

**2019**

**2019 IMPORTANT DATES**

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			28	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					

(19 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	

(21 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

(18 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)

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

**2020**

**2020 IMPORTANT DATES**

**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	29

(15 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; **High Schools:** 11:00  
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

**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				

(22 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	31

(16 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						

(20 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
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(13 + 5 snow days)

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)
<b>Labor Day</b>	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
<b>Columbus Day</b>	Monday, October 14
Diwali	Sunday, October 27
<b>Veteran’s Day</b>	Monday, November 11
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	Thursday, November 28
Chanukah*	Sunday, December 22 - Monday, December 30
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Wednesday, December 25
Kwanzaa	Thursday, December 26 – Wednesday, January 1
<b>New Year’s Day</b>	Wednesday, January 1
<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	Monday, January 20
Lunar New Year	Saturday, January 25
<b>President’s Day</b>	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
<b>Patriots’ Day</b>	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)
<b>Memorial Day</b>	Monday, May 25
<b>Independence Day</b>	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