



2026 - 2027 TVDSB Religious & Spiritual Observances Calendar

This **2026-2027 Religious and Spiritual Observances Calendar** has been developed collaboratively with community to support schools, students, families, staff, and community partners by identifying significant observances that may require religious or creed-based accommodations throughout the 2026-2027 calendar year.

About Red Dot (•) and Open Red Dot Days (◊)

- **Red Dot:** A full day observance during which **no events, new learning, evaluations, or major activities** should be scheduled for students or staff observing the holiday.
- ◊ **Open Red Dot:** An observance for which **religious or spiritual practices may begin at sunset either on the listed date or the evening before**. While work and school remain open, accommodations may be needed after sundown, and considerations and event scheduling are recommended.

Your Input Matters

We recognize that the rich diversity of our community means observances may vary by tradition, denomination, culture, or regional practice. If you notice:

- missing holidays or observances
- dates that differ based on your community practice
- clarification needed for multi-day observances
- additional notes that would support families and staff

Please share your feedback.



Day of Week	Date	Event	Religious / Spiritual Source
Friday	Sept 11, 2026	Rosh Hashanah (Evening. Main Observance include September 12th-13th) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Wednesday to Wednesday	Sept 9 - 16	Paryushana-parva	Jainism
Wednesday to Friday	Sept 16-26 2026	Dashalakshani-parva	Jainism
Monday	Sept 21, 2026	Yom Kippur (Starts Evening of September 20th) •	Judaism/Jewish
Tuesday	Sept 22, 2026	Mabon (Evening) ○	Wicca/Pagan/Celtic
Friday	Sept 25, 2026	Sukkot (Evening. Main Observance September 26th -27th) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Friday	Sept 25, 2026	Mid-Autumn Festival (Evening) ○	Chinese
Monday	Sept 28, 2026	Sukkot (Evening) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Tuesday	Sept 29, 2026	Sukkot (Evening) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Wednesday	Sept 30, 2026	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation •	Indigenous
Thursday	Oct 1, 2026	Sukkot (Evening) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Friday	Oct 2, 2026	Shemini Atzeret (Evening. Main Observance include Oct 3 rd - 4th) ○	Judaism/Jewish



Friday	Oct 2, 2026	Sukkot (Evening) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Tuesday	Oct 6, 2026	Cejna Cemayê	Yazidism
Tuesday	Oct 20, 2026	Dussehra (Vijayadashami) •	Hinduism
Friday to Tuesday	Nov 6 -10 2026	Five-Day Diwali Festival	Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism
Tuesday	Nov 10, 2026	Birth of the Báb •	Bahá'i
Wednesday	Nov 11, 2026	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh •	Bahá'i
Tuesday	Nov 24, 2026	Guru Nanak Dev Ji Jayanti •	Sikhism/Sikh
Thursday	Nov 26, 2026	Day of the Covenant (Evening) ○	Bahá'i
Friday	Dec 4-12 2026	Hanukkah (Evenings) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Friday	Dec 18, 2026	Feast of Êzîd (Cejna Êzîd)	Yazidism
Monday	Dec 21, 2026	Yule (Evening) ○ Yalda (Evening) ○	Wicca/Pagan/Celtic Persian/Iranian, Afghan, Tajik, Kurdish, Azerbaijani
Friday	Dec 25, 2026	Christmas Day •	Christianity/Christian
Tuesday	Jan 5, 2027	Guru Gobind Singh Gurburab (Evening) ○	Sikhism/Sikh



Wednesday	Jan 6, 2027	Epiphany / Theophany (Evening) ○	Christianity/Orthodox Christianity
Wednesday	Jan 6, 2027 Tentative	Isra and Mi'raj (Evening) ○	Islam/Muslim
Thursday	Jan 7, 2027	Feast of the Nativity / Orthodox Christmas (Evening) •	Orthodox Christianity
Wednesday	Jan 13, 2027	Lohri (Evening) ○	Sikhism/Sikh
Thursday	Jan 14, 2027	Maghi •	Sikhism/Sikh
Friday	Jan 15, 2027	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti •	Sikhism/Sikh
Monday	Feb 1-2, 2027	Imbolc (Evening) ○	Wicca/Pagan/Celtic
Friday	Feb 6, 2027	Lunar New Year - Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean New Year •	Buddhism/Confucianism /Daoism
Monday	Feb 8, 2027 Tentative	Ramadan begins (Evening) ○	Islam/Muslim
Wednesday	Feb 10, 2027	Ash Wednesday (Evening) ○	Christianity/Christian
Thursday	Feb 26 - Mar 1, 2027	Ayyám-i-Há ○	Bahá'i
Tuesday	Mar 2 – Mar 20, 2027	The Month of Fasting ○	Bahá'i
Friday	Mar, 5, 2027 Tentative	Laylat al Qadr (Evening) ○	Islam/Muslim



Wednesday	Mar 10, 2027 (Tentative)	Eid al-Fitr •	Islam/Muslim
Thursday	Mar 11, 2027 (Tentative)	Eid al-Fitr •	Islam/Muslim
Friday	Mar 12, 2027 (Tentative)	Eid al-Fitr •	Islam/Muslim
Monday	Mar 15, 2027	Great Lent (Evening) ○	Orthodox Christianity
Monday	Mar 22, 2027	Purim (Evening) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Monday	Mar 22 2027	Memorial of Jesus' Death / Memorial of Christ's Death ○	Jehovah's Witness
Tuesday	Mar 22- 23, 2027	Hola Mahalla (Evening) ○	Sikhism/Sikh
Tuesday	Mar 23, 2027	Purim (Evening) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Wednesday	Mar 24, 2027	Hola Mahalla (Evening) ○	Sikhism/Sikh
Wednesday	Mar 24, 2027	Shushan Purim (Evening) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Thursday	Mar 25, 2027	Hola Mahalla (Evening) ○	Sikhism/Sikh
Thursday	Mar 25 2027	Annunciation	Orthodox Christianity,
Friday	Mar 26, 2027	Good Friday •	Christianity/Christian



Monday	Mar 29, 2027	Easter Monday •	Christianity/Christian
Monday	Apr 5, 2027	Qingming	Chinese
Tuesday	Apr 6, 2027	Yazidi New Year's Eve (Evening) ○	Yazidism
Wednesday	Apr 7, 2027	Yazidi New Year (Çarşema Sor)	Yazidism
Wednesday	Apr 14, 2027	Vaisakhi / Khalsa Day •	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism/Buddhism
Wednesday	Apr 21, 2027	First Day of Ridván •	Bahá'i
Wednesday	Apr 21, 2027	Pesach / Passover (Evening) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Thursday	Apr 22-29, 2027	Pesach / Passover •	Judaism/Jewish
Thursday	Apr 29, 2027	Ninth Day of Ridván •	Bahá'i
Friday	April 30 2027	Good Friday/Holy Friday •	Orthodox Christianity
Thursday	May 6, 2027	Ascension Day (Evening) ○	Christianity/Christian
Thursday	May 13, 2027	Vesak	Buddhism
Friday	May 14, 2027 Tentative	Eve of The Day of Arafah (Evening, Main Observance May 15) ○	Islam/Muslim



Monday	May, 17-20, 2027 Tentative	Eid al Adha (Evening, Observance starts May 16 concludes May 20) •	Islam/Muslim
Monday to Tuesday	May 17, 18 2027	Pentecost/ Pinjsten	Mennonite
Thursday	May 20 2027	Vesak	Buddhism
Monday	May 24, 2027	Declaration of the Báb •	Bahá'í
Wednesday	Jun 9, 2027	Dragon Boat Festival (Duanwu)	Chinese
Friday	Jun 11, 2027	Shavuot (Evening. Main Observance June 12-13) ○	Judaism/Jewish
Tuesday	Jun 15, 2027 Tentative	Ashura •	Islam/Muslim
Wednesday	Jun 16, 2027	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Evening) ○	Sikhism/Sikh
Thursday	Jun 17, 2027	Himmelfoah	German-Speaking Mennonite
Monday	Jun 21, 2027	National Indigenous Peoples Day •	Indigenous Spirituality
Monday	Jun 21, 2027	Litha	Wicca/Pagan/Celtic
Monday	Jun 21, 2027	Ascension Day (Evening) ○	Orthodox Christianity
Friday	Jun 25, 2027	Pinjste	German-Speaking Mennonite

