## Holy Days and Holidays Calendar

**JULY 1, 2019 – DECEMBER 31, 2020**

|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|

**Buddhism**

- **Buddha’s Birthday**
- **Buddhism spread across Asia. The Theravada tradition is found in Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Sri Lanka.**
- **Aparigraha (non-acquisition)**

**Christianity**

- **Christmas**
- **Easter**

**Indigenous**

- **Indigenous Relations Day**

**Judaism**

- **Rosh Hashanah**
- **Yom Kippur**

**Religious**

- **Wicca**
- **Zoroastrianism**

**Zoroastrianism**

- **Zorastrosht-no-diso**

The students and staff of the Peel District School Board represent a rich diversity of faith traditions. This calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration, however, it is not designed to be a complete listing of religious days. Students and staff from a particular faith background may or may not be absent from school on these special days, if they do attend, certain accommodations may be required.

**Note:**
- **Highlighted Canadian and Ontario holidays** indicated in blue.
- **Holidays that clearly lay out what is Halal (acceptable/inacceptable) date and end at sunset on the last day shown.**
- **Holidays are based on the lunar – Hijri – calendar.**
- **Fasting on Mondays and Wednesdays is also called Sawm and is observed throughout the month of Ramadan.**
- **Dinaw (intermediate prayer) is recited after Fajr prayer.**
- **Fasting is general from dawn to dusk.**
- **The last Friday of the month is called Laylat al-Qadr.**
- **The first day of Shawwal begins after the sighting of the new moon.**
- **During this month, Muslims fast from dawn to dusk.**
- **Fasting during the month of Ramadan is observed by Muslims throughout the world.**
- **Ramadan begins with the sighting of the new moon and ends at sunset on the last day shown.**
- **Fasting is observed throughout the month of Ramadan.**
- **Aptitude (Eid al-Adha)**
- **Aptitude (Eid al-Fitr)**
- **Aptitude (Eid al-Adha)**
- **Aptitude (Eid al-Fitr)**

The expectation is that Peels schools and worksites do not schedule events on significant holidays (as marked with a ⬤ or on the calendar) that would exclude observing staff and students from participating.