor Day                         | Celebration of American workers' contributions                                                                                                                           |
| Sept 11, 2026                                                                                                                                                  | Patriot Day                       | Remembrance of those that died on September 11th 2001                                                                                                                    |
| Sept 11 (sundown) - Sept 13, 2026                                                                                                                              | Rosh Hashanah                     | Jewish New Year                                                                                                                                                          |
| Sept 17, 2026                                                                                                                                                  | Constitution Day                  | Recognizing anniversary of the nation's constitution                                                                                                                     |
| Sept 20 (sundown) - Sept 21, 2026                                                                                                                              | Yom Kippur                        | Jewish Day of Atonement - fasting                                                                                                                                        |
| Sept 25 (sundown) - Oct 2 (sundown), 2026                                                                                                                      | Sukkot                            | Major Jewish Festival to commemorate the sheltering of the Israelites in the wilderness                                                                                  |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>                                                                                                                                                 |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Bullying Prevention   Down Syndrome Awareness   Family History   German Heritage   Italian Heritage   Polish Heritage Month</b>                             |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Oct 3 (sundown) - Oct 4 (sundown), 2026                                                                                                                        | Simchat Torah                     | Jewish Holiday that celebrates the annual reading of the Torah                                                                                                           |
| Oct 11, 2026                                                                                                                                                   | National Coming Out Day           | Celebrating LGBTQ+ individuals by encouraging people to live openly free from discrimination                                                                             |
| Oct 11 (sundown) - Oct 19 (sundown), 2026                                                                                                                      | Navaratri                         | Hindu festival dedicated to the worship of the Goddess Durga and her various forms                                                                                       |
| Oct 12, 2026                                                                                                                                                   | Columbus / Indigenous Peoples Day | Honors Columbus' arrival in 1492/Native American culture                                                                                                                 |
| Oct 31, 2026                                                                                                                                                   | Halloween                         | Evening before All Saints' Day                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>                                                                                                                                                |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>American Indian &amp; Alaska Native Heritage Month</b>                                                                                                      |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nov 3, 2026                                                                                                                                                    | Election Day                      | Annual date for electing public officials                                                                                                                                |
| Nov 8, 2026                                                                                                                                                    | Diwali                            | Hindu Festival of Lights                                                                                                                                                 |
| Nov 11, 2026                                                                                                                                                   | Veteran's Day                     | Honors military veterans and victims of all wars                                                                                                                         |
| Nov 26, 2026                                                                                                                                                   | Thanksgiving Day                  | Celebrates the harvest and blessings of the past year                                                                                                                    |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>                                                                                                                                                |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Universal Human Rights Month</b>                                                                                                                            |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Dec 4 (sundown)- Dec 12 (sundown), 2026                                                                                                                        | Hanukkah                          | Lesser Jewish festival lasting 8 days commemorating the rededication of the Temple in 165 BC by the Maccabees after its desecration by the Syrians. Kindling of 8 lights |
| Dec 24, 2026                                                                                                                                                   | Christmas Eve                     | The evening before Christmas Day                                                                                                                                         |
| Dec 25, 2026                                                                                                                                                   | Christmas Day                     | Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ                                                                                                                       |
| Dec 26, 2026 - Jan 1, 2027                                                                                                                                     | Kwanzaa                           | Celebration honoring African American culture/heritage                                                                                                                   |
| <b>JANUARY</b>                                                                                                                                                 |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Poverty in America Awareness Month</b>                                                                                                                      |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Jan 1, 2027                                                                                                                                                    | New Year's Day                    | Marks the start of the new year                                                                                                                                          |
| Jan 18, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Martin Luther King Jr. Day        | Celebrates the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.                                                                                                                 |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>                                                                                                                                                |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Black History Month</b>                                                                                                                                     |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Feb 14, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Valentine's Day                   | Day where people express affection with greetings and gifts                                                                                                              |
| Feb 15, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | President's Day                   | In honor of the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln                                                                                                       |
| February 6, 2027                                                                                                                                               | Chinese (Lunar) New Year          | Observance of the start of a new year in the lunar calendar                                                                                                              |
| Feb 7 (sundown) - Mar 8, 2027                                                                                                                                  | Ramadan                           | Islamic Month of Fasting - fasting from sunup to sundown                                                                                                                 |
| Feb 10 - Mar 28, 2027                                                                                                                                          | Lent                              | Christian period of penitence and fasting from Ash Wednesday to Easter                                                                                                   |
| <b>MARCH</b>                                                                                                                                                   |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Developmental Disabilities Awareness   Ethnic Equality   Gender Equality   Greek Heritage   Irish Heritage   Women's History Month</b>                      |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Mar 9 (sundown) - 10, 2027                                                                                                                                     | Eid-ul-Fitr                       | End of Fasting for Muslims                                                                                                                                               |
| Mar 17, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | St. Patrick's Day                 | Cultural & Roman Catholic religious celebration of St. Patrick                                                                                                           |
| Mar 22, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Holi                              | Hindu Festival of Color                                                                                                                                                  |
| Mar 26, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Good Friday                       | Christian remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ                                                                                                                 |
| Mar 28, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Easter                            | Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ                                                                                                                            |
| Mar 31, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Transgender Day of Visibility     | Celebrating transgender contributions to society and raising awareness of discrimination                                                                                 |
| <b>APRIL</b>                                                                                                                                                   |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Arab Heritage   Autism Awareness   Celebrate Diversity   Community Service   Earth   Tartan-Scottish Heritage Month</b>                                     |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Apr 9, 2027                                                                                                                                                    | Day of Silence                    | Annual day of silent protest against the bullying of LGBTQ+ students & their supporters                                                                                  |
| Apr 21 (sundown) - Apr 29, 2027                                                                                                                                | Passover                          | Jewish Festival of Liberation                                                                                                                                            |
| Apr 22, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Earth Day                         | Day to demonstrate support for environmental protection                                                                                                                  |
| <b>MAY</b>                                                                                                                                                     |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Asian-American &amp; Pacific Islander Heritage   Haitian Heritage   Jewish Heritage   Personal History Awareness   Speech &amp; Hearing Awareness Month</b> |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| May 2, 2027                                                                                                                                                    | Greek Easter                      | Commemorates Easter on the Greek Orthodox calendar                                                                                                                       |
| May 5, 2027                                                                                                                                                    | Cinco de Mayo                     | Celebrates Mexico's victory over France in 1862                                                                                                                          |
| May 9, 2027                                                                                                                                                    | Mother's Day                      | Honors mothers & influence of mothers in society                                                                                                                         |
| May 16 (sundown) - 19, 2027                                                                                                                                    | Eid al-Adha                       | Feast of the Sacrifice                                                                                                                                                   |
| May 31, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Memorial Day                      | Remembrance for members of the military who died in war                                                                                                                  |
| <b>JUNE</b>                                                                                                                                                    |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Caribbean Heritage   Pride Month</b>                                                                                                                        |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Jun 14, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Flag Day                          | Commemorates adoption of the United States Flag                                                                                                                          |
| Jun 19, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Juneteenth                        | Commemorating the end of slavery                                                                                                                                         |
| Jun 20, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Father's Day                      | Honoring fathers & influence of fathers in society                                                                                                                       |
| Jun 27, 2027                                                                                                                                                   | Pride Day                         | Celebrating LGBTQ+ social & self-acceptance, achievements, legal rights, and pride                                                                                       |

\*We recognize that there are some communities that do not celebrate religious and cultural observances.