

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

November 13, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: 2013–2014 School Calendar

I recommend adoption of the attached calendar for the 2013–2014 school year (Attachments A and B). The recommended school calendar allows for the effective use of time for teaching and learning and provides opportunities for professional growth and planning instructional strategies focused on improving student achievement.

The school calendar is based on 184 instructional days for students (four more than the minimum days required by the state of Maryland) and 193 duty days for teachers. In addition, the Montgomery County Education Association (MCEA) contract includes 16 hours of unscheduled professional time for teachers. The contingency plan, indicating when days will be made up if the number of emergency closings exceeds four days, also is attached (Attachment C).

During the last several years, changes regarding the school calendar have occurred as a result of key stakeholder involvement. Staff in the Office of the Chief Operating Officer uses a collaborative review process to solicit input on drafting the proposed school calendar that includes representation from the Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations (MCCPTA), MCEA, the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals (MCAAP), the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 500, the Maryland Association of Student Councils—Montgomery County Region, and other community and school system leadership.

Every effort was made to schedule professional days on Mondays and Fridays or following a holiday—a more family-friendly arrangement. During discussions with stakeholders, the following comments or questions were raised.

- **Parents and community members expressed an interest in knowing all of the early release dates soon after the calendar is adopted rather than in early spring when the school operations calendar is distributed.** Early release days are shown on the calendar. However, early release days for interims and planning for the first and third marking periods remain tentative and will not be finalized until the school operations

calendar is distributed in early spring 2013. Early release days for K–8 parent conferences are considered set dates—November 11 (Veterans’ Day) and November 12.

- **Parents continue to express interest in having as many non-school days as possible occur on a Monday or Friday.** The proposed calendar accommodates that request to the extent possible.
- **A leader from the Muslim Community Center was a part of the calendar committee and was consulted a number of times during the summer.** The community leadership acknowledged that we are a school district rich in diverse religions, ethnicities, and cultures and wants to be assured that Muslim students are not penalized for being absent on specific holidays. Additionally, we received a number of communications (e-mails, letters, and conversations) expressing the desire to ensure that Muslim holidays were recognized by Montgomery County Public Schools and requesting that the school system considers closing on Eid al-Fitr (Thursday, August 8, 2013) and Eid al-Adha (Tuesday, October 15, 2013).

It should be noted that absences for religious holidays are considered excused; students may make up work and are not penalized. Decisions about closing on certain holidays were not based on honoring or favoring a particular religious, cultural, or ethnic group. The decisions to close on specific holidays were based on either a legal requirement or experience of significant student and staff absenteeism impacting the school system’s ability to continue an instructional program and operate safe schools. It should be noted that eight districts in Maryland close for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur—Baltimore City and Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties. Further, no districts in Maryland close for any Muslim religious holidays.

Given the input received from the community, staff will monitor the impact of the Muslim holidays on school attendance. In prior years, there have been no attendance issues on these holidays.

- **All three employee associations were pleased that the collective bargaining agreements were amended in spring 2011 regarding the early release day on the Wednesday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday.** The three agreements allow for employees to leave two hours early without charge to their leave.
- **Appreciation was expressed by all stakeholders for our commitment to seek collaborative feedback annually and prior to the development of a Board-adopted calendar.**

Members of the Board of Education and some stakeholders expressed an interest in receiving school calendars for two years. As such, a draft calendar for the 2014–2015 school year is attached (Attachment D). The greatest challenge with proposing a school year calendar two years in

advance is the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) testing calendar. MSDE testing dates have changed a number of times during the last several years, and changes could impact the scheduling of professional days and spring break for the 2014–2015 school year. Nonetheless, while Good Friday and Easter Monday are April 3 and April 6, respectively, spring break dates have been identified as tentative: March 30–April 2 or April 7–10, 2015.

In previous years during discussions regarding the school calendar, members of the Board of Education indicated that they desire to know the testing dates when adopting the Board calendar. The most current version of the MSDE testing calendar is provided for your information (Attachment E). It is important to remember that the state of Maryland has changed these dates in prior years.

Additionally, a copy of the Interfaith Calendar for 2013–2014 has been provided (Attachment F) as a reference for religious holidays that MCPS would consider as excused absences.

As previously indicated in this memorandum, the amount of unscheduled professional time is 16 hours. The designated professional days/time will be used to implement professional learning communities for teachers and other staff to discuss best practices and instructional strategies, and review student data, focusing on specific activities related to the achievement of their students and the teaching and learning process. The 16 hours of professional time provides flexibility to meet the needs of school staff and individual teams and departments. The schedule for these hours will involve work after the normal school day, on weekends, or on other days not scheduled as duty days for teachers, including additional preservice time.

The professional days at the end of each marking period—November 1, 2013, January 21, 2014, and March 28, 2014—will be non-school days to be used for report card preparation, planning, and professional development. The early release days on the calendar are for interim grade reports and planning, parent conferences in November for elementary and middle schools, and the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving.

The following considerations are included in the recommended 2013–2014 school year calendar:

- School beginning on Monday, August 26, 2013
- A student year of 184 instructional days, including 4 contingency days
- A teacher year of 193 duty days, plus 16 hours of unscheduled professional time
- Nine professional days with no school for students—five preservice days beginning Monday, August 19, 2013; three days for report card preparation/planning—Friday, November 1, 2013, Tuesday, January 21, 2014, and Friday, March 28, 2014; and the last day of the school year for teachers on Friday, June 13, 2014

- A non-school day on Thursday, September 5, 2013, for Rosh Hashanah (note: Yom Kippur is on Saturday, September 14, 2013)
- Tentative Early Release Days—Two early release days for all students on Friday, September 27, 2013, and Friday, February 28, 2014, for planning and interims (per the MCEA negotiated agreement)
- Early Release Days—Two early release days for parent conferences in elementary and middle schools on Monday, November 11 and Tuesday, November 12, 2013, and one early release day on the day before the Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday, November 27, 2013
- Friday, October 18, 2013—The Maryland State Educators Association Convention and the MCAAP fall conference—no school for teachers/students
- Spring break the week before Easter, which falls on Sunday, April 20, 2014
- Twelve holidays
- The last day of school for students on Thursday, June 12, 2014

Please refer to Attachment C, the School Contingency Calendar for 2013–2014, which identifies when days will be made up if we exceed four days of emergency closings.

Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS, The establishment of school terms by the Board of Education is required by Maryland State law; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools parents, community members, students, and staff should be informed of the Board-adopted school calendar each year and the subsequent contingency plan identifying days that will be used to make up lost instructional time due to emergency closings; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the proposed calendar and contingency plan for Montgomery County Public Schools for the 2013–2014 school year be adopted.

Present at the Board table for today’s discussion are Mr. Larry A. Bowers, chief operating officer and Ms. Robin L. Confino, executive director to the chief operating officer.

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Attachments

School Calendar for 2013–2014

2013		
Thursday, July 4, 2013	Holiday	Independence Day
Monday through Friday, August 19, 20, 21, 22, 23		Professional days for teachers
Monday, August 26		First day of school for students
Monday, September 2	Holiday	Labor Day
Thursday, September 5	Rosh Hashanah	No school for students and teachers (Note: Yom Kippur is Saturday, September 14, 2013)
Friday, September 27	Tentative	Tentative early release for all students— planning/grades/interims
Friday, October 18		Maryland State Education Association Conference/MCAAP Fall Conference—no school for students and teachers
Friday, November 1		Professional day for teachers (no school for students)— planning/report card preparation and duty day for designated 10- month employees for professional development activities
Monday and Tuesday, November 11 and 12		Early release days, K–8 (parent conferences)
Wednesday, November 27		Early release prior to Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29	Holidays	Thanksgiving
Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25	Holidays	Christmas
December 23, 26, 27, 30, 31		Winter break—no school for students and teachers
2014		
Wednesday, January 1, 2014	Holiday	New Year's Day
Monday, January 20	Holiday	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Tuesday, January 21		Professional day for teachers (specified 10-month employees work)—no school for students
Monday, February 17	Holiday	Presidents' Day
Friday, February 28	Tentative	Tentative early release for all students—planning/grades
Friday, March 28		Professional day for teachers—no school for students
Monday through Thursday, April 14, 15, 16, 17		Spring break—no school for students and teachers
Friday and Monday, April 18 and April 21	Holidays	Good Friday and Easter Monday
Monday, May 26	Holiday	Memorial Day
Thursday, June 12		Last day of school for students—early release, K–12
Friday, June 13		Professional day for teachers

Note: Tuesday, June 24, 2014, is the Maryland State Gubernatorial Primary Election date.

PRELIMINARY SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FY 2013 – 2014

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2014

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-  Holiday
-  No school for students and teachers
-  First and last day of school
-  Professional day
-  Early Release Day

**SCHOOL CONTINGENCY CALENDAR
2013–2014 School Year**

If the school year should be disrupted by emergencies and schools are closed—

5 days—the school year will be extended by one day to June 13, 2014;

6 days—the school year will be extended by two days to June 13 and 16, 2014;

7 days—the school year will be extended by three days to June 13, 16, and 17,
2014;

8 days—the school year will be extended by four days to June 13, 16, 17, and 18,
2014; and

9 days—the school year will be extended by five days to June 13, 16, 17, 18, and
19, 2014

DRAFT School Calendar for 2014–2015

2014		
Friday, July 4, 2013	Holiday	Independence Day
August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22		Professional days for teachers
Monday, August 25		First day of school for students
Monday, September 1	Holiday	Labor Day
Wednesday, September 24	Tentative	Tentative early release for all students— planning/grades/interims
Thursday, September 25	Rosh Hashanah	No school for students and teachers (Note: Yom Kippur is Saturday, October 4, 2014)
Friday, October 17		Maryland State Educators Association Conference/MCAAP Fall Conference—no school for students and teachers
Thursday, October 30		Professional day for teachers (no school for students)— planning/report card preparation and duty day for designated 10- month employees for professional development activities
Tuesday, November 4	Holiday	Maryland State Gubernatorial Election Day
Monday and Tuesday, November 10 and 11		Early release days, K–8 (parent conferences)
Wednesday, November 26		Early release prior to Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28	Holidays	Thanksgiving
Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25	Holidays	Christmas
December 26, 29, 30, 31		Winter break—no school for students and teachers
2015		
Thursday, January 1, 2015	Holiday	New Year's Day
Friday, January 2		Winter break—no school for students and teachers
Monday, January 19	Holiday	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Tuesday, January 20		Professional day for teachers (specified 10-month employees work)—no school for students
Monday, February 16	Holiday	Presidents' Day
Friday, February 27	Tentative	Tentative early release for all students—planning/grades
Thursday, March 26		Professional day for teachers—no school for students
Monday through Thursday, March 30, 31, April 1, 2 OR Tuesday through Friday, April 7, 8, 9, 10	Tentative	Spring break—no school for students and teachers
Friday and Monday, April 3 and 6	Holidays	Good Friday and Easter Monday
Monday, May 25	Holiday	Memorial Day
Friday, June 12		Last day of school for students—early release, K–12
Monday, June 15		Professional day for teachers

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High School Assessments (HSA)

- End-of-course Tests: English*, Algebra/Data Analysis*, Biology*, and Government

Modified High School Assessments (Mod-HSA)

- End-of-course Tests: Mod-English*, Mod-Algebra/Data Analysis*, Mod-Biology*, and Mod-Government

Maryland School Assessment (MSA)

- Grades 3 – 8 in reading and mathematics
- End-of-course tests in English*, Algebra/Data Analysis*, and Biology*
- Grades 5 and 8 in science

Alternate Maryland School Assessment (Alt-MSA)

- Grades 3 – 8 and grade 10 in reading and mathematics, and grades 5, 8, and 10 in science for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to participate in the Maryland School Assessment, even with accommodations

English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)

- Test of English language proficiency administered to active English learners in Grades K through 12
- Measures English language proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing, comprehension, and literacy

**Statewide Primary Test Administrations Are Not Scheduled on These
 Religious Holidays****

Holiday	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Rosh Hashanah	Sept. 17-18, 2012	Sept. 5-6, 2013	Sept. 25-26, 2014
Yom Kippur	Sept. 26, 2012	Sept. 14, 2013	Oct. 4, 2014
First of Ramadan***	July 20, 2012 July 9, 2013	July 9, 2013 June 28, 2014	June 28, 2014 June 18, 2015
Eid Al-Fitre***	Aug. 19, 2012 Aug. 8, 2013	Aug. 8, 2013 July 28, 2014	July 28, 2014 July 17, 2015
Eid Al-Adha***	Oct. 26, 2012	Oct. 15, 2013	Oct. 4, 2014
Passover	March 26-27, 2013	April 15-16, 2014	April 4-5, 2015
Good Friday - Western	March 29, 2013	April 18, 2014	April 3, 2015
Good Friday - Orthodox	May 3, 2013	April 18, 2014	April 10, 2015
Shavuot	May 15, 2013	June 4, 2014	May 24, 2015

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*The end-of-course tests in English, Algebra/Data Analysis, and Biology are part of **both** the High School Assessment program **and** the Maryland School Assessment Education accountability program.

**Make-up test administrations may be scheduled on religious holidays, as long as another make-up testing date is available for students who were unable to test due to a religious observance.

***Actual dates may differ locally as determined by authoritative religious leaders. Students who observe holidays and miss school on alternative holiday dates should be allowed to use local make-up dates.

Test or Action	2012 -2013	2013 -2014	2014-2015 Projected
Alt-MSA: Opening of Test Administration Window	Sept. 4	Sept. 3	Sept. 2
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>October HSA/Mod HSA Administration</u>	August 17	August 16	August 15
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting	Sept. 11	Sept. 10	Sept. 9
ACCESS for ELL's Logistic Training For LACs and ESOL program managers and/or ESOL testing specialists	Sept. 27	Sept. 26	Sept. 25
HSA & Mod-HSA October Administration - Paper Note: October HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) have <u>one make-up day</u> used for all contents	Oct. 1–4 ----- 10/01—Alg/DA 10/02—English 10/03— Biology 10/4— Make-u p for all contents	Sept. 30 - Oct.3 ----- 09/30— Biology 10/01— Alg/DA 10/02— English 10/03— Make-up for all contents	Oct. 6 – Oct. 10 ----- 10/06—Government 10/07— English 10/08— Biology 10/09—Alg/DA 10/10 – Make-up for all contents
HSA & Mod-HSA October Administration-Online	Oct. 1–12	Sept. 30 – Oct. 11	Oct. 6 – 17
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>January HSA/Mod HSA Administration</u>	Nov. 26	Nov. 14	Nov. 13
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting Meeting to be held at MAG Conference	Nov. 15	Nov. 21	Nov. 20
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting Test Administration Training – MSA	Jan. 3	Jan. 7	Jan. 6
MSA Reading, Math, and Alt-MSA Pre-test file submission	Jan. 2 – 18	TBD	TBD

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Test or Action	2012 -2013	2013 -2014	2014-2015 Projected
MSA Science Pre-test file submission	Jan. 2 – March 1	TBD	TBD
ELPA (ACCESS for ELLs®) <i>Administration Window</i>	Jan. 14 – Feb. 15	Jan. 13 – Feb. 14	Jan. 12 – Feb. 13
ELPA Make-Up Window	Feb. 18 – Feb 22	Feb. 17 – Feb. 21	Feb. 16 – Feb. 20
HSA & Mod-HSA January Administration - Paper	Jan.7–10 1/07— Alg./DA 1/08— English 1/09— Biology 1/10--Government	Jan. 6–9 1/06—Government 1/07—Biology 1/08— Alg./DA 1/09—English	Jan 12—15 1/12—Government 1/13—English 1/14—Biology 1/15—Alg/DA
HSA & Mod-HSA January Make-up Testing - Paper <i>Note: January HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) have one make-up week</i>	Jan. 14–17 1/14—.Alg./DA 1/15— English 1/16— Biology 1/17—Government	Jan. 13–16 1/13—Government 1/14— Biology 1/15— Alg./DA 1/16—English	Jan. 20–23 1/20—Government 1/21—English 1/22—Biology 1/23--Alg/DA
HSA & Mod-HSA January Administration – Online	Jan.7–18	Jan. 6–17	Jan. 12–23
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>MSA Reading and Mathematics Administration</u>	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 16
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>Senior HSA/Mod HSA Administration</u>	Mar. 1	Feb. 21	Feb. 27
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>MSA Science Administration</u>	Feb. 22	Feb. 7	Feb. 27
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting (via Web-Ex) <i>Test Administration Training – MSA/Science</i>	Mar. 5	Mar. 4	Mar. 3
MSA Reading and Mathematics Test Administration: <i>Grades 3 – 8 in reading and mathematics</i>	March 4– March 13	March 3 – March 12	March 9 – 18

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Test or Action	2012 -2013	2013 -2014	2014-2015 Projected
MSA Reading and Mathematics Make-up Testing	March 14 – March 19	March 13 – March 18	March 19 – March 24
MSA Reading Test Administration Grades 5 and 7 Only (Online)	March 4 – March 22	March 3 – March 21	March 9 – March 27
Alt-MSA: Last date for Portfolio Construction	Feb. 26	Feb. 26	March 2
MSA and Alt-MSA: Deadline for LACs to submit Post-test files	April 4	TBD	TBD
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>May HSA/Mod HSA Administration</u>	April 5	April 4	April 3
MSA Science Test Administration – Paper Science testing in Grades 5 and 8	Apr. 8 – 19	March 24 – Apr 4	April 13 -- 24
MSA Science Test Administration – Online Science testing in Grades 5 and 8	April 8 - 26	March 24 – April 11	April 13 – May 1

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Test or Action	2012 -2013	2013 -2014	2014-2015 Projected
HSA & Mod-HSA Senior Administration - Paper Note: Senior HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) have <u>one make-up day</u> used for all contents	Apr. 15-18 04/15—Alg/DA 04/16—English 04/17—Biology 04/18—Make-up for all contents	Apr. 7-10 04/07—Biology 04/08—Alg/DA 04/09—English 04/10—Make-up for all contents	Apr. 13-17 04/13—Government 04/14—English 04/15—Biology 04/16—Alg/DA 04/17—Make-up for all contents
HSA & Mod-HSA Senior Administration - Online	Apr. 15 – 19	Apr. 7 – 11	April 13 – 17
HSA & Mod-HSA May Administration - Paper	May 20 - 23 5/20—Alg./DA 5/21—English 5/22—Biology 5/23--Government	May 19 – 22 5/19—Government 5/20—Biology 5/21—Alg/DA 5/22—English	May 18 – 21 5/18—Government 5/19—English 5/20—Biology 5/21—Alg/DA
HSA & Mod-HSA May Make-up Testing – Paper Note: May HSA & Mod-HSA (Paper) have <u>two make-up weeks</u>	May 28–31 & June 3–6 5/28—Alg./DA 5/29—English 5/30—Biology 5/31--Government 6/03—Alg./DA 6/04—English 6/05—Biology 6/06--Government	May 27–30 & June 2–6 5/27—Government 5/28—Biology 5/29—Alg./DA 5/30—English 6/02—Government 6/03—Biology 6/05—Alg./DA 6/06--English (No testing June 4)	May 26-29 & June 1-4 5/26-Government 5/27—English 5/28—Biology 5/29—Alg/DA 6/01—Government 6/02—English 6/03—Biology 6/04—Alg/DA
HSA and Mod-HSA May Administration - Online	May 20 – June 6 (No testing May 27)	May 19 – June 6 (No testing May 26 and June 4)	May 18 – June 4 (No testing May 25)
Unique Accommodation and Multiple Day Accommodation Requests are Due to MSDE for the <u>Summer HSA/Mod HSA Administration</u>	June 7	June 6	June 5

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Test or Action	2012 -2013	2013 -2014	2014-2015 Projected
Local Accountability Coordination Meeting (This full-day meeting includes training for Alt-MSA Administration for next testing year) Intended participants: LACs and Alt-MSA Facilitators	June 11	June 10	June 9
HSA & Mod-HSA Summer Administration Week #1 Testing - Paper Note: First Summer HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) testing week has <u>one make-up day</u> used for all contents.	July 22 - 25 ----- 7/22—Alg./DA 7/23—English 7/24—Biology 7/25—Make-up for all contents	July 21 – 25 ----- 7/21-Government 7/22-Biology 7/23-Alg./DA 7/24-English 7/25-Make-up for all contents	July 27 – 31 ----- 7/27—Government 7/28—English 7/29—Biology 7/30—Alg/DA 7/31—Make-up for all contents
HSA & Mod-HSA Summer Administration Week #1 Testing – Online	July 22 -- 26	July 21 – 25	July 27 – 31
HSA & Mod-HSA Summer Administration Week #2 Testing - Paper Note: Second Summer HSA and Mod-HSA (Paper) testing week have <u>one make-up day</u> used for all contents	July 29 – August 2 ----- 7/29—Alg./DA 7/30—English 7/31—Biology 8/01—Make-up for all contents	July 29 – August 4 ----- 7/29—Govenment 7/30—Biology 7/31—Alg./DA 8/01—English 8/04—Make-up for all contents	August 3 – 7 ----- 8/03—Govenment 8/04—English 8/05—Biology 8/06—Alg/DA 8/07—Make-up for all contents
HSA & Mod-HSA Summer Administration Week #2 Testing - Online	July 29 -- August 2	July 29 – August 4	August 3 – August 7

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

Primary sacred times for world religions

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015
2016 2017 2018 2019

Definitions ?&Answers Archive Resource Mart

2013

- Note: 1. * Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.**
2. ** Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date.
Bold titles are primary holy days of a tradition.

JANUARY 2013

- 1
 - Mary, Mother of God - **Catholic Christian**
 - Feast of St Basil - **Orthodox Christian**
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 - Dia de los Reyes - **Christian**
 - Nativity of Christ - **Armenian Orthodox**
- 7
 - **Nativity of Christ **** - **Orthodox Christian**
- 5
 - Twelfth Night - **Christian**
- 7
 - Feast of the Nativity ** - **Orthodox Christian**
- 13
 - Baptism of the Lord Jesus - **Christian**
 - Maghi - **Sikh**
- 15
 - World Religion Day - **Baha'i**
- 17
 - Blessing of the Animals - **Hispanic Catholic Christian**
- 18-25
 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - **Christian**
- 19
 - Timkat- **Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**
- 20
 - World Religion Day - **Baha'i**
- 24
 - Mawlid an Nabi * ** - **Islam**
- 25
 - Conversion of Saint Paul - **Christian**
- 26

- Tu BiShvat * - **Jewish**
- 27-30
 - Mahayana New Year ** - **Buddhist**

Definitions

FEBRUARY 2013

- 2
 - Candlemas - **Christian**
 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple - **Anglican Christian**
 - Saint Brigid of Kildare - **Celtic Christian**
 - Imbolc and Sughnassad * - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern and southern hemispheres
- 3
 - Four Chaplains Sunday- **Interfaith**
 - **Setsubun-sai** - **Shinto**
- 10
 - Transfiguration Sunday - **Christian**
 - **Chinese New Year** - **Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist**
- 12
 - Shrove Tuesday - **Christian**
- 13
 - Ash Wednesday - Lent begins through March 23 **Christian**
- 14
 - Nirvana Day ** - **Buddhist**
 - Valentine's Day - **Christian**
- 15
 - Vasant Panchami ** - **Hindu**
 - Nirvana ** - **Jain**
- 24
 - Purim * - **Jewish**
 - Triodion begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 26 - March 1
 - Intercalary Days * - **Baha'i**

Definitions

MARCH 2013

- 2 -20
 - Nineteen Day Fast * - **Baha'i**
- 10
 - Meatfare Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
 - Saint David of Wales - **Christian**
 - Maha Shivaratri - **Hindu**
- 13
 - L. Ron Hubbard birthday - **Scientology**
- 17
 - St Patrick's Day - **Christian**

- Cheesefare Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 18
 - Clean Monday - Lent begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 19
 - Saint Joseph's Day - **Christian**
- 20 Equinox
 - Ostara * - **Wicca/Pagan** northern hemisphere
 - Mabon * - **Wicca/Pagan** southern hemisphere
- 21
 - **Naw Ruz** (New Year) * - **Baha'i**
 - Norouz (New Year) - **Persian/Zoroastrian**
- 23
 - Lazarus Saturday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 24
 - Orthodox Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
 - Palm Sunday - **Christian**
- 25
 - Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin - **Christian**
- 26-27 *
 - **Pesach** (Passover) First two days * - **Judaism**
- 26
 - Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zaranhusht) **Zoroastrian**
- 27
 - **Magha Puja** Day ** - **Buddhist**
 - Lord's Evening Meal - **Jehovah's Witness Christian**
 - Holi ** - **Hindu**
- 28
 - Maundy Thursday - **Christian**
 - Hola Mohalla - **Sikh**
 - Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra ** - **Zoroastrian**
- 29
 - **Good Friday** - **Christian**
- 31
 - **Easter** - **Christian**

Definitions

APRIL 2013

- 2
 - **Pesach** - Last two days * - **Jewish**
- 7
 - Yom HaShoah * - **Jewish**
- 11
 - Hindu New Year ** - **Hindu**
- 11-20
 - Ramayana ** - **Hindu**
- 14

- **Baisakhi** - New Year - **Sikh**
- 15
 - Yom Ha'Atzmaut* - **Jewish**
- 20
 - Ramanavani ** - **Hindu**
- 21
 - First Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**
- 23
 - St. George Day - **Christian**
- 25
 - Hanuman Jayanti ** - **Hindu**
 - **Mahavir Jayanti** ** - **Jain**
- 25-28
 - Therevadin New Year ** - **Buddhist**
- 28
 - Lag B'Omer * - **Jewish**
- 29
 - Ninth Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**

Definitions

MAY 2013

- 1
 - **Beltane and Samhain** * - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern and southern hemispheres
- 2
 - Twelfth Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**
 - National Day of Prayer USA - **Interfaith**
- 3
 - **Holy Friday** - **Orthodox Christian**
- 5
 - **Easter/Pascha** - **Orthodox Christian**
- 9
 - Ascension Day - **Christian**
- 15-16
 - Shavuot * - **Jewish**
- 19
 - **Pentecost** (Whit Sunday) - **Christian**
- 23
 - **Declaration of the Bab** * - **Baha'i**
- 25
 - **Visakha Puja** - Buddha Day ** - **Buddhist**
- 26
 - Trinity Sunday - **Christian**
- 29
 - **Ascension of Baha'u'llah** * - **Baha'i**
- 30
 - Corpus Christi - **Catholic Christian**

Definitions**JUNE 2013**

- 5
 - Lailat al Miraj * ** - **Islam**
- 7
 - Sacred Heart of Jesus - **Catholic Christian**
- 13
 - Ascension of Jesus - **Orthodox Christian**
- 16
 - Guru Arjan Dev martyrdom - **Sikh**
- 19
 - New Church Day - **Swedenborgian Christian**
- 21 Solstice
 - Litha * - **Wicca/Pagan** northern hemisphere
 - Yule * - **Wicca/Pagan** southern hemisphere
- 23
 - Lailat al Bara'ah * ** - **Islam**
 - Pentecost - **Orthodox Christian**
- 24
 - Lailat al Bara'ah * - **Islam**
- 29
 - Saints Peter and Paul - **Christian**
- 30
 - All Saints - **Orthodox Christian**

Definitions**JULY 2013**

- 9
 - **Ramadan begins** * ** - **Islam**
 - Martyrdom of the Bab * - **Baha'i**
- 11
 - Saint Benedict Day - **Christian**
- 13-15
 - **Obon** ** - **Shinto -Buddhist**
- 15
 - Saint Vladimir Day - **Christian**
- 16
 - Tish'a B'Av* - **Judaism**
- 22
 - **Asalhka Puja Day** ** - **Buddhist**
- 24
 - Pioneer Day - **Mormon Christian**

Definitions

AUGUST 2013

- 1
 - Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Jesus - **Orthodox Christian**
 - Lammas - **Christian**
 - Lughnassad and Imbolc * ** - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern and southern hemispheres
- 3
 - Laylat al Kadr * - **Islam**
- 6
 - Transfiguration of the Lord - **Orthodox Christian**
- 8-11
 - **Eid al Fitr** * ** - **Islam**
- 15
 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - **Catholic Christian**
 - Dormition of the Theotokos _ **Orthodox Christian**
- 21
 - Raksha Bandhan ** - **Hindu**
- 28
 - **Krishna Janmashtami** ** - **Hindu**
- 29
 - Beheading of John the Baptist - **Christian**

Definitions

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 1
 - Ecclesiastical Year begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 5-6
 - **Rosh Hashanah** * - **Jewish**
- 9
 - Ganesh Chaturthi ** - **Hindu**
- 10
 - **Paryushana Parva** ** - **Jain**
- 14
 - **Yom Kippur*** - **Jewish**
 - Elevation of the Life Giving Cross - Holy Cross Day - **Christian**
- 19-25
 - Sukkot* - **Jewish**
- 22 Equinox
 - Mabon * - **Wicca/Pagan** northern hemisphere
 - Ostara * - **Wicca/Pagan** southern hemisphere
- 26
 - Shemini Atzeret * - **Jewish**
- 27
 - Simchat Torah * - **Jewish**
 - Meskel - **Ethiopian Christian**
- 29

- Michael and All Angels - **Christian**

OCTOBER 2013

- 4
 - Saint Francis Day - **Catholic Christian**
- 5-13
 - **Navaratri ** - Hindu**
- 14
 - Waqf al Arafa - Hajj Day * ** - **Islam**
 - Thanksgiving - Canada - **Interfaith**
 - Dasera ** - **Hindu**
- 15-18
 - **Eid al Adha * ** - Islam**
- 18
 - Saint Luke - Apostle and Evangelist - **Christian**
- 20
 - Birth of the Báb * - **Baha'i**
 - Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - **Sikh**
- 27
 - Reformation Day ** - **Protestant Christian**
- 31
 - All Hallows Eve - **Christian**

Definitions

NOVEMBER 2013

- 1
 - All Saints Day - **Christian**
 - **Samhain and Beltane * - Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres**
- 1-5
 - Deepavali ** - **Hindu**
- 2
 - All Soul's Day - **Catholic Christian**
- 3
 - **Diwali** - Deepavali ** - **Hindu - Jain - Sikh**
 - Jain New Year ** - **Jain**
- 4
 - Hijra - New Year * ** - **Islam**
- 12
 - Birth of Baha'u'llah * - **Bahai**
- 13
 - Ashura * ** - **Islam**
- 4
 - Christ the King - **Christian**
- 14
 - Winter Lent begins to 12/25 - **Orthodox Christian**
- 17

- **Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday - Sikh**
- 21
 - Yule - **Christian**
- 24
 - Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom - **Sikh**
- 26
 - Day of the Covenant * - **Baha'i**
- 28
 - Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha * - **Baha'i**
 - Thanksgiving - USA - **Interfaith**
- 28-Dec 5
 - Hanukkah * - **Judaism**
- 30
 - Saint Andrew's Day - **Christian**

Definitions

DECEMBER 2013

- 1 through 24
 - Advent (first Sunday) - **Christian**
- 6
 - Saint Nicholas Day - **Christian**
- 8
 - Rohatsu - Bodhi Day ** - **Buddhist**
 - Immaculate Conception of Mary - **Catholic Christian**
- 12
 - Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe - **Catholic Christian**
- 16-25
 - Posadas Navidenas - **Christian**
- 21 Solstice
 - Yule * - **Wicca/Pagan** northern hemisphere
 - Litha * - **Wicca/Pagan** southern hemisphere
 - Yule - **Christian**
- 24
 - Christmas Eve - **Christian**
- 25
 - **Christmas** * - **Christian**
- 26
 - Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra)** - **Zoroastrian**
- 28
 - Holy Innocents - **Christian**
- 29
 - Feast of the Holy Family - **Catholic Christian**
- 31
 - Watch Night - **Christian**

Definitions

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INTERFAITH CALENDAR

Primary sacred times for world religions

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2014**Note: 1. * Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.****2. ** Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date.****Bold titles are primary holy days of a tradition.****JANUARY 2014**

- 1
 - Mary, Mother of God - **Catholic Christian**
 - Feast of St Basil - **Orthodox Christian**
 - **Gantan-sai** (New Years) - **Shinto**
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- 5
 - Twelfth Night - **Christian**
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 - Epiphany - **Christian**
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- 13
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 - Maghi - **Sikh**
- 16-19
 - Mahayana New Year ** - **Buddhist**
- 17

- Blessing of the Animals - **Hispanic Catholic Christian**
- 18-25
 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - **Christian**
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 - World Religion Day - **Baha'i**
 - Timkat - **Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**
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 - Conversion of Saint Paul - **Christian**
- 26
 - Tu BiShvat * - **Jewish**
- 28
 - Feast of the Holy Family - **Catholic Christian**
- 31
 - **Chinese New Year** - **Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist**

Definitions

FEBRUARY 2014

- 2
 - Candlemas - **Christian**
 - Four Chaplains Sunday- **Interfaith**
 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple - **Anglican Christian**
 - Imbolc - Lughnassad - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern and southern hemispheres
- 3
 - **Setsubun-sai** - **Shinto**
- 4
 - Vasant Panchami ** - **Hindu**
- 14
 - Saint Valentine's Day - **Christian**
- 15
 - Nirvana Day ** - **Buddhist - Jain**
- 16
 - Triodion begins - **Christian**
- 24
 - Purim * - **Jewish**
- 26 - March 1

- Intercalary Days * - **Baha'i**
- 28
 - Maha Shivaratri ** - **Hindu**

Definitions

MARCH 2014

- 1
 - Saint David of Wales - **Christian**
- 2
 - Transfiguration Sunday - **Christian**
 - Meatfare Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 2 - 20
 - Nineteen Day Fast * - **Baha'i**
- 4
 - Shrove Tuesday - **Christian**
- 5
 - Ash Wednesday - Lent begins - **Christian**
- 10
 - Clean Monday - Lent begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 13
 - H. Ron Hubbard birthday - **Scientology**
- 16
 - Magha Puja Day ** - **Buddhist**
 - Orthodox Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 17
 - St Patrick's Day - **Christian**
 - Holi ** - **Hindu**
 - Hola Mohalla - **Sikh**
- 19
 - Saint Joseph's Day - **Christian**
- 20 Equinox
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 - Mabon * - **Wicca/Pagan** southern hemisphere
- 21
 - **Naw Ruz** (News Year)* - **Baha'i**
 - Norouz (New Year) - **Persian/Zoroastrian**
- 25
 - Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - **Christian**
- 28
 - Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zaranhusht) ** - **Zoroastrian**
- 31
 - Hindu New Year ** - **Hindu**
- 31-April 8
 - Ramayana ** - **Hindu**

Definitions

APRIL 2014

- 8
 - Ramanavami ** - **Hindu**
- 12
 - Lazarus Saturday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 13
 - Palm Sunday - **All Christians**
 - Mahavir Jayanti ** - **Jain**
- 14
 - Baisakhi New Year - **Sikh**
- 15
 - Lord's Evening Meal - **Jehovah's Witness Christian**
 - Hanuman Jayanti ** - **Hindu**
- 15-22 *
 - **Pesach** (Passover) - **Jewish**
- 17
 - Maundy Thursday - **Christian**
- 18
 - **Good (Holy) Friday** - **All Christian**
- 20
 - **Easter** - **All Christians**
- 21
 - First Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**
- 23
 - St. George Day - **Christian**
- 27
 - Yom HaShoah * - **Jewish**
- 29
 - Ninth Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**

Definitions

MAY 2014

- 1
 - National Day of Prayer - **Interfaith USA**
 - **Beltane - Samhain** * - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern and Southern hemispheres
- 2
 - Twelfth Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**
- 5
 - Yom Ha'Atzmaut* - **Jewish**
- 15-18
 - Theravadin New Year ** - **Buddhist**
- 18
 - Lag B'Omer* - **Jewish**
- 14
 - **Visakha Puja** - Buddha Day ** - **Buddhist**

- 23
 - **Declaration of the Bab * - Baha'i**
- 27
 - Lailat al Miraj * ** - **Islam**
- 29
 - Ascension of Jesus - **All Christians**
 - **Ascension of Baha'u'llah * - Baha'i**

Definitions

JUNE 2014

- 4-5
 - Shavuot * - **Jewish**
- 8
 - **Pentecost - All Christians**
- 9
 - Saint Columba of Iona - **Christian**
- 14
 - Lailat al Bara'ah * ** - **Islam**
- 15
 - Trinity Sunday - **Christian**
 - All Saints - **Orthodox Christian**
- 16
 - Guru Arjan Dev martyrdom - **Sikh**
- 19
 - New Church Day - **Swedenborgian Christian**
 - Corpus Christi - **Catholic Christian**
- 21 Solstice
 - Litha * - **Wicca/Pagan** northern hemisphere
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- 27
 - Sacred Heart of Jesus - **Catholic Christian**
- 28
 - **Ramadan Begins * ** - Islam**
- 29
 - Saints Peter and Paul - **Christian**

Definitions

JULY 2014

- 9
 - Martyrdom of the Bab * - **Baha'i**
- 13
 - Asalha Puja Day ** - **Buddhist**
- 13-15
 - **Obon ** - Shinto**

- 13-15
 - Ulambana - Obon ** - **Buddhist**
- 15
 - Saint Vladimir Day - **Christian**
- 23
 - Lalat al Kadr * ** - **Islam**
- 25
 - Emperor Haile Selassi I birthday - **Rastafari**
- 24
 - Pioneer Day - **Mormon Christian**
- 29-31
 - **Eid al Fitr** * ** - **Islam**

Definitions

AUGUST 2014

- 1
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 - Transfiguration of the Lord - **Orthodox Christian**
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 - Tish'a B'av * - **Jewish**
- 10
 - Raksha Bandhan ** - **Hindu**
- 15
 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - **Catholic Christian**
 - Dormition of the Theotokos - **Orthodox Christian**
- 17
 - Krishna Janmashtami ** - **Hindu**
- 29
 - Ganesh Chaturthi ** - **Hindu**
 - Beheading of John the Baptist - **Christian**
- 30
 - Paryushana Parva ** - **Jains**

Definitions

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 1
 - Ecclesiastical year begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 6
 - Nativity of Mary - **Christian**
- 14
 - Elevation of the Life Giving Cross - Holy Cross Day - **Christian**
- 22 Equinox

- Mabon * - **Wicca/Pagan** northern hemisphere
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- 24-25
 - **Rosh Hashanah** * - **Jewish**
- 17
- 27
 - Meskel- **Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**
- 29
 - Michael and All Angels - **Christian**
- 29 - October 3
 - **Navaratri** ** - **Hindu**

Definitions

OCTOBER 2014

- 3
 - Waqf al Arafa - Hajj Day * ** - **Islam**
- 4
 - **Yom Kippur** * - **Jewish**
 - Saint Francis Day - **Catholic Christian**
 - Dasera ** - **Hindu**
- 4-7
 - **Eid al Adha** * ** - **Islam**
- 9-15
 - Sukkot * - **Jewish**
- 13
 - Thanksgiving - Canada - **Interfaith**
- 16
 - Shemini Atzeret * - **Jewish**
- 17
 - Simchat Torah * - **Jewish**
- 20
 - Birth of the Báb * - **Baha'i**
 - Installation of Scriptures as Gukru Granth - **Sikh**
- 21-25
 - Deepavali ** - **Hindu**
- 23
 - **Diwali** - Deepavali ** - **Hindu - Jain - Sikh**
- 24
 - Jain New Year ** - **Jain**
- 25
 - Hijra - New Year * ** - **Islam**
- 26
 - Reformation Day ** - **Protestant Christian**
- 28
 - Milvian Bridge Day - **Christian**
- 31
 - All Hallow's Eve - **Christian**

Definitions**NOVEMBER 2014**

- 1
 - All Saint's Day - **Christian**
 - **Samhain - Litha *** - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern and Southern hemispheres
- 2
 - All Soul's Day - **Catholic Christian**
- 5
 - Ashura * ** - **Islam**
- 6
 - **Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday** - **Sikh**
- 12
 - Birth of Baha'u'llah - **Baha'i**
- 15-25
 - Winter Lent - **Orthodox Christian**
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 - Christ the King - **Christian**
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 - Day of the Covenant - **Baha'i**
- 27
 - Thanksgiving - **Interfaith USA**
- 28
 - Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha - **Baha'i**
- 30
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- 8
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- 12
 - Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe- **Catholic Christian**
- 16-25
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- 17-24
 - Hanukkah * - **Jewish**
- 21 Solstice

- Yule - **Christian**
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 - Christmas Eve - **Christian**
- 25
 - **Christmas** * - **Christian**
- 26
 - Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra ** - **Zoroastrian**
- 28
 - Holy Innocents - **Christian**
- 31
 - Watch Night - **Christian**

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