***Days of Significance***

 Calendar Dates January 2020 – August 2021

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* on the internal website.

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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NOTE: Days of Significance/Holy Days ***may vary a few days before or after the indicated date*** due to incompatibility of calendars from the Western Gregorian calendar, moon sightings, time zones, government or ecclesiastical declarations, source website updates or date reporting conflicts between websites, etc.

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***Heritage and Awareness Months***

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| **JANUARY** | * Tamil Heritage Month
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| **FEBRUARY** | * African Heritage Month
* Chinese Heritage Month (See also May, Asian Heritage Month)
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| **MARCH** | * Greek Heritage Month
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| **APRIL** | * Genocide Awareness Month
* Latin American History Month (see also October Hispanic Heritage Month)
* Sikh Heritage Month
* World Autism Month
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| **MAY** | * Asian Heritage Month
* Jewish Heritage Month
* Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
* National Speech and Hearing Month
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| **JUNE** | * Italian Heritage Month
* National Indigenous History Month
* Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month
* ABGLTTQQ2S – Gay Pride Month (Toronto)
* Philippine Heritage Month
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| **JULY** |  |
| **AUGUST** |  |
| **SEPTEMBER** |  |
| **OCTOBER** | * Hispanic Heritage Month (City of Toronto)
* Islamic Heritage Month
* Somalian Heritage Month
* Women’s History Month
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| **NOVEMBER** | * Hindu Heritage Month
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| **DECEMBER** |  |

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| **Jan 2020** | 01 | Gantan-sai New Year | Buddhism - Shinto |
|  | 01 | New Year’s Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 02 | Bodhi Day (The Enlightenment of Buddha) | Buddhism |
|  | 02 | Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday[[1]](#footnote-1) | Sikhism |
|  | 05 | Twelfth Night | Christianity |
|  | 06 | Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western |
|  | 06 - 07 | Pasha Putrada Ekadashi | Hinduism |
|  | 07 | Ethiopian Christmas | Rastafarian Holy Day |
|  | 07 | Feast of the Nativity of Christ/Orthodox Christmas | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 10 | Mahayana New Year | Buddhism |
|  | ***See Footnote*** | Theravada Days of Mindfulness[[2]](#footnote-2) | Buddhism |
|  | 12 | Baptism of Jesus | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western |
|  | 14 | New Year (Eastern Orthodox) | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 14 | Punjabi Lohri (Celebrated on the 13th in the Punjab) | Hinduism/Sikhism |
|  | 15 | Maghi | Sikhism |
|  | 15 | Makara Sankranti | Hinduism |
|  | 15-18 | Thai Pongal | Hinduism/Tamil |
|  | 19 | World Religion Day | Baha’i |
|  | 20 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day | USA Federal Holiday |
|  | 22 | Feast of the Wedding of Cana | Christianity: Ethiopian Orthodox |
|  | 20-24 | No Name Calling Week | GLSEN[[3]](#footnote-3) |
|  | 24-30 | Chinese New Year (Spring Festival) | Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism |
|  | 25 | Chinese New Year | Buddhism |
|  | 27 | St. Sava Devine Day | Christianity - Serbian Orthodox |
|  | 27 | International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust | United Nations |
|  | 29 | Vasant Panchami | Hinduism |
|  | 30 | Jashan-e-Sadeh | Zoroastrian |

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| **Feb 2020** | 01 | Imbolc | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 03 | Setsubun-sai | Buddhism - Shinto |
|  | 06 | Bob Marley Birthday Day | Rastafarian & City of Toronto |
|  | 06 | International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation | World Health Organization |
|  | 10 | Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival | Buddhism |
|  | 10-14 | Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week | Action Canada for Sexual Health/ Rights |
|  | 15[[4]](#footnote-4)  | Buddha’s Death – (Nirvana Day) | Buddhism – Various Sects |
|  | 15 | Meeting of Our Lord | Christianity: Russian Orthodox |
|  | 17 | Family Day and Louis Riel Day | Ont. Govt./Toronto Municipal Govt. |
|  | 20 | World Day of Social Justice | United Nations |
|  | 21 | International Mother Language Day | United Nations |
|  | 21 | Maha Shivaratri | Hinduism |
|  | 24-26 | Losar Tibetan New Year | Buddhism - Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan |
|  | 26 | Ash Wednesday (1st Day of Lent) | Christianity |
|  | 26 - 29 | Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days) | Baha’i |

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| **March 2020** | 02 | Clean Monday | Christianity – Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 08 | International Women’s and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace | United Nations |
|  | 09 - 10 | Holi | Hinduism |
|  | 10 | Purim\* | Judaism |
|  | 10 - 12 | Holla Mohalla | Sikhism |
|  | 12 | Guan Yin Birthday | Buddhism - Taiwanese |
|  | 13 | L. Ron Hubbard’s Birthday | Church of Scientology |
|  | 14 | Sikh New Year (Vaisakhi) | Sikhism |
|  | 19 | Ostara (Spring Equinox) | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 20 | Ohigan (Spring Equinox) | Japanese National Holiday |
|  | 20 | Eid-e-Navroz (Persian New Year) | Baha’i/Zoroastrian |
|  | 21 | International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination | United Nations |
|  | 22 | Isra’a and Miraj\* | Islam |
|  | 22 | World Water Day | United Nations |
|  | 25 | Saka New Year (Nyepi) | Hinduism |
|  | 25 | Feast of the Annunciation | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western |
|  | 25 – 23 April | Sha’ban\* and Mid-Sha’ban\*[[5]](#footnote-5) | Islam |
| **Sikh Heritage Month** | 25 | Hindi (New Year) | Hinduism |
|  | 26 | Prophet Asho Zarthosht Birthday | Zoroastrian |

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| **April 2020** | 01 | Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival | Assyrian Diaspora |
|  | 02 | Shri/Rama Navami | Hinduism |
|  | 02 | World Autism Day | International |
|  | 07 | Memorial to Christ’s Death | Jehovah’s Witness |
|  | 07 | Rwanda Genocide Memorial Day | Canadian Government |
| **Latin Heritage Month)** | 07 | World Health Day | World Health Organization |
|  | 08 | International Day of Pink (2nd Wed. in April) | Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed) |
|  | 09 - 16 | Pesach/Passover\* | Judaism |
|  | 10 | Good Friday | Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western |
|  | 12 | Easter Sunday | Canadian Govt. & Christianity:- Western |
|  | 13 | Easter Monday | Canadian Govt. & Christianity:- Western |
|  | 13 | Solar New Year (Mesha Sankranta) | Hinduism |
|  | 13 | Vaisakhi | Buddhism/Sikhism |
|  | 14 | Puthandu (Tamil New Year) | Hinduism - Tamilese |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | International Day of Silence | GLSEN |
|  | 17 | Holy Friday | Christianity - Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 19 | Easter (Pascha) | Christianity - Russian Orthodox |
|  | 20 – May 1 | Ridván\* | Baha’i |
|  | 21 | Groundation Day | Rastafarian Holy Day |
|  | 22 | Earth Day (International Mother Earth Day) | United Nations |
|  | 23 | Day of Remembrance – Toronto Van Attack[[6]](#footnote-6) | Toronto District School Board |
|  | 24 | Armenian Genocide Memorial Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 24 – 23 May | Ramadan\* | Islam |
|  | 21 | Yom HaShoah\* (Holocaust Remembrance Day) | Judaism |
|  | 25 | Feast of St. Mark | Christianity: East Orthodox & Western |
|  | 26 | Akshaya Tritya | Hinduism |
|  | 28 | National Day of Mourning | Canadian Government |

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| **May 2020** | 01 | Beltane | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 03 | International Family Equality Day (1st Sun. in May) | Family Equality Council |
|  | 07 | Vesak Day | Buddhism |
|  | 15 | International Day of Families | United Nations |
|  | 17 | International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia | IDAHOTB |
|  | 18 | Queen Victoria Day | Canadian Government Public Holiday |
|  | 19 | Laylat al-Qadr\* | Islam |
|  | 21 | Ascension Day | Christianity: Western |
|  | 22 | Jumu’ahtul Wida\* | Islam |
|  | 23 | Declaration of the Bá’b\* | Baha’i |
|  | 24 - 26 | Eid al Fitr\* (3 Day Holy Day) | Islam |
|  | 28 | Ascension Day | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 28 | Ascension of Bahá’u’llah\* | Baha’i |
|  | 29 - 30 | Shavuot\* | Judaism |
|  | 31 | Pentecost | Judaism, Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western |
|  | 31 | World No Tobacco Day | World Health Organization |

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| **June 2020** | 01 | Intergenerational Day | Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse |
|  | 05 | Saga Dawa – Tibetan Buddhist Enlightenment | Buddhism -Tibetan |
|  | 05 | World Environment Day | United Nations |
|  | 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 | National Indigenous Persons Day (Canada) | Canadian Government |
|  | 21 | World Humanist Day | International Humanist and Ethical Union |
|  | 24 | Litha/Summer Solstice | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 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 |
|  | 26-28 | Pride Festival Weekend (Toronto) | Toronto Pride |
|  | 27 | Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day | Canadian Mental Health Association |
| **September 2019 - June 2020 School Year Ends** |

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| **July 2020** | 01 | Canada Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 03 - 05 | Jalsa Salana*\** | Islam |
|  | 04 | Asalha Puja Day (Dharma Day) | Buddhism |
|  | 05 | Guru Purnima Day | Buddhism/Jainism |
|  | 09 | Martyrdom of the Bá’b\* | Baha’i |
|  | 11 | Imamat Day | Islam |
|  | 16 | Ethiopian Constitution Day | Rastafarian Holy Day |
|  | 18 | Nelson Mandela International Day | United Nations |
|  | 23 | Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie | Rastafarian Holy Day |
|  | 24 | Chokhor Ducchën Festival | Buddhism - Tibetan |
|  | 29 - Aug 02 | Waqf al Arafa (Hajj)\* | Islam |
|  | 31 - Aug 03 | Eid al Adha\* | Islam |
|  | 30 | Tishah B’av\* | Judaism |

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| **Aug 2020** | 01 | Lammas | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 03 | Lord Simcoe Day/Founder’s Day | Toronto Municipal Government |
|  | 03 | Raksha Bandhan | Hinduism |
|  | 06 | Transfiguration of Christ | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western |
|  | 09 | International Day of the World’s Indigenous People | United Nations |
|  | 11 | Krishna Janmashtami | Hinduism |
|  | 12 | International Youth Day | United Nations |
|  | 13 - 15 | Obon Festival | Buddhism - Shinto |
|  | 15 | Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God | Christianity – Russian/Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 16 - 23 | Paryushan Parva | Jainism |
|  | 17 | Marcus Garvey’s Birthday | Rastafarian Holy Day |
|  | 20 | Al-Hijra New Year\* | Islam |
|  | 22 | Ganesh Chaturthi | Hinduism |
|  | 23 – Sep 1 | Daslakshan – Parva (see also Samvatsari Parva) | Jainism/Hinduism |
|  | 23 | International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition | United Nations |
|  | 23 | Samvatsari Parva (Forgiveness Day) | Jainism |
|  | 29 | Ashura\* | Islam |

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| **September 2020 – June 2021 School Year Begins** |
| **Sept 2020** | 01 | Anant Chaturdashi | Jainism |
|  | 01 | Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji | Sikhism |
|  | 07 | Labour Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 08 | International Day for Literacy | United Nations |
|  | 08 | Nativity of Mary | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western |
|  | 11 | Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (also memorialized 29 August by some Christian Orthodox Denominations) | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western |
|  | 11 | Coptic New Year | Christianity - Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 11 | Ethiopian New Year (Enkutatash) | Rastafarian Holy Day |
|  | 14 | Holy Cross Day (Feast and Elevation of the Cross) | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western |
|  | 15 | International Day of Democracy | United Nations |
|  | 17-25 | Navratri | Hinduism |
|  | 19-20 | Rosh Hashanah\* | Judaism |
|  | 19 | Powley Day | First Nation, Métis |
|  | 21 | International Day of Peace | United Nations |
|  | 21 - 29 | Mabon (Autumn Equinox on September 22) | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 22 | Ohigan (Autumn Equinox) | Buddhism/Shintoism |
|  | 25 | Franco-Ontarian Day | Government of Ontario |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network Ally Week | GLSEN |
|  | 30 | Orange Shirt Day | First Nation, Métis, Inuit |

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| **Oct 2020** | 01 | International Day of Older Persons | United Nations |
|  | 02 | Megregan | Zoroastrian |
|  | 03 - 09 | Sukkot\* | Judaism |
|  | 05 | World Teachers’ Day | United Nations |
|  | 05 - 11 | Body Confidence Awareness Week (2nd Week Oct.) | Toronto District School Board (TDSB) |
|  | 07 | TDSB Walk to School Day (1st Wednesday in Oct.) | Toronto District School Board (TDSB) |
|  | 10-11 | Shemini Atzeret\* | Judaism |
|  | 10 | World Mental Health Day | World Health Organization |
|  | 11 | International Day of the Girl Child | United Nations |
|  | 11 | Simchat Torah\* | Judaism |
|  | 12 | Thanksgiving Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 12 - 16 | Week Without Violence (3rd week of October) | YMCA |
|  | 16 | World Food Day | United Nations |
|  | 17 | International Day of the Eradication of Poverty | United Nations |
|  | 18 | Birth of the Bá’b\* | Bahá’i |
|  | 19 | Birth of Bahá'u'lláh\* | Bahá’i |
|  | 20 | Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru | Sikhism |
|  | 22 - 26 | Durga Puja Saptami | Hinduism |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | Kathina Ceremony/Paváraná Day | Buddhism |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | New Year (Enlightenment of Gautamswami) | Jainism |
|  | 28 | Yom Kippur\* | Judaism |
|  | 29 | Mawlid-al-Nabi\* | Islam |
|  | 31 | Samhain\* | Wicca/Pagan |

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| **November 2020** | 01 | All Saints Day | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western |
|  | 02 | Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I | Rastafarian Holy Day |
|  | 04 | Karva Chauth | Hinduism |
|  | 07 | Buddha’s Descent from Tushita Heaven | Buddhism -Tibetan |
|  | 11 | Remembrance Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 14 | Bandi Chhor Divas | Sikhism |
|  | 14 | Diwali | Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism |
|  | 14 | World Diabetes Day | World Health Organization |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | Lokasha Jayanti | Jainism |
|  | 15-21 | Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week | Ontario Government |
|  | 19 | Gyan Panchami | Jainism |
|  | 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 |
|  | 28 | National Holodomor Memorial Day[[7]](#footnote-7)  | Ukrainian Canadian Congress |
|  | 29 - Dec 24 | Advent | Christianity |
|  | 30 | Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti Birthday | Sikhism |

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| **Dec 2020** | ***To Be Announced*** | Zarathosht Diso Death | Zoroastrian |
|  | 01 | World AIDS[[8]](#footnote-8) Day | 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 |
|  | 08 | St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons Day | Christianity - Macedonian Orthodox |
|  | 10 | Human Rights Day | United Nations |
|  | 11 - 18 | Hanukkah\* | Judaism |
|  | 13 | Birthday of Imam Aga Khan | Islam |
|  | 18 | International Migrants Day | United Nations |
|  | 21 - Jan 02 | Yule - Winter Solstice | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 25 | Christmas Day | Canadian Government and Christianity |
|  | 26 - Jan 01 | Kwanzaa | African Canadian and American Celebration |
|  | 25 | Maun Ekadashi | Jainism |
|  | 26 | Boxing Day | Canadian Government |
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| **Jan 2021** | ***See Footnote*** | Theravada Days of Mindfulness[[9]](#footnote-9) | Buddhism |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | Jashan-e-Sadeh | Zoroastrian |
|  | 01 | Gantan-sai New Year | Buddhism - Shinto |
|  | 01 | New Year’s Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 05 | Twelfth Night | Christianity |
|  | 06 | Baptism of Jesus | 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 | Maghi | Sikhism |
|  | 13 | Punjabi Lohri (Celebrated on the 13th in the Punjab) | Hinduism/Sikhism |
|  | 13 – 16 | Thai Pongal | Hinduism/Tamil |
|  | 14 | Makara Sankranti | Hinduism |
|  | 14 | New Year (Eastern Orthodox) | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 17 | World Religion Day | Baha’i |
|  | 18 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day | USA Federal Holiday |
|  | 18 – 22 | No Name Calling Week (Starts 3rd Monday in January) | GLSEN |
|  | 20 | Bodhi Day (The Enlightenment of Buddha) | Buddhism |
|  | 20 | Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday[[10]](#footnote-10) | Sikhism |
|  | 22 | Feast of the Wedding of Cana | Christianity: Ethiopian Orthodox |
|  | 24 | Pasha Putrada Ekadashi | Hinduism |
|  | 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 | Buddhism |

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| **Feb 2021** | ***To Be Announced*** | Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week | Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights |
|  | 01 | Imbolc | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 02 | Meeting of Our Lord | Christianity: Russian Orthodox |
|  | 03 | Setsubun | Shinto Japanese Buddhism |
|  | 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 |
|  | 11 - 17 | Chinese Spring Festival | Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism |
|  | 12 | Chinese New Year[[11]](#footnote-11) | Chinese National Holiday |
|  | 12 | Losar Tibetan New Year[[12]](#footnote-12) | Buddhism - Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan |
|  | 15 | Buddha’s Death – (Nirvana Day) | Buddhism – Various Sects |
|  | 15 | Family Day and Louis Riel Day | Ontario Govt./Toronto Municipal Govt. |
|  | 16 | Vasant Panchami | Hinduism |
|  | 17 | Ash Wednesday (1st 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 | Purim\* | Judaism |
|  | 27 | Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival | Buddhism |

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| **March 2021** | ***To Be Announced*** | Prophet Asho Zarthosht Birthday | Zoroastrian |
|  | 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 |
|  | 13 | L. Ron Hubbard’s Birthday | Church of Scientology |
|  | 14 | Saka New Year (Nyepi) | Hinduism |
|  | 15 | Clean Monday (First Day of Lent) | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 15 – 12 April | Sha’ban\* and Mid-Sha’ban\*[[13]](#footnote-13) | Islam |
|  | 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 – April 4 | Pesach/Passover\* | Judaism |
|  | 28-29 | Holi | Hinduism |
|  | 29 | Holla Mohalla | Sikhism |
|  | 31 | Guan Yin Birthday | Buddhism - Taiwanese |

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| **April 2021** | ***To Be Announced*** | International Day of Silence | GLSEN |
|  | 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 | International Day of Pink (2nd Wed. in April) | Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed) |
|  | 07 | Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day (Rwanda) | Canadian Government |
|  | 07 | World Health Day | World Health Organization |
|  | 09 | Yom HaShoah\* (Holocaust Remembrance Day) | Judaism |
|  | 12 | Hindi New Year | Hinduism |
|  | 13 | Solar New Year (Mesha Sankranta) | Hinduism |
|  | 13 – May 11 | Ramadan\* | Islam |
|  | 14 | Puthandu (Tamil New Year) | Hinduism - Tamilese |
|  | 14 | Vaisakhi | Buddhism/Sikhism |
|  | 20 | 1st 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[[14]](#footnote-14) | Toronto District School Board |
|  | 24 | Armenian Genocide Memorial Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 25 | Feast of St. Mark | Christianity:Eastern Orthodox & Western |
|  | 28 | 9th Day of Ridván | Baha’i |
|  | 28 | National Day of Mourning | Canadian Government |
|  | 30 | Holy Friday | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox |
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| **May 2021** | ***To Be Announced*** | Declaration of the Bá’b\* | Baha’i |
|  | 01 | 12th Day of Ridván | Baha’i |
|  | 01 | Beltane | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 02 | Easter (Pascha) | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 02 | International Family Equality Day (1st Sun. in May) | Family Equality Council |
|  | 4 - 8 | Children’s Mental Week |  |
|  | 07 | Jumu’ah tul Wida\* | Islam |
|  | 08 | Laylat al-Qadr (Date May Vary) | 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 | Pentecost | Judaism/ Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western |
|  | 24 | Queen Victoria Day | Canadian Government Public Holiday |
|  | 26 | Vesak Day | Buddhism |
|  | 29 | Ascension of Bahá’u’llah\* | Baha’i |
|  | 31 | World No Tobacco Day | World Health Organization |

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| **June 2021** | ***To Be Announced*** | Intergenerational Day | Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji | Sikhism |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | Pride Festival | Toronto Pride |
|  | 05 | World Environment Day | United Nations |
|  | 10 | Ascension Day | Christianity – Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 12 | World Day Against Child Labour | United Nations |
|  | 17 | World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought | United Nations |
|  | 19 | World Sickle Cell Awareness Day | Sickle Cell Society |
|  | 20 | Litha/Summer Solstice | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 20 | World Refugee Day | United Nations |
|  | 21 | National Indigenous Persons Day (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 |
|  | 26 | Saga Dawa – Tibetan Buddhist Enlightenment | Buddhism -Tibetan |
|  | 27 | Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day | Canadian Mental Health Association |
| **September 2020 - June 2021 School Year Ends** |

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| **July 2021** | ***To Be Announced*** | Chokhor Ducchën Festival | Buddhism - Tibetan |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | Imamat Day | Islam |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | Jalsa Salana*\** | Islam |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | Martyrdom of the Bá’b\* | Baha’i |
|  | 01 | Canada Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 16 | Ethiopian Constitution Day | Rastafarian Holy Day |
|  | 18 | Nelson Mandela International Day | United Nations |
|  | 18 | Tishah B’av\* | Judaism |
|  | 19 | Waqf al Arafa (Hajj)\* | Islam |
|  | 20 - 23 | Eid al Adha\* | Islam |
|  | 23 | Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie | Rastafarian Holy Day |
|  | 23 - 24 | Guru Purnima Day | Buddhism/Jainism |
|  | 24 | Asalha Puja Day (Dharma Day) | Buddhism |

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| **Aug 2021** | 01 | Lammas | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | ***To Be Announced*** | Paryushan Parva | Jainism |
|  | 02 | Lord Simcoe Day/Founder’s Day | Toronto Municipal Government |
|  | 06 | Transfiguration of Christ | Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and 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 (Date may vary from indicated) | Christianity: Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 17 | Marcus Garvey’s Birthday | Rastafarian Holy Day |
|  | 19 | Ashura\* | Islam |
|  | 21 | Raksha Bandhan | Hinduism |
|  | 23 | International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition | United Nations |
|  | 29 | Krishna Janmashtami | Hinduism |

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2. There are several Buddhist ***Days of Mindfulness*** throughout the year – (consult a Buddhist website for further information) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. GLSEN: Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. NOTE: Some observe this day on Feb 8th [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Also known as Laylat al-Bara’at (the date of this Holy Day lies approx. in the middle of Sha’ban and the date is sometimes disputed) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. This remembrance will take place on the 23rd of April each year (or closest business day to this date) [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Recognized on the 4th Saturday each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
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11. Please Note: For elementary schools, Feb 12, 2021 has been designated as a P.A. Day. On this date a Parent/Teachers conference will take place in schools. Staff, parents and students may be impacted based on cultural celebrations of the Chinese New Year. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
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