

This calendar highlights secular and creed-based observances and holidays, significant events and celebrations, public holidays and other important dates. These should be considered when planning educational events, tests, exams and other activities.

This calendar should not be used as a list of dates for creed-based accommodations; accommodation requests must be made formally and determined on an individual case by case basis subject to the operational procedures of the Board regarding creed beliefs, practices and observances.

Note: Information contained in this document has been sourced from several dozen websites. Please see *Days of Significance Resource Guide* for further information through <http://tdsbweb/equity>.

This calendar is not meant to be comprehensive or exhaustive and every attempt has been made to ensure its accuracy. Please note this is a fluid calendar and updates and changes are made throughout the year. If you discover any errors, required updates or omissions or, have any other inquiries regarding this document, forward your correspondence via email to:

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## *Heritage and Awareness Months*

<b>JANUARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamil Heritage Month</li> </ul>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African Heritage Month</li> <li>• Chinese Heritage Month (See also May, Asian Heritage Month)</li> </ul>
<b>MARCH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greek Heritage Month</li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genocide Awareness Month</li> <li>• Latin American History Month (see also October Hispanic Heritage Month)</li> <li>• Sikh Heritage Month</li> <li>• World Autism Month</li> </ul>
<b>MAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asian Heritage Month</li> <li>• Jewish Heritage Month</li> <li>• Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month</li> <li>• National Speech and Hearing Month</li> </ul>
<b>JUNE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Italian Heritage Month</li> <li>• National Indigenous History Month</li> <li>• Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month</li> <li>• ABGLTTQQ2S – Gay Pride Month (Toronto)</li> <li>• Filipino Heritage Month</li> </ul>
<b>JULY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hispanic Heritage Month (City of Toronto)</li> <li>• Islamic Heritage Month</li> <li>• Somalian Heritage Month</li> <li>• Women’s History Month</li> </ul>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hindu Heritage Month</li> <li>• Indigenous Education Month</li> </ul>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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JANUARY 2021		
01	Gantan-sai New Year	Buddhism – Shinto
01	New Year's Day	Canadian Government
05	Twelfth Night	Christianity
06	Baptism of Jesus – Epiphany	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
06	Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
07	Ethiopian Christmas	Rastafarian Holy Day
07	Feast of the Nativity of Christ/Orthodox Christmas	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
13	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism
14	Maghi	Hinduism/Sikhism
14	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism
14	New Year (Eastern Orthodox)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
14 – 17	Thai Pongal	Hinduism/Tamil
16	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian
17	World Religion Day	Baha'i
18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (in Canada)	USA Federal Holiday
18 – 24	No Name Calling Week (Starts 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in January)	GLSEN
20	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday <sup>1</sup>	Sikhism
21	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity: Ethiopian Orthodox
27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations
27	St. Sava Devine Day	Christianity – Serbian Orthodox
28	Mahayana New Year (1 <sup>st</sup> Full Moon)	Buddhism
<i>See Footnote</i>	Ekadashi <sup>2</sup>	Jainism
<i>See Footnote</i>	Theravada Days of Mindfulness <sup>3</sup>	Buddhism

<sup>1</sup> Actual Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday: December 22, 1666 – Celebration of his birthday varies

<sup>2</sup> There are several Ekadashi Fasting Days Throughout the Year – Consult a Jainism Website

<sup>3</sup> There are several Buddhist **Days of Mindfulness** throughout the year – (consult a Buddhist website for further information)

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FEBRUARY 2021		
01 – 07	Children's Mental Health Week	World Health Organization
02	Imbolc*	Wicca/Pagan
02	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity: Russian Orthodox
02	Setsubun	Shinto Japanese Buddhism
06	Bob Marley Birthday Day	Rastafarian Holy Day & Toronto Mun.Govt.
06	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	World Health Organization
08 - 14	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health & Rights
11 – 17	Chinese Spring Festival	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism
12	Chinese New Year	Chinese National Holiday
12	Lunar New Year	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism
12 - 14	Losar Tibetan New Year	Buddhism – Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan
15	Buddha's Death – (Nirvana Day)	Buddhism – Various Sects
15	Family Day (Ontario)	Ontario Government
16	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
17	Ash Wednesday (1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Lent)	Christianity: Western
20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations
21	International Mother Language Day	United Nations
25 – 28	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)*	Baha'i
26	Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival	Buddhism
26	Purim*	Judaism

MARCH 2021		
08	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations
11	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam
11	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism

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13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology
14	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism
14 – 12 April	Sha'ban* and Mid-Sha'ban* <sup>4</sup>	Islam
15	Clean Monday (First Day of Lent)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
20	Ohigan (Spring Equinox)	Japanese National Holiday
20	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
21	Eid-e-Navroz/Persian New Year (Date May Vary)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian
21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
22	World Water Day	United Nations
25	Feast of the Annunciation	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
27	Memorial to Christ's Death	Jehovah's Witness
28 - 29	Holi*	Hinduism
28 – April 4	Pesach/Passover*	Judaism
29 – 31	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism
31	Guan Yin Birthday	Buddhism – Taiwanese
<b>Not Celebrated in 2021</b>	Prophet Asho Zarthosht Birthday	Zoroastrian

**APRIL 2021**

01	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival	Assyrian Diaspora
02	Good Friday	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western
02	World Autism Day	International
04	Easter Sunday	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western
05	Easter Monday	Canadian Government
07	Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day (Rwanda)	Canadian Government
07	World Health Day	World Health Organization

<sup>4</sup> Also known as Laylat al-Bara'at (the date of this Holy Day lies approx. in the middle of Sha'ban and is sometimes disputed)

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08	Vesak Day	Buddhism
09	International Day of Silence	GLSEN <sup>5</sup>
09	Yom HaShoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day)	Judaism
12	Hindi New Year	Hinduism
13 – May 11	Ramadan*	Islam
14	International Day of Pink (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. in April)	Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed)
14	Mesha Sankranta – Solar New Year	Hinduism
14	Puthandu (Tamil New Year)	Hinduism – Tamilese
14	Vaisakhi	Buddhism/Sikhism
20	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Ridván*	Baha'i
21	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
21	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism
22	Earth Day (International Mother Earth Day)	United Nations
23	Day of Remembrance – Toronto Van Attack <sup>6</sup>	Toronto District School Board
25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
28	9 <sup>th</sup> Day of Ridván*	Baha'i
28	National Day of Mourning	Canadian Government
30	Holy Friday	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox

**MAY 2021**

01	12 <sup>th</sup> Day of Ridván	Baha'i
01	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan
02	International Family Equality Day (1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. in May)	Family Equality Council
02	Pascha (Orthodox Easter)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox

<sup>5</sup> GLSEN: Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network

<sup>6</sup> Toronto Van Attack: This remembrance will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April each year (or closest business day to this date)

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07	Jumu'ah tul Wida*	Islam
09	Laylat al-Qadr*	Islam
13	Ascension Day	Christianity: Western
13 – 15	Eid al Fitr* (3 Day Holy Day)	Islam
14	Akshaya Tritya	Hinduism
15	International Day of Families	United Nations
17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	IDAHOTB
17-18	Shavuot*	Judaism
23	Declaration of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
23	Pentecost	Judaism/ Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
24	Queen Victoria Day	Canadian Government Public Holiday
28	Ascension of Bahá'u'llah*	Baha'i
31	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization

**JUNE 2021**

01	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
05	World Environment Day	United Nations
10	Ascension Day Orthodox	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox
12	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada Recognition
12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations
16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism
17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	United Nations
19	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	Sickle Cell Society
20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
21	Litha/Summer Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
21	National Indigenous Persons Day (Canada)	First Nations, Métis, Inuit

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21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union
24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture
26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations
26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations
26	Saga Dawa – Tibetan Buddhist Enlightenment	Buddhism –Tibetan
27	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Toronto Gay Pride Festival	Toronto Pride

**SEPTEMBER 2020 – JULY 2021 SCHOOL YEAR ENDS**

**JULY 2021**

01	Canada Day	Canadian Government
09	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
11	Imamat Day	Islam
14	Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism – Tibetan
16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations
18	Tishah B'av*	Judaism
18 - 22	Hajj	Islam
19	Waqf al Arafa*	Islam
20 – 23	Eid al Adha*	Islam
23 – 24	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism
24	Asalha Puja Day (Dhamma Day)	Buddhism
24	Guru Purnima Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Jalsa Salana	Islam

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AUGUST 2021		
01	Lammas	Wicca/Pagan
02	Lord Simcoe Day/Founder's Day	Toronto Municipal Government
02	Terry Fox Day	Terry Fox Foundation
06	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox & Western
09	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations
10	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam
12	International Youth Day	United Nations
13 – 15	Obon Festival	Buddhism - Shinto
15	Feast of the Dormition Mother of God	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox
17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian Holy Day
19	Ashura*	Islam
22	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations
30	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism

SEPTEMBER 2021 – JUNE 2022 SCHOOL BEGINS		
SEPTEMBER 2021		
01	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
04	Paryushan Parva	Jainism
06	Labour Day	Canadian Government
07 - 08	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism
08	International Day for Literacy	United Nations
08	Nativity of Mary	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
11	Coptic New Year	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox

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11	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
14	Holy Cross Day	Christianity Western
15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations
15	Terry Fox Run	Terry Fox Foundation
16	Yom Kippur*	Judaism
19	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism
19	Powley Day	First Nation, Métis
21	International Day of Peace	United Nations
21	Ohigan (Autumn Equinox)	Buddhism/Shintoism
21 - 27	Sukkot*	Judaism
21 - 29	Mabon	Wicca/Pagan
25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario
27	Holy Cross Day	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
28 - 29	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism
29	Simchat Torah*	Judaism
30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nation, Métis, Inuit
<b>Does Not Occur in 2021</b>	Ethiopian New Year	Rastafarian Holy Day
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network Ally Week	GLSEN

### OCTOBER 2021

01	International Day of Older Persons	United Nations
02	Megregan	Zoroastrian
04	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada
06	TDSB Walk to School Day (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday in Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
07 - 14	Navratri	Hinduism
10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization

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11	International Day of the Girl Child	United Nations
11	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government
11 - 15	Durga Puja	Hinduism
11 - 17	Body Confidence Awareness Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> Week Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
16	World Food Day	United Nations
17	International Day of the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations
18 - 22	Week Without Violence (3 <sup>rd</sup> week of October)	YMCA
19	Mawlid-al-Nabi (Prophet's Birthday)*	Islam
20	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji <u>as Guru</u>	Sikhism
21	Kathina Ceremony/Paváraná Day	Buddhism
24	Karva Chauth*	Hinduism
27	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism -Tibetan
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Enlightenment of Gautam Swami	Jainism
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network Ally Week	GLSEN <sup>7</sup>

### NOVEMBER 2021

01	All Saints Day	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
01	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan
01 - 05	Treaty Week (First Week of November)	Ontario Government
02	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day
04	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
04	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism
06	Birth of the Bá'b*	Bahá'í
07	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh*	Bahá'í
07	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada

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08	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples – Veteran Affairs Cdn.
09	Gyan Panchami	Jainism
11	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government
11 - 15	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Ontario Government
14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization
16	Louis Riel Day	Métis Nation of Ontario
19	Guru Nanak Gurpurab Birthday	Sikhism
20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate
20	Universal Children's Day	United Nations
21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity :Eastern Orthodox & Western
24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
25	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations
27	National Holodomor Memorial Day <sup>8</sup>	Ukrainian Canadian Congress
28 – Dec 24	Advent	Christianity
29 – Dec 06	Hanukkah *	Judaism
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Lokasha Jayanti	Jainism

### DECEMBER 2021

01	World AIDS Day <sup>9</sup>	United Nations
02	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations
03	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations
06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government
10	Human Rights Day	United Nations

<sup>8</sup> Recognized on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday

<sup>9</sup> AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

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12	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan	Islam
18	International Migrants Day	United Nations
21	Yule - Winter Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
25	Christmas Day	Canadian Government and Christianity
26	Boxing Day	Canadian Government
26 – 01 Jan 2022	Kwanzaa	African Canadian/American Celebration
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Zarathosht Diso Death	Zoroastrian

JANUARY 2022		
01	Gantan-sai New Year	Buddhism – Shinto
01	New Year's Day	Canadian Government
05	Twelfth Night	Christianity
06	Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes – Day of the Holy Kings in Mexico	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
07	Ethiopian Christmas	Rastafarian Holy Day
07	Feast of the Nativity of Christ/Orthodox Christmas	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
09	Baptism of Jesus	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
09 and/or 29	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday <sup>10</sup>	Sikhism
13	Maghi	Sikhism
13	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism
13	Punjabi Lohri (Celebrated on the 13 <sup>th</sup> in the Punjab)	Hinduism/Sikhism
14	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism
14	New Year - Eastern Orthodox	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
14 – 17	Thai Pongal	Hinduism/Tamil
16	World Religion Day	Baha'i
17 – 23	No Name Calling Week (Starts 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in January)	GLSEN

<sup>10</sup> Actual Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday: December 22, 1666 – Celebration of his birthday varies. There are two possible dates in January 2022.

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18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	USA Federal Holiday
27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations
27	St. Sava Devine Day	Christianity – Serbian Orthodox
30	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian
<b>See Footnote</b>	Theravada Days of Mindfulness <sup>11</sup>	Buddhism
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity: Ethiopian Orthodox

<b>FEBRUARY 2022</b>		
<b>01</b>	Chinese New Year	Chinese National Holiday
01	Lunar New Year	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism
01 - 07	Chinese Spring Festival	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism
02	Imbolc*	Wicca/Pagan
02	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Western and Orthodox Christianity
03	Setsubun	Shinto Japanese Buddhism
05	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
06	Bob Marley Birthday Day	Rastafarian Holy Day & Toronto Municipal Govt.
06	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	World Health Organization
07 – 13	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
15	Parinirvana Day - Buddha's Death	Buddhism – Various Sects
16	Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival	Buddhism
20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations
21	Family Day	Ontario Government
21	International Mother Language Day	United Nations
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)	Baha'i

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<b>To Be Announced</b>	Children's Mental Health Week	World Health Organization
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**MARCH 2022**

01	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam
01	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism
02	Ash Wednesday – 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Lent	Christianity Western
03	Losar Tibetan New Year	Buddhism – Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan
03	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism
04 – 01 April	Sha'ban* and Mid-Sha'ban* <sup>12</sup>	Islam
07	Clean Monday (First Day of Lent)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
08	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations
13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology
17	Purim*	Judaism
18	Holi*	Hinduism
18 – 20	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism
20	Ostara - Spring Equinox	Wicca/Pagan
21	Eid-e-Navroz/Persian New Year (Date May Vary)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian
21	Guan Yin Birthday	Buddhism – Taiwanese
21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
21	Ohigan (Spring Equinox)	Japanese National Holiday
22	World Water Day	United Nations
25	Feast of the Annunciation	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Memorial to Christ's Death	Jehovah's Witness

**APRIL 2022**

01	Hindi New Year	Hinduism
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<sup>12</sup> Also known as Laylat al-Bara'at (the date of this Holy Day lies approx. in the middle of Sha'ban and is sometimes disputed)

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01	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival	Assyrian Diaspora
02	World Autism Awareness Day	United Nations
03- May 01	Ramadan*	Islam
07	Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day	Canadian Government
07	World Health Day	World Health Organization
08	International Day of Silence	GLSEN
10	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism
13	International Day of Pink (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. in April)	Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed)
14	Jainism New Year	Jainism
14	Mesha Sankranta (Solar New Year)	Hinduism
14	Puthandu Tamil New Year	Hinduism – Tamales
14	Vaisakhi	Sikhism
15	Good Friday	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western
16 – 22	Pesach/Passover*	Judaism
17	Easter Sunday	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western
18	Easter Monday	Canadian Government
21	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
22	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Ridván*	Baha'i
22	Earth Day (International Mother Earth Day)	United Nations
22	Holy Friday	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
23	Day of Remembrance – Toronto Van Attack <sup>13</sup>	Toronto District School Board
24	Easter Pasha	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
28	National Day of Mourning	Canadian Government

<sup>13</sup> This remembrance will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April each year (or closest business day to this date)

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28	Yom HaShoah* Holocaust Remembrance Day	Judaism
29	Laylat al-Qadr*	Islam
30	9 <sup>th</sup> Day of Ridván	Baha'i

### MAY 2022

01	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan
01	International Family Equality Day (1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. in May)	Family Equality Council
02 – 04	Eid al Fitr* (3 Holiday)	Islam
03	12 <sup>th</sup> Day of Ridván	Baha'i
03	Akshaya Tritya	Hinduism
15	International Day of Families	United Nations
15	Vesak Day	Buddhism
17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	IDAHOTB
23	Queen Victoria Day	Canadian Government Public Holiday
24	Declaration of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
26	Ascension Day	Christianity: Western
29	Ascension of Bahá'u'llah*	Baha'i
31	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization
<b>Does Not Occur 2022</b>	Jumu'ah tul Wida*	Islam

### JUNE 2022

02	Ascension Day Orthodox	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox
05	Pentecost	Judaism/ Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
05	World Environment Day	United Nations
05 – 06	Shavuot*	Judaism
12	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada Recognition

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12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations
14	Saga Dawa – Tibetan Buddhist Enlightenment	Buddhism–Tibetan
16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism
17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	United Nations
19	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	United Nations
20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
21	Litha/Summer Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
21	National Indigenous Persons Day in Canada	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union
24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture
26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations
26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations
27	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Toronto Gay Pride Festival (Covid-19 Issues may interrupt festivities)	Toronto Pride

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**JULY 2022**

01	Canada Day	Canadian Government
06	Tishah B'av*	Judaism
08 – 12	Hajj - Waqf al Arafa*	Islam
10	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
10 – 13	Eid al Adha*	Islam
11	Imamat Day	Islam
13	Asalha Puja Day, Dhamma	Buddhism

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13	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism
16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations
23	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie	Rastafarian Holy Day
30	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism – Tibetan

## AUGUST 2022

01	Lammas	Wicca/Pagan
01	Lord Simcoe Day/Founder's Day	Toronto Municipal Government
01	Terry Fox Day	Terry Fox Foundation
06	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
06 – 08	Jalsa Salana*	Islam
08	Ashura*	Islam
09	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations
11	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
12	International Youth Day	United Nations
13 – 15	Obon Festival	Buddhism - Shinto
15	Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian Holy Day
19	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
21	Prophet Asho Zarhosht Birthday	Zoroastrian
23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations
23	Paryushan Parva	Jainism

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SEPTEMBER 2022		
01	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib	Sikhism
05	Labour Day	Canadian Government
08	International Day for Literacy	United Nations
08	Nativity of Mary	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
09	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism
11	Coptic New Year	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox
11	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox & Western
14	Holy Cross Elevation Day	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox & Western
15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations
18	Terry Fox Run (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Labour Day)	Terry Fox Foundation
19	Powley Day	First Nations, Métis
21	International Day of Peace	United Nations
21 - 29	Mabon	Wicca/Pagan
22	Ohigan (Autumn Equinox)	Buddhism/Shintoism
26 – 04 Oct	Sharad Navratri	Hinduism
26 - 27	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism
30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
<b>Does Not Occur in 2022</b>	Ethiopian New Year	Rastafarian Holy Day
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network Ally Week	GLSEN <sup>14</sup>

OCTOBER 2022		
01	International Day of Older Persons	United Nations
01 - 05	Durga Puja	Hinduism

<sup>14</sup> GLSEN: Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network

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05	TDSB Walk to School Day (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday in Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
05	World Teachers' Day	United Nations
05	Yom Kippur *	Judaism
08	Mawlid-al-Nabi* (Prophet's Birthday)	Islam
10	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government
10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization
10 - 16	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week (3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Oct.)	Ontario Government
10 - 16	Body Confidence Awareness Week (3 <sup>rd</sup> Week Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
10 - 16	Sukkot*	Judaism
11	International Day of the Girl Child	United Nations
12 - 13	Karva Chauth *	Hinduism
16	World Food Day	United Nations
17	International Day of the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations
17 – 18	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism
17 - 23	Week Without Violence (3 <sup>rd</sup> week of October)	YMCA
18	Simchat Torah *	Judaism
20	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji <u>as Guru</u>	Sikhism
24	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
24	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism
26	Birth of the Bá'b*	Bahá'í
27	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh*	Bahá'í
29	Gyan Panchami	Jainism
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Kathina Festival/Paváraná Day	Buddhism
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Megregan	Zoroastrian
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada

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NOVEMBER 2022		
01	All Saints Day	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
01	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan
01 – 06	Treaty Week (First Week of November)	Ontario Government
02	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day
07	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada
08	Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti Birthday	Sikhism
08	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples – Veteran Affairs Cdn.
11	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government
14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization
15	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism
16	Louis Riel Day	Métis Association of Ontario
20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate
20	Universal Children's Day	United Nations
21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity :Eastern Orthodox & Western
24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations
26	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i
26	National Holodomor Memorial Day <sup>15</sup>	Ukrainian Canadian Congress
27 – Dec 24	Advent	Christianity
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Lokasha Jayanti	Jainism

DECEMBER 2022		
01	World AIDS Day <sup>16</sup>	United Nations
02	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations

<sup>15</sup> Recognized on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

<sup>16</sup> AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

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03	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations
06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government
08	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons Day	Christianity - Macedonian Orthodox
10	Human Rights Day	United Nations
13	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan	Islam
18	International Migrants Day	United Nations
19 – 26	Hanukkah*	Judiasm
21	Yule - Winter Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
25	Christmas Day	Canadian Government and Christianity
26	Boxing Day	Canadian Government
26 – 01 Jan 2023	Kwanzaa (Google)	African Canadian/American Celebration
<b>See Footnote</b>	Ekadashi <sup>17</sup>	Jainism
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Zarathosht Diso Death	Zoroastrian

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<sup>17</sup> There are several Ekadashi Fasting Days during the year – consult a Jainism Website

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