

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS ACADEMIC YEAR 18-19

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.

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August 2018	
August 1	Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Lammas (Christian and Wicca)
August 6	Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
August 13-15	Obon (Buddhist)
August 15	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic Christian) Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian) Naga Panchami (Hindu)*
August 15-27	Onam (Hindu)*
August 19-24	Hajj Day (Islam)*
August 20-21	Eid al Adha (Islam)*
August 25	Ulambana (Buddhist)
August 29	Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)* Eid-e-Ghadeer (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
September 2018	
September 1	Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 2	Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)*
September 7-14	Paryushana (Jain)
September 7	His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)
September 8	Nativity of Mary (Christian) Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 9-11	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)



September 10	Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 11	New Year – Hijra (Islam) 1 st Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
September 12	Muharram (Islamic New Year)
September 12-20	Ashara Mubaraka (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
September 19	Yom Kippur (Jewish) Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 12-23	Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)*
September 22	Mabon (Wicca/Pagan) Ostara (Wicca/Pagan)
September 23 - 30	Sukkot (Jewish)
September 24-30	Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 27	The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 30- October 2	Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)
October 2018	
October 1	Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 2	Simchat Torah (Jewish)
October 9-17	Navaratri (Hindu)*
October 18	Dussehra (Hindu)*
October 20	Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh) Birth of B'ab (Baha'i)
October 30	Chehlum Imam Husain (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
November 2018	
November 1	All Saints' Day (Christian) Samhain-Beltane (Wicca)
November 2	All Souls' Day (Christian)
November 7	Diwali (Hindu, Jain and Sikh)*
November 8	Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)*
November 10	Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
November 15	Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 20	Maulid al-Nabi (Islam and Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
November 21	The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 23	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)
November 24	Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikh) Urus-Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
November 26	Day of Covenant (Baha'i)
November 28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l Baha (Baha'i)
December 2018	
December 2	First Sunday of Advent (Christian)
December 2-10	Hanukkah (Jewish)
December 8	Hanukkah (Jewish) Bodhi Day (Buddhist) Immaculate Conception (Christian)



December 12	Milad Imam-uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
December 21	Yule (Wicca and Christian)
December 25	Christmas (Christian) The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
December 26	Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)
December 28	Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
January 2019	
January 1	Gantan-sai (Shinto) Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian
January 3 through 10	Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
January 5	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib (Sikh)
January 6	Feast of Epiphany (Christian) Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)
January 7	Feast of the Nativity (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
January 13	Maghi (Sikh) Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
January 14	Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)*
January 20	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
January 21	Tu B'shvat (Jewish)
January 28	Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
February 2019	
February 2	Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian) The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
February 8	Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
February 10	Vasant Panchami (Hindu)*
February 15	Nirvana Day (Jain)
February 21	Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)
February 26-March 1	Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
March 2019	
March 4	Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)*
March 5	Shrove Tuesday (Christian)
March 6	Ash Wednesday (Christian)
March 11	Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
March 13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology)
March 20	Ostara (Wicca) Mabon (Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern Hemispheres)
March 21	Purim (Jewish) Holi (Hindu)* Nowruz (Zoroastrian) Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness) Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
March 22-24	Hola Mohalla (Sikh)*
March 25	The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian) The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christian)



	Urus – Syedna Taher Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
March 28	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)
March 31-April 6	Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 2019	
April 2	Yawm al-Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
April 3	Lailat al Miraj (Islam)*
April 5	Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)*
April 6	Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God) Chandramana Yugadi (Hindu)*
April 13-20	Memorial of the Feast of the Lord's Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 14	Palm Sunday • Ramnavami (Hindu)*
April 17	Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)
April 18	Holy Thursday (Christian)
April 19	Passover (United Church of God) Holy Friday (Christian) Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)*
April 19-21	Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)
April 20-26	Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)
April 20-27	Passover (Jewish)
April 20	First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God) Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 21	Easter (Christian) Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian) First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i) Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)*
April 22	Easter Monday (Christian)
April 25	The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist) Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 26	Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian) The Last Friday of The Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church)
April 28	Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 29	Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i) Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
May 2019	
May 1	Beltane (Wicca)
May 2	Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
May 6-June 4	Ramadan (Islam)
May 9	Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)
May 18	Visakha Puja (Buddhist)
May 23	Lag B'Omer (Jewish) Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i) Shahada – Amirul Mumineen (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 26-27	Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 27	Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)



May 30	Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)
May 31	Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
June 2019	
June 1	Laylat as-Qadr (Islam)*
June 4	Eid al Fitr (Islam and Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
June 9	Pentecost (Christian)
June 9-10	Shavuot (Jewish)
June 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh) Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 21	Litha (Wicca)
June 24	Fast of the Holy Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

*Disclaimer: These 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.

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/genfo/holidays1819.pdf>

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