

Religious Holy Days Calendar 2012 – 2013

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)	2012 - 2013
Baha’i	Ridvan	April 21, 2013
Buddhist	Lunar New Year	January 27, 2013
Christian (Eastern- Julian calendar)	Christmas – Feast of the Nativity Holy Friday(Orthodox) Good Friday (Ukrainian) Easter Sunday	January 7, 2013 May 3, 2013 May 3, 2013 May 5, 2013
Christian (Western-Gregorian calendar)	Christmas The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Good Friday Easter Sunday	December 25, 2012 January 1, 2013 March 29, 2013 March 31, 2013
Hindu	Diwali Festival	October 13, 2012
Islam ** <i>All Islamic holy days commence on the preceding evening at sunset.</i>	Eid-al-Fitr* Eid-al-Adha*	August 19, 2012 October 25, 2012
Jewish <i>All Jewish holy days commence on the preceding evening at sunset.</i>	Rosh Hashanah (2days)* Yom Kippur * Pesach (Passover) *	September 16 and 17, 2012 September 26, 2012 March 26, 2013
Sikh	Baisakhi	April 14, 2013
Christian (Eastern- Julian calendar)	Christmas – Feast of the Nativity Holy Friday(Orthodox) Good Friday (Ukrainian) Easter Sunday	January 7, 2012 April 13, 2012 April 13, 2012 April 15, 2012

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* Means that Holy days begin at sundown the day before this date

** Regional customs, group preference or moon sightings may cause a variation of this date

*** *This is not an exhaustive list of all religious faiths. The Board accepts 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 ext. 127.*