

Religious & Cultural Holidays at RSSAA 2021-22

Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor is a diverse community reflecting many traditions and perspectives. If each of us is sensitive to both the direct and subtle ways we demonstrate respect and appreciation for these differences, we will each be a positive force in providing a multi-cultural education for our students. We are committed to honoring the rich cultural diversity within our community.

HOLIDAYS GUIDELINES

Classification of the significance of a holiday's observance is based on recommendations from representatives of the religious group. A balance between the formal religious standard and the actual contemporary observance of the holiday has been the intended aim of these recommendations.

Holiday observances of major significance to a group are indicated on the online Academic Calendar by three stars (***) and "Event-Free Day". The following rules apply:

RSSAA may not schedule any of the following during *** holidays.

1. Major exams
2. Reviews for major exams
3. Tryouts; for example, teams, plays
4. One-time or major events (festivals, class photos, dances, etc.)
5. Class/Parent meetings

Students will likely be with their families or at a place of worship in observance of these holidays. They might not be in school and/or have time available to do the required homework. Absence to observe these holidays should be excused, and make-up privileges should be the same as the make-up privileges offered to a student who has an excused absence due to illness.

Exceptions: The two exceptions to this policy are during the first and last weeks of school. Since we are unable to move school start and end dates or the events that are specific to them, such as graduation, those events may be scheduled on a *** holiday.

6	September	***Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset
7	September	***Rosh Hashanah
8	September	***Rosh Hashanah
15	September	***Yom Kippur begins at sunset
16	September	***Yom Kippur
20	September	**Sukkot begins at sunset
21-27	September	**Sukkot
27	September	**Shemini Atzeret begins at sunset
28	September	**Shemini Atzeret **Simchat Torah begins at sunset
29	September	**Shemini Torah
28	November	*Chanukah/Hanukkah begins at sunset

29-6	Nov-Dec	*Chanukah/Hanukkah
25	December	*** Christmas
26-1	Dec-Jan	Kwanzaa
6	January	***Epiphany
7	January	***Feast of the Nativity
2	March	**Ash Wednesday
16	March	*Purim begins at sunset
17-18	March	*Purim
1	April	***Ramadan begins at sunset
2	April	***Ramadan first day
10	April	***Palm Sunday
15	April	***Passover/Pesach begins at sunset ***Good Friday
16	April	***Passover/Pesach first two days
17	April	***Passover/Pesach first two days ***Easter ***Orthodox Palm Sunday
22	April	***Passover/Pesach last two days
23	April	***Passover/Pesach last two days
22	April	***Orthodox Holy Friday
24	April	***Orthodox Easter
2	May	***Eid al-Fitr begins at sunset
3	May	***Eid al-Fitr
4	June	**Shavot begins at sunset
5-6	June	**Shavot