

2019

2019 IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			28	29	30	31			1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	27	28	29	30	31		
29	30												
(19 days)							(21 days)						
NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				
(18 days)							(15 days)						

28	AUGUST TEACHERS FIRST DAY
2	SEPTEMBER LABOR DAY
3	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
30	ROSH HASHANAH
9	OCTOBER YOM KIPPUR
14	COLUMBUS DAY
27	DIWALI (Recognized--Sunday Observance)
11	NOVEMBER VETERANS DAY
27	Early Release for Thanksgiving Recess
28-29	THANKSGIVING RECESS
23-31	DECEMBER DECEMBER RECESS

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JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4					6	7	8
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
(21 days)							(15 days)						
MARCH							APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		
(22 days)							(16 days)						
MAY							JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				
31													
(20 days)							(13 + 5 snow days)						

1	JANUARY NEW YEAR'S DAY
2	SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION
20	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
25	LUNAR NEW YEAR (Recognized-Saturday observance)
17-21	FEBRUARY WINTER VACATION
10	APRIL GOOD FRIDAY
20-24	SPRING VACATION
24	MAY EID AL-FITR (Recognized-Sunday observance)
25	MEMORIAL DAY
24	JUNE LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS*
25	LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS

*185th day includes five snow days and will be a half-day.
If no snow days, the last day for students will be June 17.

EARLY RELEASE TIMES/DATES
Elementary: 12:30; **Middle:** 11:30; **North:** 11:00; **South:** 10:50
 Elementary: 9/26, 10/30, 12/4, 2/6, 3/19, 5/7
 Secondary: 9/26, 10/30, 12/4, 2/6, 3/19, (5/7 if needed)

EARLY RELEASE FOR THANKSGIVING & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Elementary: Noon; **Middle:** 11:30; **North:** 11:00; **South:** 10:50

GRADUATION DATES FOR 2020
 Newton North: June 3, 2020
 Newton South: June 4, 2020

As an increasingly diverse school district, Newton Public Schools celebrates the many cultures represented among our families. Our school calendar includes a list of holidays that are not days off from school. Students who celebrate these holidays continue, as in the past, to have excused absences from school on these days. However, in recognition of the growing number of students who celebrate Diwali, Lunar New Year and Eid al-Fitr, NPS has placed these holidays on the face of its calendar to increase awareness among students, teachers and staff that these are significant holidays for our student population. While these three holidays remain official school days, we hope that placing these days on the calendar reminds our families and teachers that students who celebrate these days have an excused absence from school, and assists them in avoiding the scheduling of major school events on these days.

Holiday Observances in Massachusetts (statewide legal holidays in bold)

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as originally published in February 2016. 2019-2020 dates inserted by NPS.

HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE	2019-2020
Eid al-Adha**	Sunday, August 11 (begins the evening of August 10)
Labor Day	Monday, September 2
Rosh Hashanah*	Monday, September 30 (begins the eve. of Sept. 29 and ends October 1)
Yom Kippur*	Wednesday, October 9 (begins the evening of October 8)
Sukkot	Sunday, October 13 – Sunday, October 20
Columbus Day	Monday, October 14
Diwali	Sunday, October 27
Veteran’s Day	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28
Chanukah*	Sunday, December 22 - Monday, December 30
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25
Kwanzaa	Thursday, December 26 – Wednesday, January 1
New Year’s Day	Wednesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20
Lunar New Year	Saturday, January 25
President’s Day	Monday, February 17
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 26
Evacuation Day***	Tuesday, March 17
Palm Sunday	Sunday, April 5
Good Friday	Friday, April 10
Passover*	Wednesday, April 8 - Thursday, April 16
Easter	Sunday, April 12
Orthodox Good Friday	Friday, April 17
Orthodox Easter	Sunday, April 19
Patriots’ Day	Monday, April 20
Ramadan**	Thursday, April 23 – Saturday, May 23
Shavuot*	Thursday, May 28 – Saturday, May 30
Eid al-Fitr**	Sunday, May 24 (begins the evening of May 23)
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25
Independence Day	Saturday, July 4

*All Jewish observances begin at sundown on the evening prior to the day of the observance. In addition to dates noted, observant Jews celebrate the second, seventh and eighth days of Passover; the second, eighth and ninth days of Sukkot; and two days of Shavuot (Mass. Lawyers Diary and Manual).

**Due to the lunar calendar, these are only approximate dates.

***Previous legal holiday in Suffolk County