

To Whom It May Concern:

The reason for this letter is to obtain an excused absence for a student in your school who observes the following Biblical holy days commanded by God. The Feast of Trumpets on October 7<sup>th</sup>, The Day of Atonement on October 16<sup>th</sup> and the Feast of Tabernacles October 21<sup>st</sup> thru the 28<sup>th</sup>.

October 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> is observed locally, but the 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 28<sup>th</sup> will be observed at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat, in Florida so travel time there and back is also required.

The observance of these religious holidays can be found in Leviticus 23 and numerous other passages. This is not "a family vacation". As such I am requesting that your student be granted an excused absence and that the attendance of this commanded assembly by God not be held against them academically.

They will require amble time to make up any assignments that were missed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this very important spiritual matter. Please do not punish them for exercising this deeply held religious conviction. If there is any problem, feel free to call me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Mark Carr

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