

# Religious/Spiritual Holy Days Calendar 2021-2022

The dates listed below are the faith days of particular significance to members of the faith communities in our District as identified through consultation with local community organizations and the Ontario Multifaith Council. Every effort should be made to ensure that school and board examinations/tests are not scheduled on these dates. The Board will refrain from holding events involving parents on religious holy days.

Student absences on days of religious observance will be marked as “G” (grant) days, regardless of whether or not the day(s) of observance is noted in the procedure.

Faith	Holy Day(s)	Date(s)
Indigenous	Heritage Days	Various
Baha’i	Ridvan (12 day festival)*	April 21 – May 2, 2022
Buddhism	New Year	January 18, 2022
Christianity (Orthodox)	Christmas – Feast of the Nativity Holy Friday Pascha	January 7, 2022 April 22, 2022 May 24, 2022
Christianity (Western)	Christmas Good Friday Easter	December 25, 2022 April 15, 2022 April 17, 2022
Hinduism	Diwali Festival (5-day festival)	November 4, 2021
Islam	Ramadan Eid-al-Fitr Eid-al-Adha	April 2 - May 2, 2022 May 2* – 3, 2022 July 9* – 13, 2022
Judaism	Rosh Hashanah (2 days) Yom Kippur Pesach (Passover)	September 25* – 27, 2021 September 15* – 16, 2021 April 15* – April 23, 2022
Sikhism	Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)	April 14, 2022

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\* Means that Holy days begin at sundown.

Please Note: **Regional customs, group preference or moon phases may cause a variation of date.**

\*\*\* *The above list is not an exhaustive list of all religious faiths. The Board acknowledges that other religious faiths can also be accommodated and is willing to do so, based on the provisions outlined in the Religious Accommodation Guideline. For consideration of additional religious accommodations, please contact the school principal or the Superintendent of Education, Lorrie Naar, at 905-632-6300.*