

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

Religious Holidays & Observances | June 2025–December 2026

Considerations:

- This calendar is not an exhaustive list of religions/cultures/holidays/observances.
- Many religions/cultures use lunar calendars; therefore, dates are not fixed because they depend on the actual sighting of the moon. There may be variance.
- Students of a given religion or culture will not necessarily participate in all observances listed.
- Students of a given religion or culture will participate in observances in various ways.
- Open communication among administrators, families, and students regarding cultural and religious considerations will foster a culturally responsive learning environment.
- The " Notes " section now includes advice from our BOE DEI Advisory Committee to help with event planning.
- Any questions, concerns, or possible errors should be sent to Kelly Wessel or Jennifer Smith.

Holiday/Observance	Religion	Dates	Notes
Shavuot	Judaism	June 1–3, 2025*	
Eid al-Adha	Islam	June 6, 2025*	
Al-Hijra or Muharram	Islam	June 26–27, 2025*#	
Ashura	Islam	July 5, 2025*#	
Asalha Puja	Buddhism	July 10, 2025#	
Obon/Ullambana	Buddhism/Shinto	July 13–15, 2025	
Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism	August 9, 2025	
Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	August 15, 2025	
Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism	August 26, 2025	
Milad Un-Nabi	Islam	September 5, 2025	
Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	September 22–24, 2025*	Students and staff may be absent. If possible, please try to avoid evening activities.
Yom Kippur	Judaism	October 1–2, 2025*	Students and staff may be absent. If possible, please try to avoid evening activities.
Dussehra	Hinduism	October 2, 2025	
Sukkot	Judaism	October 6–13, 2025*	Students and staff may be absent.
Shemini Atzeret	Judaism	October 13–14, 2025*	Students and staff may be absent.
Simchat Torah	Judaism	October 14–15, 2025*	Students and staff may be absent.
Diwali	Hinduism & Sikhism	October 20, 2025	Students and staff may be absent. If possible, please try to avoid evening activities.
All Saints' Day	Christianity	November 1, 2025	
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday	Sikhism	November 5, 2025	
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism	November 24, 2025	
Bodhi Day	Buddhism	December 8, 2025	

Hanukkah	Judaism	December 14-22, 2025*	
Christmas	Christian	December 25, 2025	
Kwanzaa	Interfaith	December 26, 2025-January 1, 2026	
Epiphany	Christian	January 6, 2026	
Maghi Lori	Sikhism	January 13, 2026	
Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	February 15-16, 2026	
Lunar New Year	Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist	February 17, 2026	Students and staff may be absent.
Ramadan	Islam	February 17-March 19, 2026*	Please avoid hosting food-specific events or celebrations. Some staff and students might participate in fasting (no food or drink) from sunrise to sunset.
Ash Wednesday	Christian	February 18, 2026	If possible, please try to avoid evening activities.
Purim	Judaism	March 2-3, 2026*	
Magha Puja Day	Buddhism	March 3, 2026#	Students and staff may be absent.
Holi	Hinduism	March 4, 2026	Students and staff may be absent.
Hola Mohalla	Sikhism	March 4-6, 2026	
Eid al Fitr	Islam	March 19-20, 2026#	Students and staff may be absent.
Chaitra Navratri	Hinduism	March 19-27, 2026	
Palm Sunday	Christian	March 29, 2026	
Passover	Judaism	April 1-9, 2026*	Students and staff may be absent. If you are hosting an event or celebration with food, please refrain from serving bread products. If possible, please try to avoid evening activities on the first two nights.
Holy Thursday	Christian	April 2, 2026	
Good Friday	Christian	April 3, 2026	Students and staff may be absent. If possible, please try to avoid evening activities.
Easter	Christian	April 5, 2026	
Pascha (Orthodox Easter)	Christian	April 12, 2026	
Vaishakhi/Vishu/Mesadi	Hinduism & Sikhism	April 14, 2026	
Birthday of Guru Angad Dev	Sikhism	April 18, 2026	
Rama Navami	Hinduism	April 26, 2026	
Visakha Puja/Buddha Day	Buddhism	May 1, 2026	
Shavuot	Judaism	May 21-23, 2026*	

Eid al-Adha	Islam	May 26-27, 2026*	
Al-Hijra or Muharram	Islam	June 16-July 14, 2026*#	
Ashura	Islam	June 25-26, 2026*#	
Asalha Puja	Buddhism	July 29, 2026#	
Obon/Ullambana	Buddhism & Shinto	August 13-15, 2026	
Milad Un-Nabi	Islam	August 25-26, 2026	
Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism	August 28, 2026	
Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	September 4, 2026	
Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	September 11-13, 2026*	Students and staff may be absent. If possible, please try to avoid evening activities.
Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism	September 13-14, 2026	
Yom Kippur	Judaism	September 20-21, 2026*	Students and staff may be absent. If possible, please try to avoid evening activities.
Sukkot	Judaism	September 25-October 2, 2026*	
Shemini Atzeret	Judaism	October 2-4, 2026*	
Simchat Torah	Judaism	October 3-4, 2026*	
Dussehra	Hinduism	October 20, 2026	
All Saints' Day	Christianity	November 1, 2026	
Diwali	Hinduism & Sikhism	November 8, 2026	Students and staff may be absent. If possible, please try to avoid evening activities.
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Bodhi Day	Buddhism	December 8, 2026	
Christmas	Christian	December 25, 2026	
Kwanzaa	Interfaith	December 26, 2026-January 1, 2027	

* Holy days start at sundown of the beginning date and end at sundown or nightfall of the concluding date.

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