

## **RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS SUMMER 2020**

Embodying a culturally and spiritually diverse community, Cedar Crest College recognizes that on important or solemn religious days, some of our community members will observe practices that preclude them from attending to their regular duties, whether faculty members, staff, or students. On such days, it is important for all who do not share in these practices to understand and work with their colleagues and students.

Students whose conscientious religious practices require that they observe religious holidays, such as those listed below, can make use of the following procedure: prior to the holiday, the student is responsible to inform the instructor in writing of an anticipated absence. Students are encouraged to discuss their religious needs at the start of the semester, or as soon as the dates of holidays are confirmed. Students are responsible for making up any classwork missed for a verified absence. If circumstances make such prior notification impossible, the student may contact the instructor and the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and Traditional Enrollment to request a verified absence notification. It is the prerogative of the individual instructor to decide whether students who miss class for any reason are granted make-up privileges. Any arrangements are to be made between the student and the instructor.

## This information and any updates will also be posted on our Mycedarcrest page

May 2020	
May 1	Beltane (Wicca)
	Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
May 7	Visakha Puja (Buddhist)
May 9	Anniversary of Dianetics (scientology)
May 11	Shahadat – Amirul Mumineen (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 12	Lag B'Omer (Jewish)
May 14-15	Laylatul Qadr (Islam and Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 15	Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 19	Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
	Laylat as-Qadr (Islam)*
May 21	Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)
May 22	Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 23	Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
	Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 24	Eid al Fitr (Islam)*
May 28	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
May 29-30	Shavuot (Jewish)
May 31	Pentecost (Christian)
June 2020	
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	anniversary of the maiden voyage (Scientology)
June 7	Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 15	Fast of the Holy Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)



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June 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)
June 24	Litha (Wicca)
July 2020	
July 4	Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)
July 5	Guru Purnima
July 9	Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
July 25	Naga Panchami (Hindu)*1
July 28-August2	Hajj Day (Islam)*
July 29	Yawm al-Arafa (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
July 30	Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)
	Eid al-Adha (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
July 31	Eid al-Adha (Islam)*
August 2020	
August 1	Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox
	Christian)
	Lammas (Christian and Wicca)
August 3	Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)*
August 6	Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
August 7	Eid-e-Ghadeer (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 11	Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)*
August 13-15	Obon (Buddhist)
August 15	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic
	Christian) Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)
August 16-23	Paryushana (Jain)
August 19	1st Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 19-28	Ashara Mubaraka (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 20	1ST Muharram (Islamic New Year)
August 22	Ulambana (Buddhist)
	Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)*
August 22-September	Onam (Hindu)*
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August 28	Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

<sup>\*</sup>Disclaimer: This dates were taken from the New Jersey Department of Education who has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy of the dates. The information has been verified through the use of various sources and some dates may vary due to the lunar, Gregorian and Julian calendars.

https://www.state.nj.us/education/genfo/holidays1920.pdf https://www.nj.gov/education/docs/Adoption%20Resolution%202020-21%20%20Religious%20Holidays%20Handicapped%20Accessibility%204.1.2020.pdf



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