

### RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

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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<b>August 2020</b>	
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 2	Onam (Hindu)*
August 28	Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*



<b>September 2020</b>	
September 1	Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 7	His Auditor's Day (Scientology) Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)
September 8	Nativity of Mary (Christian) Auditor's Day (Scientology)
September 18-20	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
September 19	Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 21	Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 21-29	Mabon (Wicca/Pagan)
September 27	The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 28	Yom Kippur (Jewish) Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 1	Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 7	His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)
<b>October 2020</b>	
October 2-9	Sukkot (Jewish)
October 3-9	Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 7	Chehlum Imam Hussain (Iam Dawoodi Bohra)* IAS Anniversar (Scientology)
October 9-11	Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)
October 10	Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 11	Simchat Torah (Jewish)
October 17-26	Navaratri (Hindu)*
October 19	Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
October 20	Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh) Birth of B'ab (Bah'i)
October 28	Milad an-Nabi (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
October 29	Maulid al-Nabi (Islam)*
October 31	Samhain (Wicca)
<b>November 2020</b>	
November 1	All Saints' Day (Christian) Samhain-Beltane (Wicca) Urus-Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
November 2	All Souls' Day (Christian)
November 14	Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja, Deepavali and Sikh)*
November 15	Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)*
November 19	Milad Imam-uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
November 21	The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)



November 24	Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikh)
November 25	Day of Covenant (Baha'i)
November 27	Ascension of 'Abdul'l Baha (Baha'i)
November 28	Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 29	First Sunday of Advent (Christian)
November 30	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)
<b>December 2020</b>	
December 5	Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
December 8	Immaculate Conception (Christian)
December 11-18	Hanukkah (Jewish)
December 22	Yule (Wicca and Christian)
December 25	Christmas (Christian) The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
December 26	Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)
December 5	Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
December 31	New Year's Eve (Scientology)
<b>January 2021</b>	
January 1	Gantan-sai (Shinto) Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian
January 3-10	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)
January 14	Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)*
January 17	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
January 20	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
January 28	Tu B'shvat (Jewish)
<b>February 2021</b>	
February 1	Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)
February 2	The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
February 12	Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
February 14-23	Midwinter Ceremonies (Native American)
February 15	Nirvana Day (Buddhist, Jain)
February 16	Shrove Tuesday (Christian) Vasant Panchami (Hindu)*
February 17	Ash Wednesday (Christian)
February 25	Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)



February 25-28	Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
February 26	Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
February 27	Purim (Jewish)
<b>March 2021</b>	
March 2	Urus – Syedna Taher Saifuddin
March 10	Yawm al-Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
March 11	Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)* Lailat al Miraj (Islam)*
March 13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Scientology)
March 15	Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
March 21	Ostara (Wicca) Mabon (Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern Hemispheres) Nowruz (Zoroastrian) Naw-Ryz (Baha'i)
March 25	The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian) The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christian)
March 26	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)
March 27	Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness) Passover (United Church of God)
March 27-April 4	Passover (Jewish)
March 28	Palm Sunday Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)* First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
March 28-April 3	Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)
March 29	Holi (Hindu)* Hola Mohalla (Sikh)*
<b>April 2021</b>	
April 1	Holy Thursday (Christian)
April 2	Holy Friday (Christian)
April 3	Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
April 4	Easter (Christian)
April 5	Easter Monday (Christian)
April 8-16	Passover (Jewish)
April 9	Holy Thursday (Christian) Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 13	Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)* Chandramana Yugadi(Hindu)*
April 13-20	Memorial of the Feast of the Lord's Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 13-May 13	Ramadan (Islam)



April 16-17	Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)
April 20	First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
April 21	Ramnavami (Hindu)*
April 24	Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 25	Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)* The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist) Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 26	Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)*
April 27	Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)
April 28	Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
April 29	Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 30	Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian) The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church) Lag B'Omer (Jewish) Shahadat – Amirul Mumineen (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
<b>May 2021</b>	
May 1	Beltane (Wicca) Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
May 2	Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
May 3	Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
May 3-4	Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 4	Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 7	Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 8	Laylatul Qadr (Islam)*
May 9	Anniversary of Dianetics (scientology)
May 12	Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 13	Ascension of Our Lord (Christian) Eid al Fitr (Islam)*
May 16-18	Shavuot (Jewish)
May 23	Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i) Pentecost (Christian)
May 26	Visakha Puja (Buddhist) Buddha's Birthday/Buddha Day Buddha Day*
May 29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
<b>June 2021</b>	
June 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)
June 21	Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 24	Litha (Wicca)
June 28	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.

<https://www.nj.gov/education/docs/Adoption%20Resolution%202020-21%20%20Religious%20Holidays%20Handicapped%20Accessibility%204.1.2020.pdf>

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