

Forest Hills Public Schools 2020-2021



Faith-based and Cultural Celebrations Calendar

■ typically begins at sundown the day before this date.
grey highlight indicates highly observed

July/August/September 2020

- July 31 Eid al-Adha – Islamic
- August 20 Al-Hijira – Islamic
- August 26 Radha Ashtami – Hinduism
- August 29 Ashura – Islamic
- Sept. 19-20 Rosh Hashanah – Judaism
- Sept. 28 Yom Kippur - Judaism

October 2020

- 3-4 Sukkot – Judaism
- 10 Sh'mini Atzeret – Judaism
- 11 Simchat Torah – Judaism
- 17-25 Navaratri – Hinduism
- 19 Birth of Baha'u'llah – Baha'i
- 22-26 Durga Puja – Hinduism
- 25 Dussehra – Hinduism
- 31 Halloween (Cultural Holiday)
- 31-Nov. 2 Dia de los Muertos (Latin Am. Cultural)

November 2020

- 1 All Saints Day – Christian
- 2 All Souls' Day – Christian
- 11 Veteran's Day (National Holiday)
- 14 Bandi Chhor – Sikh
- 14 Diwali – Hinduism
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur – Sikh
- 29 Advent Sunday - Christian
- 30 Birthday of Guru Nanak – Sikh

December 2020

- 8 Bodhi Day – Buddhism
- 11-18 Hanukkah – Judaism
- 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Christian
- 24 Christmas Eve – Christian
- 25 Christmas – Christian
- 26-Jan. 1 Kwanzaa (Cultural)

January 2021

- 5 Guru Gobind Singh Birthday – Sikh
- 6 Epiphany – Christian
- 8 Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian
- 13 Maghi – Sikh
- 16 Vasant Panchami – Hinduism
- 18 Martin Luther King Day (National Holiday)
- 21 World Religion Day – Baha'i
- 29-31 Mahayana New Year – Buddhism

February 2021

- 12 Chinese New Year – Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist
- 14 Valentine's Day (Cultural Holiday)
- 15 Nirvana Day (Parinirvana) – Buddhist
- 17 President's Day (National Holiday)
- 17 Ash Wednesday – Christian
- 25-28 Intercalary Days – Baha'i

February 2021 (cont.)

- 26 Magha Puja Day – Buddhist
- 26 Purim – Judaism

March 2021

- 2-20 Nineteen Day Fast – Baha'i
- 15 Great Lent Begins – Orthodox Christian
- 17 St. Patrick's Day (CHoliday)
- 21 Orthodox Sunday – Orthodox Christian
- 21 Naw Ruz – Baha'i
- 25 Annunciation Blessed Virgin – Catholic
- 28 Palm Sunday – Christian
- 28 Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian
- Mar. 28-Apr. 4 Passover (Pesach) – Judaism
- 29 Holi – Hinduism
- 29 Hola Mohalla – Sikh
- 29 Lailat al Bara'ah – Islam

April 2021

- 1 Maundy Thursday – Christian
- 2 Good Friday – Christian
- 2 Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian
- 4 Easter – Christian
- 9 Yom HaShoah – Judaism
- 12 New Year – Hindu
- 13 Baisakhi-New Year – Sikh
- 13 Ramadan begins – Islam
- 13-21 Ramayana Week – Hindu
- 17 Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Judaism
- 20 First Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
- 21 Ramanavami – Hindu
- 27 Theravadin – Buddhist
- 27 Hanuman Jayanti – Hindu
- 28 Ninth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
- 30 Lag B'Omer – Judaism

May 2021

- 1 Twelfth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
- 1 Great Lent ends – Orthodox Christian
- 2 Pascha – Orthodox Christian
- 17-18 Shavuot - Judaism
- 23 Declaration of the Bab – Baha'i
- 23 Pentecost – Christian
- 28 Ascension of Baha'u'llah – Baha'i
- 30 Trinity Sunday – Christian
- 31 Memorial Day (National Holiday)

June 2021

- 3 Corpus Christi – Catholic
- 16 Guru Arjan Dev Martyrdom – Sikh

Why Is This Important?

As our district grows, we will continue to become home for a wider array of faith and cultural traditions. As a public institution, we are committed to the principles of equity and inclusiveness and to minimizing situations where families must choose between school events and religious holidays.

Religion in the Public Schools

Faith-based celebrations may be included in school curricula as opportunities to learn. Educators should make sure to teach children about the holiday celebrations of a number of different traditions rather than focus on a single holiday. For example, in any given year a number of holidays may occur in December and may lend them to a lesson highlighting similarities and differences of various celebrations held in the winter season.

Ethnic Groups:

White	78.9%
Asian	8.3%
African American.....	3.4%
Multiracial.....	5.2%
Hispanic.....	4.0%
American Indian1%
Hawaiian/Pacific islander	0%

Classroom Suggestions and Materials

September	Hispanic Heritage*
October	Filipino American History* Italian History* Polish American History*
November	Native American*
December	Human Rights*
January	Middle Eastern Heritage Awareness*
February	Black/African-American History*
March	Women's History* Irish-American History*
April	Autism Awareness* European American Heritage*
May	Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage* Jewish American Heritage*
June	Caribbean American Heritage*



Classroom Suggestions and Materials

ADL: <http://www.adl.org/education-outreach/anti-bias-education/c/calendar-of-observances.html>

Teachersfirst: <http://www.teachersfirst.com/calendar/?m=0>

UMich Downloadable Outreach Calendar: <http://www.ii.umich.edu/ii/resources/fork14educators>

Connecting Cultures has a downloadable: <http://www.culturesconnecting.com/resources.html>

A fun and interesting one on Brownie Locks: <http://www.brownielocks.com/month2.html>

An app from United Nations: <https://unp.un.org/calendar//>

Smithsonian Education: Celebrate History and Heritage: http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/index.html

ReadWriteThink Classroom Resources – Calendar Activities: http://www.readwritethink.org/search/?resource_type_filtering=6-16-18-20&resource_type=20

Diversity Central Heritage Month Information: http://www.diversitycentral.com/heritage_month.html

Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding tanenbaum.org

Language Groups in FHPS

Afrikaans	English	Konkani	Punjabi	Tagalog
Albanian	Farsi	Korean	Pushto	Tamil
Amharic	Finnish	Kurdish	Romania	Telugu
Arabic	French	Latvian	Russian	Tigrinya
Bengali	German	Malay	Serbo-	Turkish
Bosnian	Gujarati	Malayalam	Sidamo	Ukrainian
Burmese	Hebrew	Nepali	Somali	Urdu
Chinese	Hindi	Oromo	Spanish	Vietnamese
Dinka	Hmong	Polish	Sundanese	
Dutch	Japanese	Portuguese	Swahili	

The policy of this district is to provide equal opportunities for all students to achieve their potential regardless of gender, religion, race, color, national origin or ancestry, age, disability, marital status, place of residence, social or economic status, and/or any other legally protected characteristics.