

Yearly List of Major Religious and Other Holidays
2020-2021 School Year

July 2020

- Thursday evening, **July 30, 2020** - Friday, **July 31, 2020**
 - Islamic holiday of **Eid al Adha**, (Feast of the Sacrifice)
 - Muslim students may not attend school on Eid al Adha if it falls on a school day. Eid al Adha begins at sunset. Due to changes in the lunar calendar, this holiday may fall one day later.

September 2020

- Friday evening, **September 18, 2020** - Sunday, **September 20, 2020**
 - Jewish holiday of **Rosh Hashanah**
 - When Rosh Hashanah falls on a school day, Jewish students may be absent one or both days, depending on their religious observance.
- Sunday evening, **September 27, 2020** - Monday day and evening, **September 28, 2020**
 - Jewish holiday of **Yom Kippur**
 - When Yom Kippur falls on a school day, Jewish students may be absent that day.

November 2020

- Thursday, **November 26, 2020**
 - **Thanksgiving**

December 2020

- Thursday evening, **December 10, 2020** - Friday, **December 18, 2020**
 - Jewish holiday of **Hanukkah**
 - Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration. On the first night, Jewish families gather for a family celebration.
- Thursday, **December 24, 2020**
 - Christian holiday of **Christmas Eve**
- Friday, **December 25, 2020**
 - Christian holiday of **Christmas**
- Saturday, **December 26, 2020**- Friday, **January 1, 2020**
 - **Kwanzaa**
 - Kwanzaa is a weeklong holiday celebrated in the United States and other countries with African descendants. This holiday honors family, community, and African culture.

January 2021

- Friday, **January 1, 2021**
 - **New Year's Day**
- Monday, **January 18, 2021**
 - **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday**

- Monday, **January 25, 2021** - Wednesday, **January 27, 2021**
 - 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 2021

- Wednesday, **February 17, 2021**
 - Christian holiday of **Ash Wednesday**
 - No meat eaten this day by Catholics
- Fridays, **February 19, 2021- April 2, 2021**
 - Lenten Fridays
 - Catholics do not eat meat during Lent on Fridays

March 2021

- Saturday, **March 27, 2021** - Sunday, **April 4, 2021**
 - Jewish holiday of **Passover**
 - 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.

April 2021

- Friday, **April 2, 2021**
 - Christian holiday of **Good Friday**
- Sunday, **April 4, 2021**
 - Christian holiday of **Easter**
 - Last day of **Passover**
- Monday, **April 12, 2021** - Tuesday, **May 11, 2021**
 - Islamic Period of **Ramadan**
 - Ramadan is a month of fasting for Muslims ages 9 and above. Some children may begin fasting from as early as age 6. 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.

May 2021

- Wednesday, **May 12, 2021** - Thursday, **May 13, 2021**
 - Islamic holiday of **Eid al Fitr**, (Feast of the Breaking of the Fast at 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.