

**SCHOOL YEAR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL OBSERVANCES
2021-2022**

DATE(S)	HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE	NOTES
September 6, 2021	Labor Day	Celebration of American workers' contributions
September 6 (sundown) - 8, 2021	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish New Year
September 11, 2021	Patriot Day	Remembrance of those that died on September 11th 2001
September 15 (sundown) - 16, 2021	Yom Kippur	Jewish Day of Atonement - fasting
September 17, 2022	Constitution Day	Recognizing anniversary of the nation's constitution
October 11, 2021	Columbus / Indigenous Peoples Day	Honors Columbus' arrival in 1492/ Native American culture
October 31, 2021	Halloween	Evening before All Saints' Day
November 4, 2021	Diwali	Hindu Festival of Lights
November 11, 2021	Veteran's Day	Honors military veterans and victims of all wars
November 25, 2021	Thanksgiving Day	Celebrates the harvest and blessings of the past year
November 28 (sundown) - Dec 6, 2021	Hanukkah	Jewish Festival of Lights
December 24, 2021	Christmas Eve	The evening before Christmas Day
December 25, 2021	Christmas Day	Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ
December 26, 2021 - January 1, 2022	Kwanzaa	Celebration honoring African American culture/heritage
January 1, 2022	New Year's Day	Marks the start of the new year
January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Celebrates the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.
February 1, 2022	Chinese (Lunar) New Year	Observance of the start of a new year in the lunar calendar
February 14, 2022	Valentine's Day	Day where people express affection with greetings and gifts
February 21, 2022	President's Day	In honor of the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln
March 2 - April 14, 2022	Lent	Period from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by many Christians as a period of penitence and fasting
March 17, 2022	St. Patrick's Day	Cultural & Roman Catholic religious celebration of St. Patrick
March 19, 2022	Holi	Hindu Festival of Color
April 2 (sundown) - May 2, 2022	Ramadan	Islamic Month of Fasting - fasting from sunup to sun down
April 15 (sundown) - April 23, 2022	Passover	Jewish Festival of Liberation
April 15, 2022	Good Friday	Christian remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ
April 17, 2022	Easter	Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ
April 22, 2022	Earth Day	Day to demonstrate support for environmental protection
April 24, 2022	Greek Easter	Commemorates Easter on the Greek Orthodox calendar
May 2 (sundown) - 3, 2022	Eid-ul-Fitr	End of Fasting for Muslims
May 5, 2022	Cinco de Mayo	Celebrates Mexico's victory over France in 1862
May 8, 2022	Mother's Day	Honors mothers & influence of mothers in society
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day	Remembrance for members of the military who died in war
June 14, 2022	Flag Day	Commemorates adoption of the United States Flag
June 19, 2022	Juneteenth	Commemorating the end of slavery
June 19, 2022	Father's Day	Honoring fathers & influence of fathers in society

*We recognize that there are some communities that do not celebrate religious and cultural observances.

The mission of the Middle Country Central School District is to empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success, and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and dynamic world.

WE CELEBRATE the diversity of our district and ensure a welcoming and affirming environment where all students and their families feel welcomed and included.