

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024–2025

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This calendar includes an addendum listing religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy, Excused Absences for University Extracurricular Activities and Religious Holidays. For religious holidays not listed, contact the Office of the Chaplain.

Graduate programs in the Cox School of Business, Perkins School of Theology, Dedman School of Law, and Graduate and Advanced Studies have different calendars. (See the Education and Human Development calendar for specific information regarding the Dispute Resolution and MS in Counseling programs.)

A comprehensive schedule of holiday dates that the offices of the University will be closed will be announced at a later date.

Fall Term 2024

August 26 – December 21, 2024

April 1 - August 30, Monday–Friday: Enrollment for fall 2024 continuing students for all undergraduates and for graduates in Dedman College, Lyle, Meadows and Simmons.

May - August: Virtual Orientation experiences for new first-year and transfer undergraduate students. More information about Virtual Orientation is available from the Office of the Student Experience, Student Affairs, 214-768-4560, <https://www.smu.edu/studentaffairs/newstudent>.

August 25, Sunday: Opening Convocation, McFarlin Auditorium.

August 25, Sunday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students visit smu.edu/leaverequest. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

August 26, Monday: First day of classes.

August 30, Friday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without tuition billing while remaining enrolled for the term.

September 2, Monday: Labor Day. University offices closed.

September 9, Monday: Last day to drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the university without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)). See Bursar's website for more information.

September 11, Wednesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. Last day to file for graduation in December. **(Fall Census Date)**

September 27-28, Friday-Saturday: Family Weekend.

October 1, Tuesday: Degree Planner completion required for undergraduate students.

October 1, Tuesday: Early intervention grades due for undergraduate students.

October 2, Wednesday: Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before November enrollment.

October 7-8, Monday-Tuesday: Fall Break

October 28, Monday: Midterm grades due for undergraduate students.

November 1-2, Friday - Saturday: Homecoming Weekend.

November 4, Monday: 60 percent point of the term that federal financial aid has been earned if a student officially withdraws from SMU; prior to this date a partial calculated return to federal programs will be required.

November 4-22, Monday–Friday: Enrollment for spring 2025 continuing students for all

undergraduates and graduates in Dedman College, Lyle, Meadows and Simmons.

November 14, Thursday: Last day for December graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

November 18, Monday: Students may begin applying for May graduation. The deadline to apply for graduation is February 5, 2025.

November 26, Tuesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W). *(This date does not apply to courses in which the last class meeting and final exam have occurred.)*

November 27, Wednesday: No classes.

November 28-29, Thursday-Friday: Thanksgiving holiday. University offices closed.

December 4-9, Wednesday-Monday: No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.

December 5, Thursday: Last day for oral/written examinations for December graduate degree candidates.

December 9, Monday: Last day of classes.

December 10-11, Tuesday-Wednesday: Reading day.

December 12-18, Thursday-Wednesday: Examinations. (No examinations scheduled for Sunday).

December 20, Friday: December Rotunda Recessional.

December 21, Saturday: December Commencement. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

December 23 – January 1, Monday-Wednesday: University Closed.

December 25, Wednesday: Christmas Day.

January Term 2025

December 19, 2024 – January 17, 2025

The January Term consists of two primary sessions: Dallas January Session and SMU-in-Taos January Session. Each primary session has different deadline dates. Some areas of instruction offer a limited number of online courses that begin December 19 and end January 17. These courses have unique deadline dates and class meeting times to accommodate the particular needs of the course. For more information, visit [SMU Intersessions](#).

January 1, Wednesday: New Year's Day. University offices closed.

Dallas January Session 2025

Note: Classes meet six hours per day, Monday through Friday. See [Intersessions](#) website for specific class information.

January 5, Sunday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact intersessions@smu.edu. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

January 6, Monday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the term without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

January 6, Monday: First day of classes.

January 7, Tuesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. Last day to file for graduation in January Term. **(Census**

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January 9, Thursday: Last day for January Term graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

January 15, Wednesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

January 16, Thursday: Last day of classes, including examinations.

January 17, Friday: Last day of classes, including examinations (online courses).

January 17, Friday: Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

SMU-in-Taos January Session 2025

NOTE: Permission of SMU-in-Taos required for all enrollments.

January 3, Friday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact smutaos@smu.edu.)

January 3, Friday: Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m. (Wellness class students)

January 5, Sunday: Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m. (Non-Wellness class students)

January 5, Sunday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record.

January 6, Monday: First day of classes. (Non-Wellness class students)

January 7, Tuesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. Last day to file for graduation in January Term. **(Census Date)**

January 9, Thursday: Last day for January Term graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

January 12, Sunday: Last day of Wellness classes.

January 15, Wednesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

January 16, Thursday: Last day of classes, including examinations.
(Non-Wellness class students)

January 17, Friday: Travel Day. (All students)

January 17, Friday: Official close of the term and conferral of degrees.

Spring Term 2025

January 21 – May 17, 2025

November 4 – January 27, Monday–Monday: Enrollment for spring 2025 continuing students for all undergraduates and graduates in Dedman College, Lyle, Meadows and Simmons.

January: Virtual Orientation experiences for new first-year and transfer undergraduate students. More information about Virtual Orientation is available from the Office of the Student Experience, Student Affairs, 214-768-4560, <https://www.smu.edu/studentaffairs/newstudent>.

January 1, Wednesday: New Year's Day. University offices closed.

TBA: Spring Rotunda Passage

January 20, Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. University offices closed.

January 20, Monday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students visit smu.edu/leaverequest. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

January 21, Tuesday: First day of classes.

January 27, Monday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without tuition billing while remaining enrolled for the term.

February 3, Monday: Last day to drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the university without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)). See Bursar's website for more information.

February 5, Wednesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Also, last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. Last day to file for graduation in May. **(Spring Census Date)**

February 21, Friday: Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before April enrollment.

February 25, Tuesday: Early intervention grades due for undergraduate students.

March 1, Saturday: Degree Planner completion required for all undergraduate students.

March 17-23, Monday-Sunday: Spring break

March 26, Wednesday: Midterm grades due for undergraduate students.

April 3, Thursday: 60 percent point of the term that federal financial aid has been earned if a student officially withdraws from SMU; prior to this date a partial calculated return to federal programs will be required.

March 31 – April 18, Monday–Friday: Enrollment for summer 2025 and fall 2025 continuing students for all undergraduates and graduates in Dedman College, Lyle, Meadows and Simmons.

TBA: Honors Convocation.

April 17, Thursday: Last Day for May graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

April 18, Friday: Good Friday. University offices closed.

April 20, Sunday: Easter Sunday.

April 24, Thursday: Students may begin applying for August or December graduation. The deadline to apply for August graduation is June 11. The deadline to apply for December graduation will be indicated in the 2025-26 Academic Calendar.

April 28, Monday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W). *(This date does not apply to courses in which the last class meeting and final exam have occurred.)*

May 1-6, Thursday–Tuesday: No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.

May 2, Friday: Last day for oral/written examinations for graduate students who are May degree candidates.

May 6, Tuesday: Last day of classes. *(Follows a Friday schedule.)*

May 7, Wednesday: Reading Day.

May 8-14, Thursday-Wednesday: Examinations (No examinations scheduled for Sunday).

May 16, Friday: Baccalaureate.

May 17, Saturday: May Commencement. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

May Term 2025

May 15 – 31, 2025

The May Term consists of two primary sessions: Dallas May Session and SMU-in-Taos May Session. Each primary session has different deadline dates. Some areas of instruction may offer a limited number of selected courses during the May Term, May 15-31, with unique start, end, deadline dates, and class meeting times to accommodate the particular needs of the course.

Dallas May Session 2025

Note: Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

May 14, Wednesday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact intersessions@smu.edu. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

May 15, Thursday: First day of classes.

May 15, Thursday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the term without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

May 16, Friday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday.

May 19, Monday: Last day to file for graduation in May Term. (**Census Date**)

May 26, Monday: Memorial Day. University offices closed.

May 27, Tuesday: Last day for May Term graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

May 27, Tuesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

May 30, Friday: Last day of classes, including examinations.

May 31, Saturday: Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

SMU-in-Taos May Session 2025

NOTE: Permission of SMU-in-Taos required for all enrollments.

May 15, Thursday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact smutaos@smu.edu.)

May 15, Thursday: Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

May 16, Friday: First day of classes.

May 16, Friday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the term without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

May 19, Monday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Last day to file for graduation in May Term. Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. (**Census Date**)

May 26, Monday: Memorial Day. (Classes held.)

May 27, Tuesday: Last day for May Term graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

May 28, Wednesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

May 31, Saturday: Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

June 1, Sunday: Travel Day.

Summer Term 2025

June 2 – August 5, 2025

The summer term consists of four primary sessions: Dallas Full Session, Dallas First Session (June), SMU-in-Taos First Session, and Dallas Second Session (July). Each primary session has different deadline dates. There are also four shorter sessions within the first and second sessions. Some areas of instruction may offer a limited number of selected courses during the Summer Term, June 2 – August 5, with unique start, end, deadline dates, and class meeting times to accommodate the particular needs of the course.

Dallas Full Session

Note: Classes meet 2 hours, 15 minutes twice a week or 1 hour, 30 minutes three times a week.

May 26, Monday: Memorial Day. University offices closed.

June 1, Sunday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact intersessions@smu.edu. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

June 2, Monday: First day of classes.

June 5, Thursday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the session without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

June 11, Wednesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. Last day to file for August graduation. **(Census Date)**

July 4, Friday: Independence Day. University offices closed.

July 17, Thursday: Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

July 30, Wednesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

August 5, Tuesday: Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

Dallas First Session (June)

Note: Classes meet 2 hours a day, Monday–Friday.

May 26, Monday: Memorial Day. University offices closed.

June 1, Sunday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact intersessions@smu.edu. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

June 2, Monday: First day of classes.

June 3, Tuesday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the session without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

June 5, Thursday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. **(Census Date)**

June 11, Wednesday: Last day to file for August graduation.

June 17, Tuesday: Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

June 25, Wednesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

July 1, Tuesday: Last day of classes, including examinations.

August 5, Tuesday: Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

Dallas June A (11-day June Session)

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

June 1, Sunday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact intersessions@smu.edu. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

June 2, Monday: First day of classes.

June 2, Monday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the session without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

June 3, Tuesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

June 11, Wednesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

June 16, Monday: Last day of classes, including examinations.

Dallas June B (11-day June Session)

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

June 16, Monday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact intersessions@smu.edu. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

June 17, Tuesday: First day of classes.

June 17, Tuesday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the session without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

June 18, Wednesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

June 26, Thursday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

July 1, Tuesday: Last day of classes, including examinations.

Dallas Second Session (July)

Note: Classes meet 2 hours a day, Monday–Friday.

June 11, Wednesday: Last day to file for August graduation.

July 4, Friday: Independence Day. University offices closed.

July 6, Sunday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact intersessions@smu.edu. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

July 7, Monday: First day of classes.

July 8, Tuesday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the session without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

July 10, Thursday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. **(Census Date)**

July 15, Tuesday: Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

July 30, Wednesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

August 5, Tuesday: Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

Dallas July A (11-day July Session)

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

July 4, Friday: Independence Day. University offices closed.

July 6, Sunday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact intersessions@smu.edu. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

July 7, Monday: First day of classes.

July 7, Monday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the session without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

July 8, Tuesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

July 16, Wednesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).
July 21, Monday: Last day of classes, including examinations.

Dallas July B (11-day July Session)

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

July 21, Monday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact intersessions@smu.edu. Graduate students contact academic school of record.)

July 22, Tuesday: First day of classes.

July 22, Tuesday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the session without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

July 23, Wednesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

July 31, Thursday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

August 5, Tuesday: Last day of classes, including examinations.

SMU-in-Taos

June A 11-day Session (First Session)

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

NOTE: *Permissions of SMU-in-Taos is required for all enrollments.*

June 2, Monday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact smutaos@smu.edu.)

June 2, Monday: Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

June 3, Tuesday: First day of classes.

June 3, Tuesday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the session without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

June 4, Wednesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information).

June 5, Thursday: Census Date

June 12, Thursday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

June 17, Tuesday: Last day of classes, including examinations.

June 18, Wednesday: Departure of students.

July A (11-day July Session)

Classes meet four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

July 4, Friday: Independence Day. University offices closed.

July 6, Sunday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact smutaos@smu.edu.)

July 6, Sunday: Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

July 7, Monday: First day of classes.

July 7, Monday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the session without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

July 8, Tuesday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). **(Census Date)**

July 16, Wednesday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

July 21, Monday: Last day of classes, including examinations.

July 22, Tuesday: Departure of students.

August Term 2025

August 7 – 22, 2025

The August Term consists of one primary session: SMU-in-Taos August Session. Some areas of instruction may offer a limited number of selected courses during the August Term, August 7 – 22, with unique start, end, and deadline dates to accommodate the particular needs of the course.

SMU-in-Taos August Session

Note: Permission of SMU-in-Taos required for all enrollments.

August 6, Wednesday: Last day to submit a request for cancellation/withdrawal from all courses with no tuition charges. (Undergraduate students contact smutaos@smu.edu.)

August 6, Wednesday: Travel day and arrival of students, 2-6 p.m.

August 7, Thursday: First day of classes.

August 7, Thursday: Last day to enroll, add a course, or drop a course without academic record ([tuition charges apply](#)). Last day to withdraw from the term without academic record ([withdrawal refund schedule applies](#)).

August 8, Friday: Last day to declare no-credit grading option for a course (see UG catalog for specific information). Last day to file for graduation in August Term. Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday. **(Census Date)**

August 15, Friday: Last day for August Term graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete, and to obtain a final grade for a grade of X or a missing grade from a previous term.

August 21, Thursday: Last day to: declare a course pass/fail (see UG catalog for specific information), drop a course (grade of W), and withdraw from the University (grades of W).

August 22, Friday: Last day of classes, including examinations. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.

August 23, Saturday: Travel Day.

Major Religious Holidays (August 2024 - August 2025)

Listing of religious holidays for use in requesting excused absences according to University Policy, Excused Absences for University Extracurricular Activities and Religious Holidays. For religious holidays not listed, the instructor or supervisor may contact the Office of the Chaplain.

Christian

Christmas: December 25, 2024

Christmas (Orthodox): January 7, 2025

Great Lent Begins (Orthodox): March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday: March 5, 2025

Good Friday: April 18, 2025

Good Friday (Orthodox): April 18, 2025

Easter Sunday: April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday (Orthodox): April 20, 2025

Hindu

Janmashtami: August 26, 2024

Dasara/Vijayadashami/Dussehra: October 12, 2024

Diwali: November 1, 2024

Holi: March 14, 2025

Jewish

Rosh Hashanah: October 3-4, 2024

Yom Kippur: October 12, 2024

Sukkot/Simchat Torah: October 17-24, 2024

Hanukkah: December 26, 2024 – January 2, 2025

Purim: March 14, 2025

Pesach (Passover): April 13-20, 2025

Islam

Mawlid al-Nabi: September 16, 2024

Ramadan: March 1-30, 2025

Eid al-Fitr: March 31, 2025

Eid al-Adha: June 7, 2025

Islamic New Year: June 27, 2025

Ashura: July 6, 2025

** All Islamic and Jewish holidays begin at sundown the day before the date listed.*