**MEMORANDUM**

To: Deans, Department Chairs, Directors and Colleagues

From: Kathy Schnurr, Chaplain

Date: July 2022

Re: Religious Holy Days

As the 2022-2023 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, 2022

Buddha’s Birthday May 26, 2023

Vesak April 8, 2023

**CHRISTIAN**

Christmas (Orthodox) January 7, 2023

Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023

Good Friday April 7, 2023

Easter (Western) April 9, 2023

Easter (Orthodox) April 16, 2023

**HINDU**

Diwali October 23 - 27, 2022 (New Moon Day is celebrated 10/24)

Holi March 7 - 8, 2023

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

Rosh Hashanah September 25 – 27, 2022

Yom Kippur October 4 – 5, 2022

Sukkot October 9 – 16, 2022

Sh’mini Atzeret October 16 – 18, 2022

Simchat Torah October 17 – 18, 2022

Hanukkah December 18 – 26, 2022

Pesach (Passover) April 5 – 13, 2023 (the first 2 and last 2 days of the week)

Shavuot May 25 – 27, 2023

**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).*

Ramadan March 22 – April 21, 2023

Eid-al-Fitr April 21 – 22, 2023

Eid-al-Adha June 28 – 29, 2023