**MEMORANDUM**

To: Deans, Department Chairs, Directors and Colleagues

From: Kathy Schnurr, Chaplain

Date: July 2021

Re: Religious Holy Days

As the 2021-2022 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.** A longer list is available on our web site at <https://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/religious-spiritual-life> . 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 or would like any guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-516-1880 or kschnurr@jhu.edu. Thank you for your sensitivity to this matter.**

**BUDDHIST**

Bodhi Day December 8, 2021

Buddha’s Birthday April 8, 2022

Vesak May 6, 2022

**CHRISTIAN**

Christmas (Orthodox) January 7, 2022

Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022

Good Friday April 15, 2022

Easter (Western) April 17, 2022

Easter (Orthodox) April 24, 2022

**HINDU**

Diwali November 2 – 6, 2021 (New Moon Day is celebrated November 4th)

Holi March 17 - 18, 2022

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

Rosh Hashanah September 7 – 8, 2021

Yom Kippur September 16, 2021

Sukkot September 21 – 27, 2021

Sh’mini Atzeret September 28, 2021

Simchat Torah September 29, 2021

Hanukkah November 28 – December 6, 2021

Pesach (Passover) April 16 – 23, 2022 (the first two and last two days of the week)

Shavuot June 5 – 6, 2022

**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 July 19 - 20, 2021

Ramadan April 2 – May 2, 2022

Eid-al-Fitr May 3, 2022