

Interfaith Insider

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Celebrate: Diwali

Oluwabamise Onifade - Interfaith Student Leader, NMPD

Diwali is an annual 5-day long festival of lights that celebrates the start of the Hindu New Year. The exact dates vary from year to year depending on the position of the moon, usually falling between October and November. Diwali 2020 falls on Saturday, November 14th.

The word Diwali means, "row of lights". Homes are decorated with lights, honor is given to the goddess of wealth, Lakshmi, and people enjoy sharing meals and celebrating with family and friends.

Diwali is a celebration of the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, success over failure. In these uncertain times, let Diwali illuminate the light within us and dispel darkness and gloom.

Radiate the hope, peace, love, and acceptance that this world needs. Have a wonderful celebration - Happy Diwali!



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Chat with a Chaplain

Art Kung - University Christian Ministries

What a privilege to be back at SAIT and to be working in the Interfaith Centre where I get to contribute to the student experience. At 52, I can't remember most things, but I remember the excitement of being a SAIT student and working toward what I thought was my meaning and purpose in life. Though I left Emergency Medicine, that experience was crucial to becoming a Chaplain.

This world is a hard and confusing place, but we all have a responsibility to be the best we were designed to be. I love this quote from Nanea Hoffman, "None of us are getting out of here alive, so please stop treating yourself like an after thought. Eat the delicious food. Walk in the sunshine. Jump in the ocean. Say the truth that you're carrying in your heart like hidden treasure. Be silly. Be kind. Be weird. There's no time for anything else."



Religious Accommodations

Sarah Ward, Interfaith Centre Coordinator

Every member of the SAIT community has the opportunity to profess and practice their faith without fear of discrimination. If you need an accommodation for a religious observance, [complete the request form electronically](#) a minimum of 10 days prior to the observance. Email your completed form to interfaith@sait.ca. Requests will be accommodated whenever possible. Students are required to make up missed work and meet all course requirements.

In next month's issue, learn more about Hannukah and meet our Catholic Chaplain, Fr. Cristino Bouvette!