

\* Revised on July 12, 2016 to include “Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary” August 15, 2016 and “Mary, Mother of God” January 1, 2017 .

2016-17 School-Year	Observance
<b>July 2016</b>	
July 2	Laylat as-Qadr (Islam)*
July 7-9	Eid al Fitr (Islam)*
July 9	Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha’i)
July 19	Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist) Guru Purnima (Hindu)*
August 16	Ulambana/Obon (Buddhist)
<b>August 2016</b>	
August 1	Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Lammas (Christian and Wicca)
August 6	Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
August 7	Naga Panchami (Hindu)*
August 14	Tish’a B’Av (Jewish)
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic Christian)</b>
August 18	Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)*
August 25	Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)*
<b>September 2016</b>	
September 1	Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 5	Ganesha Chaturthi (Hindu)*
September 7	His Holiness Sakya Trizin’s Birthday (Buddhist)
September 8	Nativity of Mary (Christian) Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 10	Hajj Day (Islam)*
September 11-14	Eid al Adha (Islam)*
September 14	Onam (Hindu)*; The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
<b>October 2016</b>	
October 1-10	Navaratri (Hindu)*
October 3	Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 3-4	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
October 11	Duserra (Hindu)*
October 12	Yom Kippur (Jewish) Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 17-23	Sukkot (Jewish) Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 20	Birth of B’ab (Baha’i) Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh)
October 24	Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God); Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)
October 25	Simcat Torah (Jewish)
October 30	Diwali (Hindu, Jain and Sikh)*
October 31	Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)*

<b>November 2016</b>	
November 1	All Saints' Day (Christian) Samhain-Beltane (Wicca) Birth of the Bab
November 2	All Souls' Day (Christian) Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
November 14	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)
November 15	Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 21	The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 24	Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikh)
November 25	Day of Covenant (Baha'i)
November 27	First Sunday of Advent (Christian) Ascension of 'Abdu'l Baha (Baha'i)
<b>December 2016</b>	
December 8	Bodhi Day (Buddhist) Immaculate Conception (Christian)
December 14	Mawlid an Nabi (Islam)*
December 21	Yule (Wicca and Christian)
December 25	Christmas (Christian) The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
December 25-January 1	Hanukkah (Jewish)
December 26	Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)
<b>January 2017</b>	
January 1	Gantan-sai (Shinto) <b>Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian</b>
January 3 through 10	Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
January 5	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib (Sikh)
January 6	Feast of Epiphany (Christian) Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)
January 7	Feast of the Nativity (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
January 13	Maghi (Sikh)
January 14	Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)*
January 15	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
January 28	Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
<b>February 2017</b>	
February 1	Vasant Panchami (Hindu)*
February 2	Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian); The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
February 11	Tu B'shvat (Jewish)
February 15	Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
February 25	Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)*
February 25 -28	Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
February 28	Shrove Tuesday (Christian)

<b>March 2017</b>	
March 1	Ash Wednesday (Christian)
March 12	Purim (Jewish)
March 13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology) Holi (Hindu)* Hola Mohalla (Sikh)
March 20	Ostara (Wicca) Naw Ruz (Baha'i)
March 21	Nowruz (Zoroastrian)
March 25	The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian) The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christian)
March 27	Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
March 28	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian) Chandramana Yugadi (Hindu)* Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)*
<b>April 2017</b>	
April 1	Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 2	Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 5	Ramnavami (Hindu)*
April 9	Palm Sunday (Christian)
April 10	Passover (Philadelphia Church of God); Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)
April 11	Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness) Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)* First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
April 11-14	Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)
April 11-17	Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)
April 11-18	Passover (Jewish)
April 13	Holy Thursday (Christian, Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 13-20	Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 14	Holy Friday (Christian, Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 16	Easter (Christian, Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 17	Easter Monday (Christian) Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God) Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 20	First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
April 24	Lailat al Miraj (Islam)*
April 25	The 11 <sup>th</sup> Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist)
April 28	Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
<b>May 2017</b>	
May 1	Beltane (Wicca) Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish) Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
May 10	Buddha's Birthday/Buddha Day – Visakha Puja (Buddhist)
May 12	Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)*
May 14	Lag B'Omer (Jewish)
May 23	Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)

May 25	Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)
May 27	Ramadan (Islam)
May 28	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
May 31 – June 1	Shavuot (Jewish)
<b>June 2017</b>	
June 4	Pentecost (Christian) Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)
June 21	Litha (Wicca)
June 29	Fast of the Holy Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

*\* Disclaimer: New Jersey Department of Education has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy of the dates. The information has been verified through the use of various sources and some dates may vary due to the lunar, Gregorian and Julian calendars.*

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