

## MEMORANDUM

To: Deans, Department Chairs and Directors  
From: Kathy Schnurr, Chaplain  
Date: July 2018  
Re: Religious Holy Days

As the 2018-2019 academic year draws near, I would like to bring to your attention some of the major religious holidays and holy days that will impact many of our students, faculty, and staff. **Please note that this is not an all-encompassing list for every religious tradition.** Such a list is available on our web site at [www.jhu.edu/chaplain](http://www.jhu.edu/chaplain). The holidays listed below are those that will not only affect many of our students at some point in the academic year, but could present a clear conflict with academic demands.

In general, food or work restrictions, as well as special worship obligations may impact the ability of our students, faculty and staff to participate in university events that take place on their respective religious holy day. Please keep in mind that some observances require additional time for preparation or travel before and after the actual holy day. I am asking that you please be responsive to requests from students who need to make advance arrangements with you to make up work missed because of a holy observance. If you have any questions regarding a particular case, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-516-1880 or [kschnurr@jhu.edu](mailto:kschnurr@jhu.edu). Thank you for your sensitivity to this matter.

### **BUDDHIST**

Bodhi Day	December 8, 2018
Buddha's Birthday	April 8, 2019
Vesak	May 19, 2019

### **CHRISTIAN**

Christmas (Orthodox)	January 7, 2019
Ash Wednesday	March 6, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Easter (Western)	April 21, 2019
Easter (Orthodox)	April 28, 2019

### **HINDU**

Diwali	November 3 – 8, 2018 (New Moon Day is celebrated November 7)
Holi	March 20 – 21, 2019

### **JEWISH** (*Jewish holy days and religious festivals begin at sunset the evening preceding the first date*).

Rosh Hashanah	September 10 – 11, 2018
Yom Kippur	September 19, 2018
Sukkot	September 24 – 30, 2018
Sh'mini Atzeret	October 1, 2018
Simchat Torah	October 2, 2018
Hanukkah	December 3 – 10, 2018
Pesach (Passover)	April 20 – April 27, 2019 (the first and last two days of the week)
Shavuot	June 9 – 10, 2019

### **MUSLIM** (*Muslim holy days are based on a lunar calendar, and the actual dates are determined by direct observation of the moon and announced by the local mosque. The dates listed below may vary by a day or two*).

Eid-al-Adha	August 20 – August 21, 2018
Ramadan	May 5 – June 4, 2019
Eid-al-Fitr	June 3 – 4, 2019