

## 2018

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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

(17 days)

### OCTOBER

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

(22 days)

### NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

(19 days)

### DECEMBER

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

(15 days)

## 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST

29 TEACHERS FIRST DAY

### SEPTEMBER

3 LABOR DAY  
4 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
10 ROSH HASHANAH  
19 YOM KIPPUR

### OCTOBER

8 COLUMBUS DAY

### NOVEMBER

7 DIWALI\*\*  
12 VETERANS DAY (OBSERVED)  
21 EARLY RELEASE  
22-23 THANKSGIVING RECESS

### DECEMBER

24 DECEMBER RECESS  
THROUGH JANUARY 1

## 2019

### JANUARY

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

(21 days)

### FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

(15 days)

### MARCH

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

(21 days)

### APRIL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

(17 days)

### MAY

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

(22 days)

### JUNE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

(11 + 5 days)

## 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

### JANUARY

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY  
2 STUDENTS FIRST DAY BACK FROM BREAK  
21 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

### FEBRUARY

5 LUNAR NEW YEAR\*\*  
18-22 WINTER VACATION

### APRIL

15-19 SPRING VACATION

### MAY

27 MEMORIAL DAY

### JUNE

5 EID AL-FITR\*\*  
24 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS\*  
25 LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS

\*185th day includes five (5) snow days and will be a half-day

\*\* Recognized Holiday, Schools and Offices Open

### KINDERGARTEN

Group A: September 4 (start date) & October 1 (first full-day)  
Group B: September 5 (start date) & October 4 (first full-day)

### EARLY RELEASE DATES:

Elementary: 9/27, 11/1, 12/5, 2/6, 3/21, 5/9  
Secondary: 9/27, 11/1, 12/5, 2/6, 3/21 (5/9 snow day)

### GRADUATION DATES FOR 2019

NEWTON NORTH: Wednesday, June 5, 2019  
NEWTON SOUTH: Thursday, June 6, 2019

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. 2018-19 dates inserted by NPS.

HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE	2018-2019
Eid al-Adha**	Wednesday, August 22
<b>Labor Day</b>	Monday, September 3
Rosh Hashanah*	September 10-11 (Monday, Tuesday)
Yom Kippur*	Wednesday, September 19
Sukkot	Monday, September 24
<b>Columbus Day</b>	Monday, October 8
Diwali	Wednesday, November 7
<b>Veteran's Day</b>	Sunday, Nov. 11 (observed Monday, Nov. 12)
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	Thursday, November 22
Chanukah*	Monday, December 3
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Tuesday, December 25
Kwanzaa	Wednesday, December 26
<b>New Year's Day</b>	Tuesday, January 1
<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	Monday, January 21
Lunar New Year	Tuesday, February 5
<b>President's Day</b>	Monday, February 18
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, March 6
Evacuation Day***	Sunday, March 17
Palm Sunday	Sunday, April 14
Good Friday	Friday, April 19
Passover*	Sat., April 20
Easter	Sunday, April 21
Orthodox Good Friday	Friday, April 26
Orthodox Easter	Sunday, April 28
<b>Patriots' Day</b>	Monday, April 15
Ramadan**	May 6 – June 3
Shavuot*	Sunday, June 9
<b>Memorial Day</b>	Monday, May 27
Eid al-Fitr**	Wednesday, June 5
<b>Independence Day</b>	Thursday, 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