



Emerson

SCHOOL

Religious Holidays

2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

(Adapted from the University of Michigan's List of Religious Holidays)

HOLIDAY	FAITH	DATE
Holy Day of Arafah **	Islam	August 10
Eid al-Adha **	Islam	August 10-11
Paryushan **	Jain	August 27 - September 3
10th of Muharram **	Islam	August 31
Rosh Hashanah *	Jewish	Sept. 29 - Oct. 1
Yom Kippur *	Jewish	October 8 - 9
Sukkot *	Jewish	October 13 - 15
Birth of the Báb ***	Baha'i	October 29
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah *	Jewish	October 20 - 22
Diwali **	Hindu	October 27
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh ***	Baha'i	October 30
Birth of the Prophet Muhammad **	Islam	November 9
Hanukkah *	Jewish	December 22 - 30
Christmas	Christian	December 25
Kwanzaa	Interfaith / African-American	December 26 - January 1
Feast of the Epiphany	Christian	January 6
Eastern Orthodox Christmas (Julian Calendar)	Orthodox Christian	January 7
Sankranti	Hindu	January 15
Lunar New Year	Interfaith / National	January 25
Ash Wednesday	Christian	February 26
Eastern Orthodox Beginning of Lent	Orthodox Christian	March 2
Purim *	Jewish	March 9 -10
Naw-Rúz ***	Baha'i	March 20
Passover (Pesach) *	Jewish	April 8 - 16
Good Friday	Christian	April 10
Easter	Christian	April 12
Baisakhi	Sikh	April 14
Eastern Orthodox Good Friday	Orthodox Christian	April 17
Eastern Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	April 19
First Day of Ridván ***	Baha'i	April 20
Ramadan **	Islam	April 23 - May 23
Ninth Day of Ridván ***	Baha'i	April 28
Twelfth Day of Ridván ***	Baha'i	May 1
23rd Night of Ramadan **	Islam	May 16
27th Night of Ramadan **	Islam	May 20
Ascension Day	Christian	May 21
Declaration of the Báb ***	Baha'i	May 23
Eid al-Fitr **	Islam	May 24
Shavuot *	Jewish	May 28 - 30
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh ***	Baha'i	May 28
Eastern Orthodox Ascension Day	Orthodox Christian	May 29
Martyrdom of the Báb ***	Baha'i	July 9
Holy Day of Arafah **	Islam	July 29

* Jewish holy days begin and end at sundown on the first and last days listed.

** These holidays are calculated on a lunar calendar and are approximate.

Emerson wishes to help students avoid negative consequences when religious obligations conflict with school requirements. Students who expect to miss classes, tests/quizzes/presentations, or any other assignments as a consequence of a religious observance will be given the opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities, as determined by the teacher(s). Note that absence for religious reasons does not relieve students from responsibility for their work. We kindly ask that students and families provide the School with reasonable notice of dates of religious holidays on which students will be absent.