

## RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

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.

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<b>August 2019</b>	
August 1	Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Lamma (Christian and Wicca)
August 5	Naga Panchami (Hindu)*
August 6	Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
August 9-14	Hajj Day (Islam)*
August 10	Tish'a B'Av (Jewish) Yawm al-Arafa (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 11	Eid al-Adha (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 12-15	Eid al-Adha (Islam)*
August 13-15	Obon (Buddhist)
August 15	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic Christian) Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian) Ulambana (Buddhist) Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)*
August 19	Eid-e-Ghadeer (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 24	Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)*
August 27-September 3	Paryushana (Jain)
August 31	New Year – Hijra (Islam) 1 st Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra) Muharram (Islamic New Year)
<b>September 2019</b>	



September 8	Auditor's Day (Scientology)
September 1-9	Ashara Mubaraka (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
September 1 – 15	Onam (Hindu)*
September 2	Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)*
September 7	His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)
September 8	Nativity of Mary (Christian) Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 10	Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
September 21-29	Mabon (Wicca/Pagan)
September 27	The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 29-October 1	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
September 29 - October 8	Navaratri (Hindu)*
September 30	Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
<b>October 2019</b>	
October 7	IAS Anniversar (Scientology)
October 9	Yom Kippur (Jewish) Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 13-20	Sukkot (Jewish)
October 14-20	Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 19	Chehlum Imam Hussain (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
October 20	Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh)
October 20-22	Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)
October 21	Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 22	Simchat Torah (Jewish)
October 24-29	Diwali (Puja, Deepavali)*
October 27	Diwali (Hindu, Jain and Sikh)*
October 28	Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)*
October 29	Birth of B'ab (Baha'i)
October 30	Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
October 31	Samhain (Wicca)
<b>November 2019</b>	
November 1	All Saints' Day (Christian) Samhain-Beltane (Wicca)
November 2	All Souls' Day (Christian)
November 9	Maulid al-Nabi (Islam and Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
November 12	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)
November 13	Urus-Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
November 21	The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 24	Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikh)
November 26	Day of Covenant (Baha'i)
November 28	Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian) • Ascension of 'Abdu'l Baha(Baha'i)



<b>December 2019</b>	
December 1	First Sunday of Advent (Christian) Milad Imam-uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)* Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
December 8	Immaculate Conception (Christian)
December 17	Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
December 22	Yule (Wicca and Christian)
December 22-30	Hanukkah (Jewish)
December 25	Christmas (Christian) The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
December 26	Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)
December 31	New Year's Eve (Scientology)
<b>January 2020</b>	
January 1	Gantan-sai (Shinto) Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian
January 1 -7	Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
January 2	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
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 14	Maghi (Sikh)
January 15	Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)*
January 19	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
January 25	Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
January 29	Vasant Panchami (Hindu)*
<b>February 2020</b>	
February 1	Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)
February 2	The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
February 8	Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
February 10	Tu B'shvat (Jewish)
February 13	Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)
February 15	Nirvana Day (Jain)
February 21	Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)*
February 25	Shrove Tuesday (Christian)
February 26	Ash Wednesday (Christian)
February 26-March 1	Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
<b>March 2020</b>	
March 2	Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
March 9	Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
March 9-10	Holi (Hindu)*
March 10	Purim (Jewish)
March 10-12	Hola Mohalla (Sikh)*
March 13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology)



	Milad Imam-uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
March 20	Ostara (Wicca) Mabon (Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern Hemispheres) Nowruz (Zoroastrian)
March 21	Yawm al-Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
March 22	Lailat al Miraj (Islam)*
March 24	Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)*
March 25	The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian) The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christian) Chandramana Yugadi (Hindu)*
March 28	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)
March 31	Birth of L. Ron Hubbard (Scientology)
<b>April 2020</b>	
April 2	Ramnavami (Hindu)*
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 6	Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)
April 7	Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness) Theravadin New Year (Buddhist) Memorial of the Feast of the Lord's Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 8	Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)* Passover (United Church of God) Buddha's Birthday/Buddha Day Buddha Day*
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April 8-16	Passover (Jewish)
April 9	Holy Thursday (Christian) Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)* First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God) Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 9-15	Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)
April 10	Holy Friday (Christian)
April 11	Easter (Christian) Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 13	Easter Monday (Christian)
April 15	Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
April 16	Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 17	Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 19	Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 20	First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i) Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 24 – May 23	Ramadan (Islam)
April 25	The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist)
April 26	The Last Friday of The Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church)



April 28	Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
April 29	Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)
<b>May 2020</b>	
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)
<b>June 2020</b>	
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)
June 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)
June 24	Litha (Wicca)

\*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>

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