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I am Rabbi Geoffrey Dennis of Congregation Kol Ami in Flower Mound. I understand Jewish students from my congregation attend your school, so I wanted to inform you and your faculty of the Jewish sacred calendar this year.

Sept. 15-16 Rosh Hashanah
Sept. 24-25 Yom Kippur

(Please note: All Jewish holidays begin at sunset the evening before, possibly impacting after-school events)

Please excuse _____ and *any Jewish students* who request an absence on these days. (Jews, like Christians, have differing levels of commitment to their faith. Some Jewish students may choose not to observe these holidays). It would be ideal if your teachers would not plan any testing, required sports events, or mandatory school activities on these days.

If you have scheduled a test or mandatory event for one of these days, please accommodate the student with a make-up date. In keeping with the Constitutional protection afforded us all regarding religion, please remind teachers not to penalize Jewish students for observing their faith. The nature of Jewish holiday observance (especially Yom Kippur, when Jews spend most of the day in synagogue) is such that the day demands the full attention of the worshipper. Consequently the student will not have time during a holiday to prepare for a test the very next day.

We appreciate you accommodating the religious needs of your Jewish (and all) students. If you have any questions regarding these matters, I encourage you to give me a call at 972-539-1938. I am at your service.

Faithfully,

Rabbi Geoffrey Dennis

