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| **July 2017** | 1 | Canada Day | Canadian Government. |
|  | 6 | 14th Dalai Lama’s Birthday | Buddhism/Tibetan |
|  | 9 | Guru Purnima | Buddhism/Jainism/Hinduism |
|  | 9 | Martyrdom of the Bá’b\* | Baha’i |
|  | 11 | Imamat Day\* | Islam |
|  | 15 | Asalha Puja Day | Buddhism |
|  | 16 | Ethiopian Constitution Day | Rastafarian |
|  | 18 | Nelson Mandela International Day | United Nations |
|  | 19 | Dharma Day (Termination of the Rainy Season) | Buddhism |
|  | 23 | Birthday of Emperor Hail Selassie | Rastafarian |
|  | 27 | Chokhor Korway Ducchen Festival | Buddhism/Tibetan |
|  | 28-30 | Jalsa Salana\* | Islam |

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| **Aug 2017** | 1 | Lughnassadh/Lammas | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 1 | Tishah B’av\* | Judaism |
|  | 6 | Transfiguration of Christ | Christianity Eastern Orthodox/Catholicism |
|  | 7 | Lord Simcoe Day/Founder’s Day Civic Holiday | Toronto Municipal Government |
|  | 7 | Raksha Bandhan | Hinduism |
|  | 9 | International Day of the World’s Indigenous People | United Nations |
|  | 11-12 | Obon | Buddhist/Shinto |
|  | 12 | International Youth Day | United Nations |
|  | 15 | Feast of the Dormition | Christianity Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 15 | Krishna Janmashtami | Hinduism |
|  | 17 | Marcus Garvey’s Birthday | Rastafarian |
|  | 18 | Paryushana Parva | Jainism |
|  | 23 | International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition | United Nations |
|  | 25 | Ganesh Chauturthi | Hinduism |
|  | 25 | Samvatsari - Parva | Jainism |
|  | 31 | Waqf al Arafa (Hajj)\* | Islam |

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| **Sept 2017** | 1 | Eid al Adha\* | Islam |
|  | 1 | Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji | Sikhism |
|  | 4 | Labour Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 5 | Anant Chaturdashi | Jainism |
|  | 5 | Ullumbana Festival | Buddhism/Taoist |
|  | 8 | International Day for Literacy | United Nations |
|  | 10 | Eid ul Ghadir\* | Islam |
|  | 11 | Beheading of St. John the Baptist | Christianity |
|  | 11 | Coptic New Year | Christianity Egyptian Orthodox |
|  | 11 | Ethiopian New Year | Rastafarian |
|  | 14 | The Elevation of the Cross | Christianity Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 15 | International Day of Democracy | United Nations |
|  | TBA | Kshamvaani (Forgiveness Day) | Jainism |
|  | TBA | Fall Ohigan (Japanese) | Buddhism |
|  | 19 | Powley Day | First Nation, Métis |
|  | 20-22 | Rosh Hashanah\* | Judaism |
|  | 21 | Al-Hijra New Year\* | Islam |
|  | 21 | International Day of Peace | United Nations |
|  | 21-29 | Daslakshan Parva (10 Day Festival) | Jainism |
|  | 21-29 | Navratri (Autumn) | Hinduism |
|  | 22 | Mabon Autumn Equinox\* | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 25-29 | LGBTTQI2S Ally Week | Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) |
| **Sept 2017 cont’d.** | 27 | Durga Puja (Saptami) | Hinduism |
|  | 28 | Durga Ashtami (Mashtami) Dassehra | Hinduism |
|  | 30 | Orange Shirt Day | First Nation, Métis, Inuit |
|  | 30 | Vijaya Dashami (Dassehra) | Hinduism |
|  | 30 | Yom Kippur\* | Judaism |

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| **Oct 2017** | 1 | Ashura\* | Islam |
| **Hispanic Heritage Month** | 1 | International Day of Older Persons | United Nations |
| **Islamic Heritage Month** | 4 | International Walk/Bike to School Day  (Adopted by TDSB Motion April 2015) | National Centre for Safe Routes to School (USA) |
| **Somali Heritage Month (City of Toronto)** | 4-11 | Sukkot\* | Judaism |
| **Women’s History Month** | 5 | Kathina Ceremony/Paváraná Day | Buddhism |
| **Aboriginal Education Month** | 5 | World Teachers’ Day (Adopted by TDSB Motion April 2015) | United Nations |
|  | 8 | Karva Chauth | Hinduism |
|  | 9 | Thanksgiving Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 10 | World Mental Health Day | World Health Organization |
|  | TBA | Week Without Violence (TDSB Date) | YMCA |
|  | 11 | Buddha’s Descent from Tushita Heaven | Buddhism/Tibetan |
|  | 11 | International Day of the Girl | United Nations |
|  | 12 | Shemini Atzeret\* | Judaism |
|  | 13 | Simchat Torah\* | Judaism |
|  | 16 | World Food Day | United Nations |
|  | 17 | International Day of the Eradication of Poverty | United Nations |
|  | 19 | Bandi Chhor Divas | Sikhism |
|  | 19 | Diwali | Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism |
|  | 20 | Birth of the Bá’b\* | Baha’i |
|  | 20 | Installation of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru | Sikhism |
|  | TBA | New Year (Enlightenment of Gautam Swami) | Jainism |
|  | 22 | Birth of Baha’hu’llah | Baha’i |
|  | 24 | Gyana Panchami | Jainism |

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| *Nov 2017* | 1 | All Saints Day | Christianity Eastern Orthodox/Catholicism |
|  | 1 | Samhain\* | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 2 | Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I | Rastafarian |
|  | 4 | Birthday of Guru Nanak | Sikhism |
|  | 11 | Remembrance Day | Canadian Government |
|  | TBA | Lokasha Jayanti | Jainism |
|  | TBA | Prakash | Sikhism |
|  | 14 | World Diabetes Day | World Health Organization |
|  | 16 | Louis Riel Day (Toronto) | First Nations, Métis |
|  | 20 | Universal Children’s Day | United Nations |
|  | 20 | International Transgender Day of Remembrance | Gwendolyn Ann Smith, US Trans Advocate |
|  | 19-25 | Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week | Ontario Government |
|  | 21 | Presentation of the Virgin Mary | Christianity Russian Orthodox |
|  | 24 | Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur | Sikhism |
|  | 24 | National Holodomor Memorial Day (Recognized on the 4th Saturday, each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday) | Ukrainian Canadian Association |
|  | 25 | International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women | United Nations |
|  | 26 | Day of the Covenant\* | Baha’i |
|  | 30 | Maun Agiyaras | Jainism |

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| *Dec 2017* | 1 | Mawlid-al-Nabi\* | Islam |
|  | 1 | World AIDS Day | United Nations |
|  | 2 | International Day of the Abolition of Slavery | United Nations |
|  | 3 | International Day of Persons with Disabilities | United Nations |
|  | 3-24 | Advent | Christianity |
|  | 6 | National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women | Canadian Government |
|  | 8 | Bodhi Day (Buddha Enlightenment) | Buddhism |
|  | 8 | St. Clements or Ohrid Patrons Day | Christianity Macedonian Orthodox |
|  | 10 | Human Rights Day | United Nations |
|  | 12-20 | Hanukkah\* | Judaism |
|  | 13 | Birthday of Imam Agakhan\* | Islam |
|  | 18 | International Migrants Day | United Nations |
|  | 22 | Yule - Winter Solstice\* | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 25 | Christmas Day | Canadian Government and Christianity |
|  | TBA | Ashu Zarathosht’s Death | Zoroastrianism |
|  | 26 | Boxing Day | Canadian Government |
|  | Dec 26-Jan 01 | Kwanzaa | African Canadian and American Celebration |

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| *Jan 2018* | 1 | Gantan-sai New Year | Buddhism/Shinto |
| **Tamil Heritage Month** | 1 | New Year’s Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 2 | Mehergan (1st Full Moon) | Zoroastrian |
|  | 2-4 | Mahayana New Year | Buddhism |
|  | 5 | Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh | Sikhism |
|  | 5 | Twelfth Night | Christianity |
|  | 6 | Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes | Christianity Eastern Orthodox and Western |
|  | 7 | Baptism of Jesus | Christianity Egyptian Orthodox |
|  | 7 | Feast of the Nativity (Christmas – Julian Calendar) | Christianity Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 7 | Ethiopian Orthodox Christmas | Rastafarian |
|  | Does Not Take Place in 2018 | Pasha Putrada Ekadashi) | Hinduism |
|  | TBA | Theravada Days of Mindfulness | Buddhism |
|  | 13 | Punjabi Lohri | Hinduism (Punjabi) |
|  | 14 | Makara Sankranti | Hinduism |
|  | 14 | New Year (Julian Calendar) | Christianity Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 13-16 | Thai Mongul (Occurs on January 14th) | Hinduism/Tamilese |
|  | 15 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day | USA Federal Holiday |
|  | TBA | No Name Calling Week | Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) |
|  | 21 | Feast of the Wedding of Cana at Galilee | Christianity Ethiopian Orthodox |
|  | 21 | World Religion Day | Baha’i |
|  | 22 | Vasant Panchami | Hinduism |
|  | TBA | Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal) in Pakistan | Zoroastrianism |
|  | Jan 27-Feb 2 | Chinese Spring Festival/New Year | Buddhism |
|  | 27 | International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust | United Nations |
|  | 27 | St. Sava Devine Service | Christinaity Serbian Orthodox |
|  | TBA | Jashan-e-Sadeh | Zoroastrian |
|  | 31 | Maghi | Sikhism |

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| *Feb 2018* | 1 | Imbolc\* | Wicca/Pagan |
| **African Heritage Month** | 3 | Setsubun-sai | Buddhism/Shinto |
| **Chinese Heritage Month**  *See Asian Heritage Month (May)*  Feb. 2018 Cont’d. | 6 | Bob Marley’s Earth Day | Rastafarian |
|  | 6 | International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation | WHO |
|  | TBA | Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week | Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights |
|  | TBA | Day Promoting Rights to Sexual Health Education  and Sexual Health Care for Youth | International |
|  | 12 | Clean Monday | Christianity Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 14 | Ash Wednesday | Christianity |
|  | 14 | Maha Shivaratri | Hinduism |
|  | 15 | Buddha’s Death – (Nirvana Day of Miracles) | Buddhism |
|  | 15 | Meeting of Our Lord | Christianity Russian Orthodox |
|  | 16 | Losar New Year | Buddhism/Tibetan |
|  | 19 | Family Day | Ontario Government |
|  | 20 | World Day of Social Justice | United Nations |
|  | 21 | International Mother Language Day | United Nations |
|  | Feb 26-Mar 1 | Intercalary Days | Baha’i |

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| *March 2018* | 1 | Purim | Judaism |
| **Greek Heritage Month** | 2 | Holi\* | Hinduism |
|  | 2 | Holla Mohalla | Sikhism |
|  | 8 | International Women’s and United Nations Day for Women’s Rights and International Peace | United Nations |
|  | TBA | Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival | Buddhism |
|  | 13 | L. Ron Hubbard’s Birthday | Church of Scientology |
|  | 14 | Sikh New Year | Sikhism |
|  | 16 | Kuan Yin Birthday (Guan Yin) | Buddhism/Taiwanese |
|  | 17 | Saka New Year (Nyepi) | Hinduism |
|  | TBA | Holy Cross Day | Christianity Orthodox Greek |
|  | 18 | Hinduism New Year (Uganda) | Hinduism |
|  | 18-26 | Navratri (Spring) | Hinduism |
|  | 20 | Eid-e-Navroz (Persian New Year) | Baha’i/Zoroastrian |
|  | 20 | Ostara/Lady’s Day (Spring Equinox)\* | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 21 | Spring Ohigan | Buddhismto |
|  | 21 | International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination | United Nations |
|  | Does Not Take Place in 2018 | Persian New Year (Iranian National Holiday)  <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/iran/norooz> | Iranian National Holiday |
|  | 22 | World Water Day | United Nations |
|  | 26 | Shri Rama Navami | Hinduism |
|  | TBA | Prophet Asho Zarathosht’s Birthday | Zoroastrian |
|  | 30 | Good Friday | Canadian Government and Christianity |
|  | 31-Apr 7 | Pesach/Passover\* | Judaism |

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| *April 2018* | 1 | Easter | Christianity |
| **Genocide Awareness Month** | 1 | Laudation of the Mother of God | Christianity Russian Orthodox |
| **Latin American History Month (see also October Spanish Heritage Month)** | 2 | Easter Monday | Canadian Government and Christianity |
| **Sikh Heritage Month** | 6 | Holy Friday (Julian Calendar) | Christianity Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 7 | Rwanda Genocide Memorial Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 7 | World Health Day | World Health Organization |
|  | 8 | Easter (Pascha) (Julian Calendar) | Christianity Eastern Orthodox |
|  | TBA | Memorial to Christ’s Death | Jehovah’s Witness |
|  | 11 | International Day of Pink | Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed) |
|  | 12 | Yom HaShoah\* | Judaism |
| April 2018 Cont’d. | 13 | Isra’a and Miraj\* | Islam |
|  | 13 | Solar New Year (Mesha Sankranta) | Hinduism |
|  | 13 | Vaisakhi | Sikhism |
|  | 14 | Vaisakhi (Tamil New Year) | Buddhism/Taoism |
|  | 18 | Akshaya Tritya | Hinduism |
|  | 20 | International Day of Silence | Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) |
|  | 20 | Pentecost | Judaism, Christianity Eastern Orthodox and Western |
|  | 21 | First Day of Ridván\* | Baha’i |
|  | 21 | Grounation Day | Rastafarian |
|  | 22 | Earth Day | United Nations |
|  | TBA | The Recognition of the True Puh\* | Islam |
|  | 24 | Armenian Genocide Memorial Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 25 | Feast of St. Mark | Christianity Egyptian Orthodox |
|  | 28 | National Day of Mourning | Canadian Government |
|  | 29 | Ninth Day of Ridván | Baha’i |

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| *May 2018* | 1 | Beltane\* | Wicca/Pagan |
| **Asian Heritage Month** | 1 | Nisfu Shaban\* | Islam |
| **Jewish Heritage Month** | 2 | Twelfth Day of Ridván | Baha’i |
| **Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month** | TBA | Sukyamuni Buddha’s Enlightenment | Buddhism |
|  | 3 | Vaisakhi Puja (Buddha’s Birthday) | Buddhism |
|  | TBA | Bob Marley’s Transformation Day | Rastafarian |
|  | 10 | Ascension Day | Christianity Eastern Orthodox and Western |
|  | 15 | International Day of Families | United Nations |
|  | 16-Jun 14 | Ramadan\* | Islam |
|  | 17 | International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia | Grassroots LGBTQ |
|  | TBA | International Family Visibility Day | Grassroots LGBTQ |
|  | 19-21 | Shavuot\* | Judaism |
|  | 21 | Queen Victoria Day | Public Holiday |
|  | 23 | Declaration of the Bá’b\* | Baha’i |
|  | 25 | African Liberation Day | Rastafarian |
|  | 29 | The Ascension of Baha’u’llah\* | Baha’i |
|  | May 29 | Tibetan Buddha’s Enlightenment (Saga Dawa) | Buddhism |
|  | 29 | Wesak or Vesak (Buddha’s Birthday) | Buddhism/Tibetan |
|  | 31 | World No Tobacco Day | World Health Organization |

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| *June 2018* | TBA | Intergenerational Day | Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships (TIGP) |
| **Italian Heritage Month** | Jun 1-July 1 | LGBTTQQI2S Pride Month (Toronto) | Toronto Pride |
| **Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month** | 5 | World Environment Day (WED) | United Nations |
| **PRIDE Month**  **(City of Toronto)** | 7 | Jumu’ah-tul Wida\* | Islam |
|  | 10 | Laylat al-Qadr\* | Islam |
|  | 12 | World Day Against Child Labour Day | United Nations |
|  | 15 | Eid al Fitr\* | Islam |
|  | 16 | Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji | Sikhism |
|  | 17 | World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought | United Nations |
|  | 20 | World Refugee Day | United Nations |
|  | 21 | National Aboriginal Day (Canada) | First Nations, Métis, Inuit |
|  | 21 | Litha/Summer Solstice\* | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 21 | World Humanist Day | International Humanist and Ethical Union |
| June 2018 Cont’d. | 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 |

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| *July 2018* | 1 | Canada Day | Canadian Government |
|  | 6 | 14th Dalai Lama’s Birthday | Buddhism/Tibetan |
|  | 9 | Martyrdom of the Bá’b\* | Baha’i |
|  | 11 | Imamat Day\* | Islam |
|  | 12-14 | Obon\* | Buddhism/Shinto |
|  | 16 | Ethiopian Constitution Day | Rastafarian |
|  | 18 | Nelson Mandela International Day | United Nations |
|  | 22 | Tishah B’av\* | Judaism |
|  | TBA | Chokhor Korway Ducchen Festival | Buddhism/Tibetan |
|  | 27 | Guru Purnima Day | Buddhism/Jainism |
|  | 28 | Asalha Puja Day (Dharma Day) | Buddhism |
|  | TBA | Jalsa Salana\* | Islam |

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| *Aug 2018* | 1 | Lughnassadh/Lammas | Wicca/Pagan |
|  | 6 | Lord Simcoe Day/Founder’s Day | Toronto Municipal Government |
|  | 6 | Transfiguration of Christ | Christianity Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 9 | International Day of the World’s Indigenous People | United Nations |
|  | 12 | International Youth Day | United Nations |
|  | 15 | Feast of the Dormition | Christianity Eastern Orthodox |
|  | 17 | Marcus Garvey’s Birthday | Rastafarian |
|  | 19-24 | Waqf al Arafa (Hajj)\* | Islam |
|  | 23 | International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition | United Nations |
|  | 25 | Ullumbana Festival Day (Mayahana Ghost Festival) | Buddhism/Taoism |
|  | 26 | Raksha Bandhan | Hinduism |
|  | 29 | Beheading of St. John the Baptist | Christianity |
|  | TBA | Daslakshan Parva | Jainism |