

Forest Hills Public Schools 2021-2022



Faith-based and Cultural Celebrations Calendar

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

July/August/September 2021

- July 20 Eid al-Adha – Islamic
- August 10 Al-Hijira – Islamic
- August 19 Ashura – Islamic
- Sept. 7-8 Rosh Hashanah – Judaism
- Sept. 14 Radha Ashtami – Hinduism
- Sept. 16 Yom Kippur - Judaism
- Sept. 21-27 Sukkot – Judaism
- Sept. 28-29 Sh'mini Atzeret – Judaism
- Sept. 29 Simchat Torah – Judaism

October 2021

- 7-15 Navaratri – Hinduism
- 11-15 Durga Puja – Hinduism
- 15 Dussehra – Hinduism
- 31 Halloween (Cultural Holiday)
- 31-Nov. 2 Dia de los Meurtos (Latin Am. Cultural)

November 2021

- 1 All Saints Day – Christian
- 2 All Souls' Day – Christian
- 4 Bandi Chhor – Sikh
- 4 Diwali – Hinduism
- 7 Birth of Baha'u'llah – Baha'i
- 11 Veteran's Day (National Holiday)
- 19 Birthday of Guru Nanak – Sikh
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur – Sikh
- 28 Advent Sunday - Christian
- Nov. 29-Dec. 6 Hanukkah – Judaism

December 2021

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

January 2022

- 5 Vasant Panchami – Hinduism
- 6 Epiphany – Christian
- 7 Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian
- 9 Guru Gobind Singh Birthday – Sikh
- 16 Maghi – Sikh
- 16 World Religion Day – Baha'i
- 17 Martin Luther King Day (National Holiday)
- 30-Feb. 1 Mahayana New Year – Buddhism

February 2022

- 1 Chinese New Year – Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist
- 14 Valentine's Day (Cultural Holiday)
- 15 Nirvana Day (Parinirvana) – Buddhist
- 16 Magha Puja Day – Buddhist
- 21 President's Day (National Holiday)
- 25-Mar. 1 Intercalary Days – Baha'i

March 2022

- 2 Ash Wednesday – Christian
- 2-20 Nineteen Day Fast – Baha'i
- 7 Great Lent Begins – Orthodox Christian
- 17 Purim – Judaism
- 17 St. Patrick's Day (CHoliday)
- 18 Holi – Hinduism
- 18 Hola Mohalla – Sikh
- 19 Lailat al Bara'ah – Islam
- 21 Naw Ruz – Baha'i
- 25 Annunciation Blessed Virgin – Catholic

April 2022

- 1 New Year – Hindu
- 2-10 Ramayana Week – Hindu
- 3 Ramadan begins – Islam
- 10 Palm Sunday – Christian
- 10 Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian
- 10 Ramanavami – Hindu
- 14 Baisakhi-New Year – Sikh
- 14 Maundy Thursday – Christian
- 15 Good Friday – Christian
- 15 Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian
- 16-22 Passover (Pesach) – Judaism
- 16 Theravada – Buddhist
- 16 Hanuman Jayanti – Hindu
- 17 Easter – Christian
- 21 First Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
- 23 Great Lent ends – Orthodox Christian
- 24 Pascha – Orthodox Christian
- 24 Orthodox Sunday – Orthodox Christian
- 28 Yom HaShoah – Judaism
- 29 Ninth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i

May 2022

- 2 Twelfth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
- 6 Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Judaism
- 19 Lag B'Omer – Judaism
- 23 Declaration of the Bab – Baha'i
- 28 Ascension of Baha'u'llah – Baha'i
- 30 Memorial Day (National Holiday)

June 2022

- 5 Pentecost – Christian
- 5-6 Shavuot - Judaism
- 12 Trinity Sunday – Christian
- 16 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	79.5%
Asian	8.9%
African American	3.2%
Multiracial.....	5.6%
Hispanic	2.5%
American Indian.....	0.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.....	.03%

Language Groups in FHPS:

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



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*

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

Teachersfirst:

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

We Need Diverse Books:

<https://diversebooks.org>

Understanding Prejudice

<https://secure.understandingprejudice.org>

Learning for Justice (formally Teaching Tolerance)

<https://www.learningforjustice.org>

Tanenbaum – Combating Religious Prejudice

<https://tanenbaum.org>

A fun and interesting one on Brownie Locks:

<http://www.brownielocks.com/month2.html>

ReadWriteThink Classroom Resources – Calendar

Activities:

http://www.readwritethink.org/search/?resource_type_filtering=6-16-18-20&resource_type=20

*Posters available in the GLI Library

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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.