

Major Religious & Cultural Holiday Observation - Update

Work to Date

- Update to PPS Calendar
- School-level (principal) communication has been more robust this year about avoiding conflicts
 - We created an internal “Google Calendar;” included in monthly “Principal Checklist”
- Held positive meeting with leadership of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland
 - Clear and targeted communication
 - Access to training and tools that empower school communities to identify important community holidays and cultural observations.

Next Steps

- Seek guidance from faith-based (i.e. Interfaith Council) and community-based organizations (i.e. APANO, Muslim Educational Trust)
- Work with Athletics for scheduling 23-24 school year. More work with MESD.
- Strengthen three-tier communication strategy to communicate important religious and cultural observations
- Track (and possibly support) legislative bill being championed by religious/cultural organizations

Shifts to Communication of Major Religious & Cultural Holidays Across PPS

School-Level Communication (Principal)

Schools avoid scheduling important events that by their nature cannot be made up (such as picture day, open house, prom, graduation, and Outdoor School).

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Classroom-Level Communication (Educators and School-Based Staff)

Classroom educators and school-based staff avoid and make reasonable accommodation when scheduling quizzes, tests, final exam reviews, field-trips or other major classroom-based activities during major holidays and cultural holidays.

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District-wide Communication (All PPS)

All PPS will avoid public meetings and all-PPS events and calendars.

Major Religious & Cultural Holidays



IMPORTANT

Please avoid scheduling district-sponsored public meetings and/or school-wide activities on these major religious holidays and cultural observances.

PEC GOOGLE CALENDAR

Add the [PEC Google Calendar](#) to your Google Calendar list. The PEC Calendar includes holidays, observances, days off from school, heritage months, and more

2022

September
26-27

Rosh Hashanah*

October
4-5
10
24

Yom Kippur*
Indigenous Peoples' Day
Diwali

November
25

Native American Heritage

December
18-26
25
26 - Jan. 1

Hanukkah*
Christmas
Kwanzaa

2023

January
22

Lunar New Year

February
22

Ash Wednesday

March
22 - April 21

Ramadan*

April
6-13
7
21-22

Passover (First Day)*
Good Friday
Eid al-Fitr*

June
19
28-29

Juneteenth
Eid al-Adha*

*Observance of Jewish and Muslim holidays start at sundown on the first day on this calendar.