

**2008-09 SELECTED RELIGIOUS  
HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAY  
OBSERVANCES**

**RELIGIOUS GROUP**

**DATE(S)**

Ramadan Begins	Islam	September 2, 2008
Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	*September 30-October 1, 2008
Navaratri	Hindu	September 30-October 8, 2008
Id al Fitre (Eid al Fitr)	Islam	October 2, 2008
Yom Kippur	Jewish	*October 9, 2008
Sukkot (Succoth)	Jewish	*October 14-15, 2008
Shemini Atzeret	Jewish	*October 21, 2008
Simchat Torah	Jewish	*October 22, 2008
Diwali (Divali)	Hindu (Sikh)	October 28, 2008
Guru Nanak's Birthday	Sikh	November 13, 2008
Bodhi Day	Buddhist	December 8, 2008
Eid al Adha	Islam	December 9, 2008
Muharram (New York)	Islam	December 29, 2008
Epiphany (Nativity)	Christian (Orthodox)	January 6, 2009
Ashura	Islam	January 7, 2009
Nirvana Day	Buddhism	February 15, 2009
Mawlid an Nabi	Islam	March 9, 2009
Purim	Jewish	*March 10, 2009
Holi	Hindu (Sikh)	March 11, 2009
Passover	Jewish	April 9-10, 2009
Good Friday	Christian	April 10, 2009
Baisakhi	Sikh (Hindu)	April 14, 2009
Pesach (Passover)	Jewish	*April 15-16, 2009
Holy Friday	Christian (Orthodox)	April 17, 2009
Wesah/Visakha (Buddha Day)	Buddhist	May 9, 2009
Shavuot	Jewish	May 29-30, 2009
Tisha B'Av	Jewish	July 20, 2009

*\*Begins at sundown the evening before.  
These will be counted as excused absences!*