



Holidays and Holy Days Calendar July 2019 - June 2020

	Bahá'í	Buddhism	Christianity	Hinduism	Islam	Judaism	Sikhism	Recognized U.S & State Holidays
July 2019	10 - Martyrdom of the Bab	21 - Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva's Enlightenment		16 - Guru Purnima	5 - 7 Jalsa Salana 11 - Imamt Day			4 - Independence Day
August 2019		15 - Dharma Day/Ullambana		14 - 15 Raksha Bandhan 22 - 23 Sri Krishna Janmaashtami	10 - Waqfatu'Arafat 11 - Eld-ul-Adha 31 - New Year (Hijra)	11 - Tishah B'Av		
September 2019				1 - 2 Ganesh/Vinayak Chauth 12 - Anant Chaturdashi 29 - Shared Navratri begins	10 or 11 - Ashura	29 - Observance of Rosh Hashanah begins 30 - Rosh Hashanah	1 - Installation of Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib	2 - Labor Day
October 2019	29 - Birth of the Bab 30 - Birth of Baha u Ilah	13 - Kathina Ceremony/ Pavarana Day 17 - Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva's Pravrajya		5 - Durgaashtami 7 - Vijaya Dashmi/Dassehra 17 - Karva Chauth 27 - Diwali 28 - New Year	19 - Arbaeen	1- Rosh Hashanah 8 - 9 Yom Kippur 14 - 20 Sukkot 21 - 22 Simchat Torah	20 - Installation of Buru Branth as Guru 27 - Bandi Chhor Divas	14 - Indigenous Peoples' Day
November 2019	26 - Day of the Covenant 28 - Ascension of Abul-Baha		3 - All Saint's Day 28 - First Day of Advent		9 or 10 - Milad-un-Nabi		12 - Birth of Guru Nanak 24 - Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur	11 - Veterans Day* 28 - Thanksgiving
December 2019			24 - Christmas Eve 25 - Christmas Day		13 - Birthday of Imam Aga Khan	23 - 30 Chanukah		24 - Christmas Eve 25 - Christmas Day
January 2020		25 - Lunar New Year	1 - New Year's Day (not all denominations) 6 - Epiphany / Three Kings Day 7 - Orthodox Christmas	13 - Lohri 14 - Makar Sankranti 20 - Vasant Panchami			5 - Birth of Guru Gobind Singh 13 - Maghi	1 - New Year's Day 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 2020	26 - 29 Intercalary Days		26 - Ash Wednesday	21 - Mahashivratri				21 - Lincoln's Birthday* 17 - Presidents' Day
March 2020	1 - 19 Bahai Fast 20 - New Ruz (New Year)			9 - Holi 24 - 25 Vasant Navratri begins	21 - Eld-e-Navroz 21 or 22 - Isra'a and Mi'raj	10 - Purim	10 - Hola Mohalla 14 - Sikh New Year	2 - Casimir Pulaski Day*
April 2020	20 - First Day of Ridvan 28 - Ninth Day of Ridvan		10 - Good Friday 12 - Easter 19 - Orthodox Easter	2 - Shri Ramnavami 13 - New Year	7 or 8 - Nisfu Sha'ban 23 - Ramadan begins	8 - 16 Passover	13 or 14 - Vaisakhi	10 - Spring Holiday 12 - Easter
May 2020	1 - Twelfth Day of Ridvan 23 - Declaration of the Bab 28 - Ascension of Baha u Ilah		31 - Pentecost		17 or 21 - Lailat-ul-Qadr 22 - Jumatul Widha 24 - Eld-ul-Fitr	28 - 30 Shavuot		25 - Memorial Day
June 2020							16 - Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev	

* School in session

School District U-46 serves more than 38,000 students across 90 square miles within Chicago's northwest suburbs. Our vibrant student population lists 103 home languages and is one of the most diverse populations in Illinois. This rich diversity also represents a range of various faith traditions.

This calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration for several of the faith traditions families in the District practice. However, it is not a complete listing of religious days or faith traditions practiced in the community.

When scheduling events, be mindful of the various holy days that may exclude members of your community and staff from participating.

Bahá'í

The Bahai faith was founded by Bahá'u'lláh in 1863. The religion focuses on the belief of oneness of God, religion, and humanity. Several of its values are love, equality, social justice, honesty, and kindness. The Bahá'í faith is governed by spiritual assemblies made up of nine or more members and does not have clergy to guide worship.

Buddhism

Buddhism was founded in the late 6th century B.C. by Siddhartha Gautam, the first Buddha. The faith practice spread across Asia and is found in many Asian cultures. The teachings focus on rebirth through Dharma and Karma. Buddhist calendars may vary based on the diverse traditions of adherents.

Christianity

Christianity is based on the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, also called Christ. Christianity shares its roots with Judaism. Christianity is the world's largest religion and there are many denominations within the faith. Christians believe in one God and the Holy Trinity.

Hinduism

Hinduism originated in India and is the third largest religion in the world. Hinduism consists of a broad range of philosophies and sacred texts. Practices include worship, meditation, annual festivals, pilgrimages, and more. The Hindu calendar uses both lunar and solar calendars.

Sikhism

Sikhism was founded by Guru Nanak in the late 15th century in India. The fundamental beliefs of the religion include faith meditation, selfless service, honest conduct, and more. Festivals, ceremonies, and rituals are part of daily life for Sikhs.

Islam

Islam is the world's second largest religion and revealed through the Prophet Muhammad. The Quran is the primary scripture of Islam. Most Muslims are one of two denominations, Sunni or Shia. Islamic holidays begin on sunset the day prior to the holiday. Followers of the faith adhere to five pillars.

- Declaration of faith
- Five prayers daily
- Fasting in the month of Ramadan
- Payment of Zakat (charity)
- Pilgrimage to Mecca at least once

Judaism

Judaism is the ethnic religion of the Jewish people. It is a monotheistic religion based on the expression of the covenant that God established with Abraham and the children of Israel. The synagogue is a place of worship and followers may pray three times each day. Holy days may be celebrated either for one or two days depending on the member's religious belief. All Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the day prior to the holiday.