

## Islamic Center of Baton Rouge

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August 27, 2017

RE: Eid-al-Adha (Celebration of the Sacrifice)

To Whom It May Concern:

Eid-al-Adha is the second most important holiday of the year observed by Muslims all over the world. On this solemn occasion, Muslims all over the world commemorate Prophet Abraham's exemplary demonstration of exclusive devotion to Almighty God.

Muslim religious holidays follow lunar calendar. This year the Eid-al-Adha will fall on Friday, September 1st, 2017. The celebration begins with a congregational prayer in the morning hours and rest of the festivities continue throughout four consecutive days related to this religious occasion.

We are requesting excused absences for students/employees on these/requested days.

On a different note, if you would like to request for a guest speaker to know more about Islam or plan for a field trip for the children to the Islamic Center of Baton Rouge (http://www.icbrsite.org/), please contact the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Islamic Center of Baton Rouge, Dr. Shamim Akhter, at <code>icbrsocial@gmail.com</code>, or call/text him at 504-208-7980.

For more information about Islam please visit www.whyIslam.org or call 1-877-whyIslam.

We appreciate your considerations and assistance for our community's member(s) during this celebration.

Respectfully,

Shamim Akhter

Dr. Shamim Akhter, MBBS/MD, MPH Vice Chairman, ICBR, CY 2017-18

Name of Student/Employee

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date(s) Requested