

## 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

| DATE(S)  | HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE                | NOTES  |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>   |                                   |  |
| <b>Hispanic Heritage Month</b>   |                                   |  |
| September 4, 2023  | Labor Day                         | Celebration of American workers' contributions   |
| September 11, 2023   | Patriot Day                       | Remembrance of those that died on September 11th 2001  |
| September 17, 2023   | Constitution Day                  | Recognizing anniversary of the nation's constitution   |
| September 15 (sundown) - 17, 2023  | Rosh Hashanah                     | Jewish New Year  |
| September 24 (sundown) - 25, 2023  | Yom Kippur                        | Jewish Day of Atonement - fasting  |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |                                   |  |
| <b>Bullying Prevention   Down Syndrome Awareness   Family History   German Heritage   Italian Heritage   Polish Heritage Month</b>                             |                                   |  |
| October 9, 2023  | Columbus / Indigenous Peoples Day | Honors Columbus' arrival in 1492/Native American culture                                     |
| October 11, 2023   | National Coming Out Day           | Celebrating LGBTQ+ individuals by encouraging people to live openly free from discrimination |
| October 31, 2023   | Halloween                         | Evening before All Saints' Day   |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  |                                   |  |
| <b>American Indian &amp; Alaska Native Heritage Month</b>  |                                   |  |
| November 10, 2023  | Veteran's Day                     | Honors military veterans and victims of all wars   |
| November 12, 2023  | Diwali                            | Hindu Festival of Lights   |
| November 23, 2023  | Thanksgiving Day                  | Celebrates the harvest and blessings of the past year  |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  |                                   |  |
| <b>Universal Human Rights Month</b>  |                                   |  |
| December 7 (sundown) - 15, 2023  | Hanukkah                          | Jewish Festival of Lights  |
| December 24, 2023  | Christmas Eve                     | The evening before Christmas Day   |
| December 25, 2023  | Christmas Day                     | Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ   |
| December 26, 2023 - January 1, 2024  | Kwanzaa                           | Celebration honoring African American culture/heritage                                       |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   |                                   |  |
| <b>Poverty in America Awareness Month</b>  |                                   |  |
| January 1, 2024  | New Year's Day                    | Marks the start of the new year  |
| January 15, 2024   | Martin Luther King Jr. Day        | Celebrates the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.                                     |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  |                                   |  |
| <b>Black History Month</b>   |                                   |  |
| February 10, 2024  | Chinese (Lunar) New Year          | Observance of the start of a new year in the lunar calendar                                  |
| February 14, 2024  | Valentine's Day                   | Day where people express affection with greetings and gifts                                  |
| February 14 - March 28, 2024   | Lent                              | Christian period of penitence and fasting from Ash Wednesday to Easter                       |
| February 19, 2024  | President's Day                   | In honor of the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln                           |
| <b>MARCH</b>   |                                   |  |
| <b>Developmental Disabilities Awareness   Ethnic Equality   Gender Equality   Greek Heritage   Irish Heritage   Women's History Month</b>                      |                                   |  |
| March 10 (sundown) - April 8, 2024   | Ramadan                           | Islamic Month of Fasting - fasting from sunup to sun down                                    |
| March 17, 2024   | St. Patrick's Day                 | Cultural & Roman Catholic religious celebration of St. Patrick                               |
| March 25, 2024   | Holi                              | Hindu Festival of Color  |
| March 29, 2024   | Good Friday                       | Christian remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ                                     |
| March 31, 2024   | Easter                            | Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ  |
| March 31, 2024   | Transgender Day of Visibility     | Celebrating transgender contributions to society and raising awareness of discrimination     |
| <b>APRIL</b>   |                                   |  |
| <b>Arab Heritage   Autism Awareness   Celebrate Diversity   Community Service   Earth   Tartan-Scottish Heritage Month</b>                                     |                                   |  |
| April 9 (sundown) - 10, 2024   | Eid-ul-Fitr                       | End of Fasting for Muslims   |
| April 12, 2024   | Day of Silence                    | Annual day of silent protest against the bullying of LGBTQ+ students & their supporters      |
| April 22 (sundown) - April 30, 2024  | Passover                          | Jewish Festival of Liberation  |
| April 22, 2024   | Earth Day                         | Day to demonstrate support for environmental protection                                      |
| <b>MAY</b>   |                                   |  |
| <b>Asian-American &amp; Pacific Islander Heritage   Haitian Heritage   Jewish Heritage   Personal History Awareness   Speech &amp; Hearing Awareness Month</b> |                                   |  |
| May 5, 2024  | Greek Easter                      | Commemorates Easter on the Greek Orthodox calendar   |
| May 5, 2024  | Cinco de Mayo                     | Celebrates Mexico's victory over France in 1862  |
| May 12, 2024   | Mother's Day                      | Honors mothers & influence of mothers in society   |
| May 27, 2024   | Memorial Day                      | Remembrance for members of the military who died in war                                      |
| <b>JUNE</b>  |                                   |  |
| <b>Caribbean Heritage   Pride Month</b>  |                                   |  |
| June 14, 2024  | Flag Day                          | Commemorates adoption of the United States Flag  |
| June 16 (sundown) - 17, 2024   | Eid al-Adha                       | Feast of the Sacrifice   |
| June 19, 2024  | Juneteenth                        | Commemorating the end of slavery   |
| June 16, 2024  | Father's Day                      | Honoring fathers & influence of fathers in society   |
| June 28, 2024  | Pride Day                         | Celebrating LGBTQ+ social & self acceptance, achievements, legal rights, and pride           |

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