

**SCHOOL YEAR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL OBSERVANCES  
2022-2023**

<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
September 5, 2022	Labor Day	Celebration of American workers' contributions
September 11, 2022	Patriot Day	Remembrance of those that died on September 11th 2001
September 17, 2022	Constitution Day	Recognizing anniversary of the nation's constitution
September 25 (sundown) - 27, 2022	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish New Year
October 4 (sundown) - 5, 2022	Yom Kippur	Jewish Day of Atonement - fasting
October 10, 2022	Columbus / Indigenous Peoples Day	Honors Columbus' arrival in 1492/Native American culture
October 24, 2022	Diwali	Hindu Festival of Lights
October 31, 2022	Halloween	Evening before All Saints' Day
November 11, 2022	Veteran's Day	Honors military veterans and victims of all wars
November 24, 2022	Thanksgiving Day	Celebrates the harvest and blessings of the past year
December 18 (sundown) - 26, 2022	Hanukkah	Jewish Festival of Lights
December 24, 2022	Christmas Eve	The evening before Christmas Day
December 25, 2022	Christmas Day	Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ
December 26, 2022 - January 1, 2023	Kwanzaa	Celebration honoring African American culture/heritage
January 1, 2023	New Year's Day	Marks the start of the new year
January 16, 2023	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Celebrates the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.
January 22, 2023	Chinese (Lunar) New Year	Observance of the start of a new year in the lunar calendar
February 14, 2023	Valentine's Day	Day where people express affection with greetings and gifts
February 20, 2023	President's Day	In honor of the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln
February 22 - April 6, 2023	Lent	Period from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by many Christians as a period of penitence and fasting
March 8, 2023	Holi	Hindu Festival of Color
March 17, 2023	St. Patrick's Day	Cultural & Roman Catholic religious celebration of St. Patrick
March 22 (sundown) - April 21, 2023	Ramadan	Islamic Month of Fasting - fasting from sunup to sun down
April 5 (sundown) - April 13, 2023	Passover	Jewish Festival of Liberation
April 7, 2023	Good Friday	Christian remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ
April 9, 2023	Easter	Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ
April 16, 2023	Greek Easter	Commemorates Easter on the Greek Orthodox calendar
April 21 (sundown) - 22, 2023	Eid-ul-Fitr	End of Fasting for Muslims
April 22, 2023	Earth Day	Day to demonstrate support for environmental protection
May 5, 2023	Cinco de Mayo	Celebrates Mexico's victory over France in 1862
May 14, 2023	Mother's Day	Honors mothers & influence of mothers in society
May 29, 2023	Memorial Day	Remembrance for members of the military who died in war
June 14, 2023	Flag Day	Commemorates adoption of the United States Flag
June 19, 2023	Juneteenth	Commemorating the end of slavery
June 18, 2023	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.