

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.

NOTE: 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.

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.

NOTE: In some cases, dates indicated in the websites may not be current with dates indicated in this document and are intended for holyday or secular holiday descriptive purposes only.

For the most accurate dates reflected in the years 2022-2023, refer to the calendar information contained on the page itself.

Calendar

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HERITAGE AND AWARENESS MONTHS

JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamil Heritage Month
FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> African Heritage Month Black Queering Month Chinese Heritage Month (See May, Asian Heritage Month)
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greek Heritage Month
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genocide Awareness Month Latin-America History Month (see also October Hispanic Heritage Month) Sikh Heritage Month World Autism Month
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asian Heritage Month Jewish Heritage Month National Speech and Hearing Month Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2SLGBTQIA+¹ – Pride Month (Toronto) Filipino Heritage Month Italian Heritage Month National Indigenous History Month Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month
JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hispanic Heritage Month (City of Toronto) International Walk to School Month Islamic Heritage Month Somalian Heritage Month Women’s History Month
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hindu Heritage Month Indigenous Education Month
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

¹ **2SLGBTQIA+** - Is an initialism standing for: 2-spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning or Queer, Intersex, Asexual and the (+) plus sign symbolizes: *plus reflection of additional sexual orientations and gender identities*

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JANUARY 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Friday	31 December 2021	New Year's Day - Gregorian Calendar LIEU DAY	Government of Canada	SEE NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 01, 2022
Saturday	01	Gantan-sai	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_New_Year
Saturday	01	New Year's Day - Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/canada/international-new-years-day
Wednesday	05	Twelfth Night	Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelfth_Night_(holiday)
Thursday	06	Feast of the Epiphany	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/35171/want-to-know-the-history-behind-the-feast-of-the-epiphany
Friday	07	Orthodox Christmas	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Nativity
Sunday	09	Baptism of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-stories/baptism-of-jesus-bible-story.html
Thursday OR Saturday	09 OR 29	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday²	Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Gobind_Singh#:~:text=He%20was%20born%20in%20Patna,four%20years%20of%20his%20life
Thursday	13	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/ekadashis/putrada/pausha-putrada-ekadashi-date-time.html?year=2023
Thursday	13	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism	What is Lohri? Why is it celebrated? - IndiaToday
Friday	14	Maghi	Sikhism	https://www.allaboutsikhs.com/sikh-festivals/the-sikh-festivals-maghi
Friday	14	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism	https://isha.sadhguru.org/us/en/wisdom/article/makar-sankranti-significance-and-benefits-of-festival
Friday	14	Orthodox New Year's Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_New_Year
Friday to Monday	14 - 17	Thai Pongal	Hinduism (Tamil)	What is Thai Pongal? - Medium
Sunday	16	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/important-lessons-we-can-learn-from-the-wedding-at-cana.html

² **Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday:** In any year where there are 5 Saturdays in January, this birthday can be celebrated on the first date indicated earlier in the month of January, **or, alternatively**, the birthday can be celebrated on the 5th Saturday in January.

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Sunday	16	World Religion Day	Bahá'í Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Religion_Day
Monday	17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Government of the United States	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King_Jr.
Monday	17	Tu B'Shevat*	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/tu-bishvat-2021/
Monday to Friday	17 - 21	No Name Calling Week - Starts 3rd Monday in January	GLSEN	No Name-Calling Week - 2021 GLSEN
Tuesday	18	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism (Mahayana)	The Origins and Practice of Holidays: Mahayana New Year
Monday	24	International Day of Education	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/education-day
Thursday	27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations	https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/introduction-to-the-holocaust
Thursday	27	St. Sava Devine Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Sava
Saturday	29	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday – ALTERNATIVE DATE 5TH SATURDAY IN JANUARY	Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Gobind_Singh#:~:text=He%20was%20born%20in%20Patna,four%20years%20of%20his%20life.
Sunday	30	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadeh
Monday to Sunday	31 to 06 February	Chinese Spring Festival	Government of China	https://publicholidays.cn/spring-festival/

FEBRUARY 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Tuesday	01	Chinese New Year	Chinese National Holiday and Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism	21 Things You Didn't Know About Chinese New Year
Tuesday	01	Lunar New Year - Spring Festival	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lunar_New_Year
Wednesday	02	Imbolc	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/imbolc
Wednesday	02	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Meeting_of_the_Lord
Wednesday	02	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://kawarthanow.com/2016/01/28/winter-walk-to-school-day/
Thursday	03	Setsubun	Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://blog.japanwondertravel.com/what-is-setsubun-22094
Saturday	05	Vasant Pachami	Hinduism	https://www.ritirivaz.com/5-facts-about-vasant-panchami/

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Sunday	06	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting and Mutilation	United Nations and World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_Zero_Tolerance_for_Female_Genital_Mutilation
Monday to Friday	14 - 18	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	https://www.actioncanadashr.org/srhweek
Tuesday	15	Parinirvana Day - Buddha's Death	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gautama_Buddha
Wednesday	16	Magha Puja Day - Lantern Festival	Buddhism	https://en.dhammadownload.com/activities/magha-puja-the-light-of-peace-ceremony/
Sunday	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day
Monday	21	Family Day	Government of Ontario	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_Day_(Canada)#Ontario
Saturday to Tuesday	26 - to 01 March	Ayyám-i-Há - Intercalary Days	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/

MARCH 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Tuesday	01	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam	https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi-raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey
Tuesday	01	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/maha-shivaratri-2021-history-significance-and-celebration-101615434959914.html
Wednesday	02	Ash Wednesday	Christianity (Western)	https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php
Thursday	03	Saka New Year - Nyepi	Hinduism (Balinese)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nyepi
Thursday to Saturday	03 - 05	Tibetan New Year - Losar	Buddhism (Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan)	Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival in Tibet
Friday to 1st Monday in April	04 to 04 April	Sha'ban and Mid-Sha'ban*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shab%27an
Monday	07	Clean Monday - First Day of Lent	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Clean_Monday
Tuesday	08	International Women's Day	United Nations	https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/in-focus/2022/03/in-focus-international-womens-day
Sunday	13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology	Official Church of Scientology: What is Scientology?
Monday	14	Chet - Sikh New Year	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Chet
Thursday	17	Purim*	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purim

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Friday	18	Holi Festival*	Hinduism	https://www.holifestival.org/
Friday to Sunday	18 - 20	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Holla_Mahalla
Sunday	20	Nawrúz - Persian New Year	Government of Iran Holiday and Zoroastrian	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/novruz
Sunday and Monday	20 - 21	Ostara	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.northernpaganism.org/shrines/ostara/about.html
Monday	21	Guan Yin Birthday	Buddhism (Taiwanese)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guanyin
Monday	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/erad-racism-day
Monday	21	Nawrúz - Bahá'í New Year	Bahá'í Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bah%C3%A1%CA%BC%C3%AD_Naw-R%C3%BAz
Monday	21	Ohigan -Spring Festival	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chunfen
Tuesday	22	World Water Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day
Friday	25	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox & Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity

APRIL 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Thursday	01	Hindu New Year	Government of India and Hinduism	https://publicholidays.co.id/bali-hindu-new-year/
Friday to Tuesday	01 - 12	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival - Akitu	Assyrian Diaspora	https://www.auaf.us/blog/kha-bnissan-the-assyrian-new-year-2/
Sunday to 1 st Sunday in May	02 - May 01	Ramadan*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramadan
Thursday	07	Rwanda Genocide Memorial Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide
Thursday	07	World Health Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Health_Day
Friday	08	International Day of Silence - 2nd Friday in April	GLSEN	https://nationaltoday.com/national-day-silence/
Sunday	10	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rama_Navami
Wednesday	13	International Day of Pink	International Day of Pink Organization	https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home
Thursday	14	Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.astroswamig.com/article/2022-vaisakhi-festival-date-and-muhurat-3134

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Thursday	14	Mesha Sankranti - Solar New Year	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesha_Sankranti
Thursday	14	Sinhalese New Year	Government of Sri Lanka and Buddhism - Theravada	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinhalese_New_Year
Thursday	14	Tamil New Year	Government of Sri Lanka and Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puthandu
Friday	15	Good Friday - Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_Friday
Friday	15	Memorial of Jesus' Death	Jehovah's Witnesses	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jehovah%27s_Witnesses_practices#Memorial_of_Christ's_death
Saturday	16	Hanuman Jayanti	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanuman_Jayanti
Saturday to Monday	16 - 18	Theravāda New Year	Buddhism (Theravada)	Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival in Tibet
Saturday to Saturday	16 - 23	Pesach - Passover*	Judaism	https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/book-of-shemot-exodus
Sunday	17	Easter Sunday - Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday
Monday	18	Easter Monday - Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/family-and-parenting/easter-monday-2021-why-we-observe-easter-monday-is-the-date-a-bank-holiday-in-scotland-2537177
Thursday	21	First Day of Ridván	Bahá'í Faith	http://bahai-library.com/walbridge_encyclopedia_Ridván
Thursday	21	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation_Day
Friday	22	Earth Day – International Mother Earth Day	United Nations	International Mother Earth Day
Friday	22	Orthodox Holy Friday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/orthodox-good-friday
Friday	22	Yonge Street Van Attack - Remembrance Day ACTUAL DATE 23 APRIL	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_van_attack
Sunday	24	Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aréenian_Genocide_Remembrance_Day
Sunday	24	Orthodox Easter Sunday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Pascha
Monday	25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Mark-the-Evangelist
Monday	25	Orthodox Easter Monday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/orthodox-easter-monday
Thursday	28	National Day of Mourning - Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/

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Thursday	28	Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day*	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_HaShoah
Friday	29	Jumu'atul-Wida*	Islam	https://knowinsiders.com/jumuatul-wida-history-significance-ritual-best-wishes-and-quotes-30302.html
Friday	29	Laylat al-Qadr - Night of Power*	Islam	https://www.muslimaid.org/what-we-do/religious-dues/the-night-of-power-laylat-ul-qadr/
Friday	29	Ninth Day of Ridván	Bahá'i Faith	https://bahaiteachings.org/ninth-day-ridvan-unity-human-family/

MAY 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Sunday	01	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan	https://beltane.org/about-beltane/
Sunday	01	International Family Equality Day	Family Equality Council	https://www.familyequality.org/international-family-equality-day/
Monday to Wednesday	02 - 04	Eid al-Fitr*	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/story/eid-al-fitr
Monday	02	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Bahá'i Faith	https://bahaiteachings.org/exile-and-exuberance-the-12th-day-of-ridvan/
Monday to Friday	02 - 06	Children's Mental Health Week	Canadian Mental Health Association (Adopted by Toronto District School)	https://www.mentalhealthweek.ca/
Tuesday	03	Akshaya Tritiya	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akshaya_Tritiya
Thursday	05	National Inquiry: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report
Thursday	05	Red Dress Day: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation - Assembly of First Nations	https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/red-dress-day-2022-bc-1.6443456
Sunday	15	International Day of Families	United Nations	https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/publications/un-reports-and-resolutions.html
Sunday	08	Mother's Day	Old Farmer's Almanac	https://www.almanac.com/content/when-is-mothers-day
Monday	16	Vesak (Wesak) Day	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesak
Tuesday	17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_Against_Homophobia,_Transphobia_and_Biphobia
Friday	20	Malcolm X Day	Government of the United States	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Malcolm-X
Monday	23	Queen Victoria Day	Government of Canada	https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria

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Tuesday	24	Declaration of the Bá'b*	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.upliftingwords.org/post/the-declaration-of-the-bab
Thursday	26	Ascension of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ascension_of_Jesus
Sunday	29	Ascension of Bahá'u'llah*	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahaiblog.net/bahai-calendar/about-the-ascension-of-bahauallah/
Sunday to Saturday	29 to 04 June	National Access Ability Week	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-accessability-week.html
Monday to Friday	30 to 03 June	Bike to School Week (Culture Link)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.culturelink.ca/services/health-and-recreation/bike-to-school/

JUNE 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Wednesday	01	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	https://cnpea.ca/en/about-cnpea/blog/967-june-1st-is-intergenerational-day-canada
Wednesday to Thursday	01 - 30	Toronto Pride Festival Month	Toronto Pride	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_Toronto
Friday	03	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Arjan
Sunday	05	Pentecost	Judaism/Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html
Sunday	05	World Environment Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day
Sunday and Monday	05 - 06	Shavu'ot*	Judaism	http://www.jewfaq.org/holidayc.htm
Sunday	12	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(Philippines)
Sunday	12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-day-against-child-labour/background
Tuesday	14	Saga Dawa Düchen	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://www.universalcompassion.org/event/saga-dawa-duchen-2022/
Saturday	18	International Day to Counter Hate Speech	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/UN%20Strategy%20and%20Plan%20of%20Action%20on%20Hate%20Speech%2018%20June%20SYNOPSIS.pdf
Sunday	19	Father's Day	Old Farmer's Almanac	https://www.almanac.com/content/when-fathers-day
Sunday	19	Juneteenth	Government of the United States	https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth

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Monday	20	World Refugee Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day
Tuesday	21	Litha*	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.learnreligions.com/history-of-summer-solstice-holiday-litha-2562244
Tuesday	21	National Indigenous Persons Day - Canada	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://time.astrosage.com/holidays/canada/national-indigenusous-peoples-day?year=2023&language=ka
Tuesday	21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union	https://www.google.ca/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#safe=strict&q=humanism
Thursday	23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	Government of Canada	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/06/23/statement-prime-minister-national-day-remembrance-victims-terrorism
Friday	24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/the-birth-of-john-the-baptist/
Friday	24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/canada/quebec/the-national-holiday-of-quebec
Sunday	26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
Sunday	26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/torture-victims-day
Monday	27	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association	https://cmha.ca/documents/post-traumatic-stress-disorder-ptsd

JULY 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Friday	01	Canada Day	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day.html
Friday to Tuesday	08 – 12	Hajj*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hajj
Friday	08	Waqf al Arafah*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_Arafah
Sunday	10	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Bahá'i Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Execution_of_the_B%C3%A1b#:~:text=He%20was%20killed%20by%20a, had%20ascended%20to%20the%20skies.
Sunday to Wednesday	10 – 13	Eid al Adha*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eid_al-Adha
Monday	11	Imamat Day*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imamat_Day
Wednesday	13	Asalha Puja Day - Dhamma Day	Buddhism	http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/buddhism/dharma-day-a-universal-celebration-of-the-buddhas-teachings.aspx

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Wednesday	13	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism	http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/buddhism/dharma-day-a-universal-celebration-of-the-buddhas-teachings.aspx
Saturday	16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Government of Ethiopia and Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1931_Constitution_of_Ethiopia
Monday	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations	www.biography.com/people/nelson-mandela-9397017
Saturday	23	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Haile-Selassie-I
Saturday	30	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hijri_year
Saturday	30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-human-trafficking-day

AUGUST 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Monday	01	Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://maitripa.org/events/chokhor-duchen-2022/
Monday	01	Lord Simcoe Day - Founder's Day	Government of Toronto (Municipal)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civic_Holiday
Monday	01	Lughnassadh/Lammas*	Wicca/Pagan	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lughnasadh
Monday	01	Terry Fox Day	Terry Fox Foundation	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Fox
Saturday	06	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.crestinortodox.ro/orthodox-calendar/2024-august-transfiguration-of-our-lord-and-savior-jesus-christ.html
Sunday	07	Tishah B'av*	Judaism	http://www.jewfaq.org/holidayd.htm
Monday	08	Àshùrà*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashura
Tuesday	09	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day
Thursday	11	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism/Jainism	https://family.lovetoknow.com/what-is-raksha-bandhan
Friday	12	International Youth Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day/background
Saturday to Monday	13 – 15	Obon Festival - Ulambana	Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bon_Festival
Monday	15	Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/1000/08/15/102302-the-dormition-of-our-most-holy-lady-the-mother-of-god-and-ever-v

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Wednesday	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/marcus-garvey
Thursday and Friday	18 - 19	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	https://wisdom.srisriravishankar.org/janmashtami-spiritual-significance-lord-krishnas-birth/
Sunday	21	Birth of Lord Zoroaster - Khordad Sal	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khordad_Sal
Monday	22	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	United Nations	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
Tuesday	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_for_the_Remembrance_of_the_Slave_Trade_and_its_Abolition
Wednesday	24	Paryushana Parvarambha	Jainism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paryushana#:~:text=The%20duration%20of%20Paryushana%20is,or%20Kshamavani%20(forgiveness%20day).
Wednesday	31	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganesh_Chaturthi

SEPTEMBER 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Thursday	01	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism	https://www.sikhdharma.org/sikh-history/siri-guru-granth-sahib/
Monday	05	Labour Day	Government of Canada	http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/origins-of-labour-day-feature/
Thursday	08	International Day of Literacy	United Nations	https://www.wincalendar.com/ca/International-Literacy-Day
Thursday	08	Nativity of Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary
Friday	09	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anant_Chaturdashi
Friday	09	International Day to Protect Education from Attack	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/protect-education-day
Sunday	11	Coptic New Year - Nayrouz	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nayrouz#:~:text=Nayrouz%20or%20Neyrouz%20(Arabic%20%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B1%D988%D8%B2.and%20its%20first%20month%2C%20Thout.
Sunday	11	Ethiopian New Year	Government of Ethiopia and Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) Rastafarian Holy Day	https://publicholidays.africa/ethiopia/new-years-day/
Sunday	11	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beheading_of_John_the_Baptist

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Thursday	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/democracy-day
Sunday	18	Terry Fox Run - 2nd Sunday after Labour Day	Terry Fox Foundation	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Fox_Run
Monday	19	Powley Day	First Nations, Métis	https://www.metisnation.org/news/september-19-powley-day/
Monday to Sunday	19 - 25	International Week of the Deaf - Last Full Week of September	Canadian Association and World Federation of the Deaf	https://webplus.info/index.php?page=340&holiday=969&year=2023
Wednesday	21	International Day of Peace	United Nations	www.un.org/events/peaceday/
Wednesday to Thursday	21 - 29	Mabon	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/mabon/
Thursday to Saturday	22 - 24	Ohigan - Autumn Festival	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chunfen
Friday	23	International Day of Sign Languages	World Federation of the Deaf	https://www.aoda.ca/international-week-of-the-deaf/
Sunday	25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario	https://www.uottawa.ca/gazette/en/news/franco-ontarian-perspectives-green-and-white
Monday and Tuesday	26 - 27	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism	http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday2.htm
Monday to Wednesday	26 – 05 Oct	Navratri	Hinduism	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Navratri
Tuesday	27	Elevation of the Holy Cross	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Elevation_of_the_Holy_Cross
Friday	30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	First Nation, Métis, Inuit	https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/first-national-truth-reconciliation-day-1.6188540
Friday	30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html

OCTOBER 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Saturday	01	International Day for Older Persons	United Nations	International Day of Older Persons
Saturday	01	Mehregan	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehregan
Saturday to Wednesday	01 - 05	Durga Puja	Hinduism	https://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/travel/articles/india-durga-purga-honoring-goddess.shtml
Sunday	02	International Day of Non-Violence	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day
Tuesday	04	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada	https://nwac.ca/about-us

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Wednesday	05	Walk to School Day - 1st Wednesday in October	Adopted by Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/learn-more/why-walkbike/
Wednesday	05	World Teachers' Day	United Nations	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Teachers_%27_Day
Wednesday	05	Yom Kippur*³	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Saturday	08	Mawlid-al-Nabi - Prophet's Birthday*	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/topic/mawlid
Sunday	09	Kathina Festival/Paváraná Day	Buddhism (Theravada)	https://feast-guide.com/en/celebrations/521.html
Monday	10	Thanksgiving Day - Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.canadashistory.ca/explore/arts-culture-society/the-history-of-thanksgiving-in-canada
Monday	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Mental_Health_Day
Monday to Friday	10 - 14	Body Confidence Awareness Week - 2nd Week October	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.bodyconfidencecanada.com/body-confidence-awareness-week-1
Monday to Friday	10 - 14	Week Without Violence - 3rd Week of October	YMCA	https://ywcaweekwithoutviolence.org/
Monday to Sunday	10 - 16	Sukkot*⁴	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/sukkot-101/
Wednesday	12	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism	https://www.sikhdharma.org/the-story-of-bandi-chhor-divas/
Thursday	13	Karva Chauth*	Hinduism	https://indianculture.gov.in/stories/karva-chauth
Sunday	16	World Food Day	United Nations	https://www.worldfooddaycanada.ca/about/
Monday	17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/eradication-poverty/
Monday and Tuesday	17 – 18	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2022/jewish/holidays-2022.htm
Tuesday	18	Simchat Torah*	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2022/jewish/holidays-2022.htm
Thursday	20	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji <u>as Guru</u>	Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Granth_Sahib
Monday to Friday	17 - 21	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Government of Ontario	https://thecanadianhomeschooler.com/bullying-awareness-week/
Monday	24	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali

³ **Yom Kippur**: work should be suspended during this observance.

⁴ **Sukkot**: work should be suspended on the 10th and 11th of October during this observance.

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Wednesday	26	Birth of the Bá'b	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/bahai/holydays/birthbab.shtml
Thursday	27	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'i Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birth_of_Bah%C3%A1%CA%BCu%27II%C3%A1h
Saturday	29	Gyan Panchami	Jainism	http://blessingsonthenet.com/indian-festival/festival/id/111/gyan-panchami-festival/
Monday to Friday	31 to November 04	GLSEN Ally Week	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network	https://www.glsen.org/

NOVEMBER 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Tuesday	01	All Saints Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day
Tuesday	01	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain
Wednesday	02	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://royalwatcherblog.com/2020/11/02/coronation-of-emperor-haile-selassie-of-ethiopia-1930/
Monday to Friday	07 - 11	Treaties Recognition Week - First Full Week of November	Government of Ontario	https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week
Monday	07	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada	https://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/about-icc/
Tuesday	08	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples (Veteran Affairs Canada)	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1605286948270/1605287188462
Friday	11	Remembrance: Veterans' Day	Government of Canada	http://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/history/after-the-war/remembrance/remembrance-day/
Monday	14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Diabetes_Day
Tuesday	15	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://publicholidays.asia/bhutan/descending-day-of-lord-buddha/
Wednesday	16	Louis Riel Day Riel's Exécution	Métis Nation	https://www.metisnation.org/culture-heritage/louis-riel-day-info/
Sunday	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gwendolyn_Ann_Smith#/media/File:Gwendolyn_Ann_Smith.jpg
Sunday	20	World Children's Day	United Nations	World Children's Day
Monday	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation_of_Mary
Thursday	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Tegh_Bahadur

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Friday	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations	https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women
Saturday	26	Day of the Covenant	Bahá'i Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_the_Covenant_(Bah%C3%A1%27%C3%AD)
Saturday	26	National Holodomor Memorial Day - 4th Saturday In November⁵	Ukrainian Canadian Congress	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holodomor_Memorial_Day#:~:text=Day%20of%20memory%20for%20victims,the%20fourth%20Saturday%20of%20November
Sunday to Saturday	27 to 24 December	Advent	Christianity (Western)	https://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html
Monday	28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá*	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Wednesday	30	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib	Sikhism	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/guru-nanak-birthday

DECEMBER 2022

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Thursday	01	World AIDS Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-aids-day
Friday	02	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/slavery-abolition-day/messages
Saturday	03	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities
Tuesday	06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Government of Canada	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89cole_Polytechnique_massacre
Thursday	08	Bodhi Day - Buddha's Enlightenment	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bodhi_Day
Thursday	08	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons' Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://anydayguide.com/calendar/2730
Saturday	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day
Tuesday	13	Birthday of Imám Aga Khan*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aga_Khan
Sunday	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/migrants-day
Sunday to Monday	19 - 26	Chanukah (Hanukkah)*⁶	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2022/jewish/holidays-2022.htm
Wednesday to Sunday	21 to 01 January 2023	Yule	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/yule/

⁵ TDSB Commemorates this event on the Friday before the 4th Saturday in November

⁶ **Chanukah (Hunnakah):** Work is permitted during this observance

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Sunday	25	Christmas Day Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/christmas
Monday	26	Boxing Day	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day.html
Monday	26	Death of Lord Zoroaster Zarathosht No Diso	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zartosht_No-Diso
Monday to Sunday	26 to 01 January 2023	Kwanzaa	African Canadian/American Celebration	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history
To Be Announced		Christmas Day - Gregorian Calendar LIEU DAY	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	SEE 25 DECEMBER 2022
To Be Announced		Remembrance: Veterans' Day LIEU DAY	Government of Canada	SEE 11 NOVEMBER 2022

JANUARY 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Sunday	01	Gantan-sai	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_New_Year
Sunday	01	New Year's Day - Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/canada/international-new-years-day
To Be Announced		New Year's Day - Gregorian Calendar LIEU DAY	Government of Canada	SEE NEW YEAR'S DAY 01 JANUARY 2023
Monday	02	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/ekadashis/putrada/pausha-putrada-ekadashi-date-time.html?year=2023
Tuesday	03	Fast of Tevet⁷	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Thursday	05	Twelfth Night	Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelfth_Night_(holiday)
Friday	06	Feast of the Epiphany	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/35171/want-to-know-the-history-behind-the-feast-of-the-epiphany
Saturday	07	Orthodox Christmas	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Nativity
Saturday	07	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism (Mahayana)	The Origins and Practice of Holidays: Mahayana New Year
Sunday	08	Baptism of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-stories/baptism-of-jesus-bible-story.html

⁷ **Fast of Tevat** – work is permitted during this observance

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Friday	13	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism	What is Lohri? Why is it celebrated? - IndiaToday
Saturday	14	Maghi	Sikhism	https://www.allaboutsikhs.com/sikh-festivals/the-sikh-festivals-maghi
Saturday	14	Orthodox New Year's Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_New_Year
Sunday	15	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism	https://isha.sadhguru.org/us/en/wisdom/article/makar-sankranti-significance-and-benefits-of-festival
Sunday	15	World Religion Day	Bahá'í Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Religion_Day
Sunday to Wednesday	15 - 18	Thai Pongal	Hinduism (Tamil)	What is Thai Pongal? - Medium
Monday	16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Government of the United States	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King_Jr.
Monday to Friday	16 - 20	No Name Calling Week - Starts 3rd Monday in January	GLSEN	No Name-Calling Week - 2021 GLSEN
Friday	20	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday	Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Gobind_Singh#:~:text=He%20was%20born%20in%20Patna,four%20years%20of%20his%20life
Sunday	22	Chinese New Year	Chinese National Holiday and Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism	21 Things You Didn't Know About Chinese New Year
Sunday	22	Lunar New Year - Spring Festival	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lunar_New_Year
Saturday to Friday	21 -27	Chinese Spring Festival	Government of China	https://publicholidays.cn/spring-festival/
Tuesday	24	International Day of Education	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/education-day
Thursday	26	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism	https://www.ritirivaz.com/5-facts-about-vasant-panchami/
Friday	27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations	https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/introduction-to-the-holocaust
Friday	27	St. Sava Devine Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) Serbian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Sava
Monday	30	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadeh
Sunday	15	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/important-lessons-we-can-learn-from-the-wedding-at-cana.html

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FEBRUARY 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Wednesday	01	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://kawarthanow.com/2016/01/28/winter-walk-to-school-day/
Thursday	02	Imbolc	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/imbolc
Thursday	02	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Meeting_of_the_Lord
Friday	03	Setsubun	Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://blog.japanwondertravel.com/what-is-setsubun-22094
Sunday	05	Magha Puja Day - Lantern Festival	Buddhism	https://en.dhammadharma.com/activities/magha-puja-the-light-of-peace-ceremony/
Monday	06	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting and Mutilation	United Nations and World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_Zero_Tolerance_for_Female_Genital_Mutilation
Monday	06	Tu B'Shevat^{*8}	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Monday to Friday	13 - 17	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	https://www.actioncanadashr.org/srhweek
Wednesday	15	Parinirvana Day - Buddha's Death	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gautama_Buddha
Saturday	18	Isra'a and Miraj[*]	Islam	https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi-raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey
Saturday	18	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/maha-shivaratri-2021-history-significance-and-celebration-101615434959914.html
Monday	20	Family Day	Government of Ontario	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_Day_(Canada)#Ontario
Monday	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day
Tuesday to Thursday	21 - 23	Tibetan New Year - Losar	Buddhism (Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan)	Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival in Tibet
Wednesday	22	Ash Wednesday	Christianity (Western)	https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php
Wednesday to Wednesday	22 to 22 March	Sha'ban and Mid-Sha'ban[*]	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shab%27an
Sunday to Wednesday	26 to 01 March	Ayyám-i-Há - Intercalary Days	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/

⁸ Tu-B'Shevat – Work is permitted during this observance.

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Monday	27	Clean Monday - First Day of Lent	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Clean_Monday
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MARCH 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Tuesday	07	Purim^{*9}	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Wednesday	08	Holi Festival*	Hinduism	https://www.holifestival.org/
Wednesday	08	International Women's Day	United Nations	https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/in-focus/2022/03/in-focus-international-womens-day
Friday	10	Guan Yin Birthday	Buddhism (Taiwanese)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guanyin
Wednesday to Friday	08 - 10	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Hola_Mahalla
Monday	13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology	Official Church of Scientology: What is Scientology?
Tuesday	14	Chet - Sikh New Year	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Chet
Monday	20	Nawrúz - Persian New Year	Government of Iran Holiday and Zoroastrian	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/novruz
Monday and Tuesday	20 - 21	Ostara	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.northernpaganism.org/shrines/ostara/about.html
Tuesday	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day
Tuesday	21	Nawrúz - Bahá'í New Year	Bahá'í Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bah%C3%A1%27%C3%AD_Naw-R%C3%BAZ
Tuesday	21	Ohigan - Spring Festival	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chunfen
Wednesday	22	Saka New Year - Nyepi	Hinduism (Balinese)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nyepi
Wednesday	22	World Water Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day
Wednesday	22	Hindu New Year	Government of India and Hinduism	https://publicholidays.co.id/bali-hindu-new-year/
Thursday to Thursday	23 to Apr 20	Ramadan*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramadan
Saturday	25	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox & Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity
Thursday	30	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rama_Navami

⁹ **Purim:** Work is permitted during this observance.

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APRIL 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Saturday to Wednesday	01 - 12	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival - Akitu	Assyrian Diaspora	https://www.auaf.us/blog/kha-bnissan-the-assyrian-new-year-2/
Tuesday	04	Memorial of Jesus' Death	Jehovah's Witnesses	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jehovah%27s_Witnesses_practices#Memorial_of_Christ%27s_death
Thursday	06	Hanuman Jayanti	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jehovah%27s_Witnesses_practices#Memorial_of_Christ%27s_death
Thursday to Saturday	06 - 08	Theravāda New Year	Buddhism (Theravada)	Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival in Tibet
Thursday to Thursday	06 - 13	Pesach - Passover*¹⁰	Judaism	https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/book-of-shemot-exodus
Friday	07	Good Friday - Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_Friday
Friday	07	Rwanda Genocide Memorial Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide
Friday	07	World Health Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Health_Day
Sunday	09	Easter Sunday - Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday
Monday	10	Easter Monday - Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/family-and-parenting/easter-monday-2021-why-we-observe-easter-monday-is-the-date-a-bank-holiday-in-scotland-2537177
Wednesday	12	International Day of Pink	International Day of Pink Organization	https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home
Friday	14	Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.astrowamig.com/article/2022-vaisakhi-festival-date-and-muhurat-3134
Friday	14	International Day of Silence - 2nd Friday in April	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN)	https://nationaltoday.com/national-day-silence/
Friday	14	Mesha Sankranti - Solar New Year	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesha_Sankranti
Friday	14	Orthodox Holy Friday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/orthodox-good-friday
Friday	14	Sinhalese New Year	Sri Lankan Government and Buddhism (Theravada)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinhalese_New_Year

¹⁰ **Pesach/Passover**: work should be suspended on April 6 - 7 and April 12 - 13. Work is permitted only on April 9 - 11 with certain restrictions

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Friday	14	Tamil New Year	Sri Lankan Government and Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puthandu
Sunday	16	Orthodox Easter Sunday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Pascha
Monday	17	Orthodox Easter Monday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/orthodox-easter-monday
Tuesday	18	Laylat al-Qadr - Night of Power*	Islam	https://www.muslimaid.org/what-we-do/religious-dues/the-night-of-power-laylat-ul-qadr/
Tuesday	18	Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day*	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_HaShoah
Friday to Sunday	21 - 23	Eid al-Fitr*	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/story/eid-al-fitr
Friday	21	First Day of Ridván	Bahá'í Faith	http://bahai-library.com/walbridge_encyclopedia_Ridván
Friday	21	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation_Day
Friday	21	Jumu'atul-Wida*	Islam	https://knowinsiders.com/jumu'atul-wida-history-significance-ritual-best-wishes-and-quotes-30302.html
Saturday	22	Akshaya Tritiya	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akshaya_Tritiya
Saturday	22	Earth Day – International Mother Earth Day	United Nations	International Mother Earth Day
Monday	24	Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aréenian_Genocide_Remembrance_Day
Monday	24	Yonge Street Van Attack - Remembrance Day ACTUAL DATE 23 APRIL	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_van_attack
Tuesday	25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Mark-the-Evangelist
Friday	28	National Day of Mourning	Government of Canada	https://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/
Saturday	29	Ninth Day of Ridván	Bahá'í Faith	https://bahaiteachings.org/ninth-day-ridvan-unity-human-family/

MAY 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Monday	01	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan	https://beltane.org/about-beltane/
Monday to Friday	01 - 05	Children's Mental Health Week	Canadian Mental Health Association (Adopted by Toronto District School)	https://www.mentalhealthweek.ca/
Tuesday	02	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Bahá'í Faith	https://bahaiteachings.org/exile-and-exuberance-the-12th-day-of-ridvan/

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Friday	05	National Inquiry: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report
Friday	05	Red Dress Day: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation - Assembly of First Nations	https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/red-dress-day-2022-bc-1.6443456
Friday	05	Second Passover ¹¹	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Sunday	07	International Family Equality Day	Family Equality Council	https://www.familyequality.org/international-family-equality-day/
Tuesday	09	Lag B'Omer ¹²	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Sunday	14	Mother's Day	Old Farmer's Almanac	https://www.almanac.com/content/when-is-mothers-day
Monday	15	International Day of Families	United Nations	https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/publications/un-reports-and-resolutions.html
Friday	16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Arjan
Thursday	18	Ascension of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ascension_of_Jesus
Friday	19	Malcolm X Day	Government of the United States	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Malcolm-X
Monday	22	Queen Victoria Day	Government of Canada	https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria
Wednesday	24	Declaration of the Bá'b [*]	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.upliftingwords.org/post/the-declaration-of-the-bab
Friday and Saturday	26 - 27	Shavu'ot ^{*13}	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Sunday	28	Pentecost	Judaism/Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html
Sunday to Saturday	28 to June 03	National Access Ability Week	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-accessability-week.html
Monday	29	Ascension of Bahá'u'llah [*]	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.org/bahai-calendar/about-the-ascension-of-bahauallah/
Monday to Friday	29 - 02 June	Bike to School Week (Culture Link)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.culturelink.ca/services/health-and-recreation/bike-to-school/

¹¹ **Second Passover** – Work is permitted during this observance

¹² **Lag D-Omer** – Work is permitted during this observance

¹³ Shavu'ot – Work should be suspended during this observance

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JUNE 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Thursday	01	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	https://cnpea.ca/en/about-cnpea/blog/967-june-1st-is-intergenerational-day-canada
Thursday to Friday	01 - 30	Toronto Pride Festival Month	Toronto Pride	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_Toronto
Sunday	04	Saga Dawa Düchen	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://www.universalcompassion.org/event/saga-dawa-duchen-2022/
Sunday	04	Vesak (Wesak) Day	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesak
Monday	05	World Environment Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day
Monday	12	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(Philippines)
Monday	12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-day-against-child-labour/background
Sunday	18	Father's Day	Old Farmer's Almanac	https://www.almanac.com/content/when-fathers-day
Sunday	18	International Day to Counter Hate Speech	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/UN%20Strategy%20and%20Plan%20of%20Action%20on%20Hate%20Speech%2018%20June%20SYNOPSIS.pdf
Monday	19	Juneteenth	Government of the United States	https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth
Tuesday	20	World Refugee Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day
Wednesday	21	Litha*	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.learnreligions.com/history-of-summer-solstice-holiday-litha-2562244
Wednesday	21	National Indigenous Persons Day - Canada	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://time.astrosage.com/holidays/canada/national-indigenous-peoples-day?year=2023&language=ka
Wednesday	21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union	https://www.google.ca/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#safe=strict&q=humanism
Friday	23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	Government of Canada	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/06/23/statement-prime-minister-national-day-remembrance-victims-terrorism
Saturday	24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/the-birth-of-john-the-baptist/
Saturday	24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/canada/quebec/the-national-holiday-of-quebec

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Monday	26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
Monday	26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/torture-victims-day
Tuesday	27	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association	https://cmha.ca/documents/post-traumatic-stress-disorder-ptsd
Tuesday to Saturday	27 to July 01	Hajj*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hajj
Wednesday	28	Waqf al Arafah*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_Arafah
Thursday to Sunday	29 to July 02	Eid al Adha*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eid_al-Adha

JULY 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Saturday	01	Canada Day	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day.html
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Monday	03	Asalha Puja Day - Dhamma Day	Buddhism	http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/buddhism/dharma-day-a-universal-celebration-of-the-buddhas-teachings.aspx
Monday	03	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism	http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/buddhism/dharma-day-a-universal-celebration-of-the-buddhas-teachings.aspx
Thursday to Thursday	06-27	The Three Weeks¹⁴	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Monday	10	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Bahá'i Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Execution_of_the_B%C3%A1b#:~:text=He%20was%20killed%20by%20a, had%20ascended%20to%20the%20skies.
Tuesday	11	Imamat Day*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imamat_Day
Sunday	16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Government of Ethiopia and Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1931_Constitution_of_Ethiopia
Tuesday	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations	www.biography.com/people/nelson-mandela-9397017
Wednesday	19	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hijri_year
Sunday	23	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Haile-Selassie-I

¹⁴ **The Three Weeks:** Work is permitted during this observance except for Tisha B'av (see 27 July)

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Thursday	27	Tishah B'av^{*15}	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Friday	28	Àshùrà[*]	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashura
Monday	30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-human-trafficking-day
Friday	21	Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://maitripa.org/events/chokhor-duchen-2022/

AUGUST 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Tuesday	01	Lughnassadh/Lammas[*]	Wicca/Pagan	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lughnasadh
Wednesday	02	The 15th of Av	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Sunday	06	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.crestinortodox.ro/orthodox-calendar/2024-august-transfiguration-of-our-lord-and-savior-jesus-christ.html
Monday	07	Lord Simcoe Day - Founder's Day	Toronto Municipal Government	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civic_Holiday
Monday	07	Terry Fox Day	Terry Fox Foundation	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Fox
Wednesday	09	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenou-s-day
Saturday	12	International Youth Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day/background
Sunday to Tuesday	13 - 15	Obon Festival - Ulambana	Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bon_Festival
Tuesday	15	Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/1000/08/15/102302-the-dormition-of-our-most-holy-lady-the-mother-of-god-and-ever-v
Thursday	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/marcus-garvey
Monday	21	Birth of Lord Zoroaster - Khordad Sal	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khordad_Sal
Tuesday	22	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	United Nations	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
Wednesday	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_for_the_Remembrance_of_the_Slave_Trade_and_its_Abolition

¹⁵ **Tishah B'av** – work should be suspended during this observance

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Wednesday	30	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism/Jainism	https://family.lovetoknow.com/what-is-raksha-bandhan
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SEPTEMBER 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Friday	01	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism	https://www.sikhdharma.org/sikh-history/siri-guru-granth-sahib/
Monday	04	Labour Day	Government of Canada	http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/origins-of-labour-day-feature/
Wednesday and Thursday	06 - 07	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	https://wisdom.sriravishankar.org/janmashtami-spiritual-significance-lord-krishnas-birth/
Saturday and Sunday	07 - 08	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/what-is-shemini-atzeret/
Friday	08	International Day of Literacy	United Nations	https://www.wincalendar.com/ca/International-Literacy-Day
Friday	08	Nativity of Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary
Saturday	09	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anant_Chaturdashi
Saturday	09	International Day to Protect Education from Attack	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/protect-education-day
Monday	11	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beheading_of_John_the_Baptist
Monday	11	Paryushana Parvarambha	Jainism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paryushana#:~:text=The%20duration%20of%20Paryushana%20is.or%20Kshamavani%20(forgiveness%20daily).
Tuesday	12	Coptic New Year	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nayrouz#:~:text=Nayrouz%20or%20Neyrouz%20(Arabic%20%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B1%D988%D8%B2.and%20its%20first%20month%2C%20Thout.
Tuesday	12	Ethiopian New Year	Government of Ethiopia and Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) Rastafarian Holy Day	https://publicholidays.africa/ethiopia/new-years-day/
Friday	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/democracy-day
Saturday and Sunday	16 - 17	Rosh Hashanah*¹⁶	Judaism	http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday2.htm

¹⁶ **Rosh Hashanah** – work should be suspended during this observance

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Sunday	17	Terry Fox Run - 2nd Sunday after Labour Day	Terry Fox Foundation	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Fox_Run
Monday to Sunday	18 - 24	International Week of the Deaf - Last Full Week of September	Canadian Association and World Federation of the Deaf	https://webplus.info/index.php?page=340&holiday=969&year=2023
Tuesday	19	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganesh_Chaturthi
Tuesday	19	Powley Day	First Nations, Métis	https://www.metisnation.org/news/september-19-powley-day/
Thursday	21	International Day of Peace	United Nations	www.un.org/events/peaceday/
Thursday to Friday	21 - 29	Mabon	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/mabon/
Friday and Saturday	22 - 23	Ohigan - Autumn Festival	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chunfen
Saturday	23	International Day of Sign Languages	World Federation of the Deaf	https://www.aoda.ca/international-week-of-the-deaf/
Monday	25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario	https://www.uottawa.ca/gazette/en/news/franco-ontarian-perspectives-green-and-white
Monday	25	Yom Kippur*¹⁷	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Wednesday	27	Elevation of the Holy Cross	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Elevation_of_the_Holy_Cross
Wednesday	27	Mawlid-al-Nabi - Prophet's Birthday*	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/topic/mawlid
Friday	29	Kathina Festival/Paváraná Day	Buddhism (Theravada)	https://feast-guide.com/en/celebrations/521.html
Saturday	30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	First Nation, Métis, Inuit	https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/first-national-truth-reconciliation-day-1.6188540
Saturday	30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html
Saturday to Friday	30 to Oct 6	Sukkot*	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/sukkot-101/

OCTOBER 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Sunday	01	International Day for Older Persons	United Nations	International Day of Older Persons
Sunday	01	Mehregan	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehregan
Monday	02	International Day of Non-Violence	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day

¹⁷ Yom Kippur – work should be suspended during this observance

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Wednesday	04	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada	https://nwac.ca/about-us
Wednesday	04	Walk to School Day 1st Wednesday in October	Adopted by Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/learn-more/why-walkbike/
Thursday	05	World Teachers' Day	United Nations	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Teachers%27_Day
Saturday & Sunday	07-08	Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Monday	09	Thanksgiving Day - Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.canadashistory.ca/explore/arts-culture-society/the-history-of-thanksgiving-in-canada
Monday to Friday	09 - 13	Body Confidence Awareness Week 2nd Week of October	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.bodyconfidencecanada.com/body-confidence-awareness-week-1
Tuesday	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Mental_Health_Day
Thursday	12	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism	https://www.sikhdharma.org/the-story-of-bandi-chhor-divas/
Sunday to Wednesday	15 - 24	Navratri	Hinduism	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Navratri
Monday	16	Birth of the Bá'b	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/bahai/holydays/birthbab.shtml
Monday	16	World Food Day	United Nations	https://www.worldfooddaycanada.ca/about/
Monday to Friday	17 - 21	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Ontario Government	https://thecanadianhomeschooler.com/bullying-awareness-week/
Monday to Friday	16 - 20	Week Without Violence 3rd Week of October	YWCA	https://ywcaweekwithoutviolence.org/
Tuesday	17	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'i Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birth_of_Bah%C3%A1%CA%BCu%27I%C3%A1h
Tuesday	17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
Friday	20	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as <u>Guru</u>	Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Granth_Sahib
Friday to Tuesday	20 - 24	Durga Puja	Hinduism	https://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/travel/articles/india-durga-purga-honoring-goddess.shtml

NOVEMBER 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Wednesday	01	All Saints Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day

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Wednesday	01	Karva Chauth *	Hinduism	https://indianculture.gov.in/stories/karva-chauth
Wednesday	01	Samhain *	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain
Thursday	02	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://royalwatcherblog.com/2020/11/02/coronation-of-emperor-haile-selassie-of-ethiopia-1930/
Saturday	04	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://publicholidays.asia/bhutan/descending-day-of-lord-buddha/
Monday to Friday	06 - 10	GLSEN Ally Week	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network	https://www.glsen.org/
Monday to Friday	06 – 10	Treaties Recognition Week - First Full Week of November	Ontario Government	https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week
Tuesday	07	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada	https://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/about-icc/
Wednesday	08	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples (Veteran Affairs Canada)	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1605286948270/1605287188462
Saturday	11	Remembrance: Veterans' Day	Government of Canada	http://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/history/after-the-war/remembrance/remembrance-day/
Sunday	12	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali
Tuesday	14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Diabetes_Day
Thursday	16	Louis Riel Day - Riel's Execution	Métis Nation	https://www.metisnation.org/culture-heritage/louis-riel-day-info/
Saturday	18	Gyan Panchami	Jainism	http://blessingsonthenet.com/indian-festival/festival/id/111/gyan-panchami-festival/
Monday	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gwendolyn_Ann_Smith#/media/File:Gwendolyn_Ann_Smith.jpg
Monday	20	World Children's Day	United Nations	World Children's Day
Tuesday	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation_of_Mary
Friday	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Tegh_Bahadur
Saturday	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations	https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women

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Saturday	25	National Holodomor Memorial Day - 4th Saturday In November¹⁸	Ukrainian Canadian Congress	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holodomor_Memorial_Day#:~:text=Day%20of%20memory%20for%20victims,the%20fourth%20Saturday%20of%20November
Sunday	26	Day of the Covenant	Bahá'í Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_the_Covenant_(Bah%C3%A1%27%C3%AD)
Monday	27	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib	Sikhism	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/guru-nanak-birthday
Tuesday	28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá[*]	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/

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Friday	01	World AIDS Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-aids-day
Saturday	02	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/slavery-abolition-day/messages
Sunday	03	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities
Sunday to Sunday	03 - 24	Advent	Christianity (Western)	https://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html
Wednesday	06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Government of Canada	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89cole_Polytechnique_massacre
Friday	08	Bodhi Day - Buddha's Enlightenment	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bodhi_Day
Friday	08	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons' Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://anydayguide.com/calendar/2730
Thursday to Friday	07 - 15	Chanukah (Hanukkah)^{*19}	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Sunday	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day
Wednesday	13	Birthday of Imám Aga Khan[*]	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aga_Khan
Monday	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/migrants-day
Thursday to Monday	21 to 01 January 2024	Yule	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/yule/
Friday	22	Fast of Tevet²⁰	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm

¹⁸ **National Holodomor Memorial Day** Toronto District School Board commemorates this event on the Friday before the fourth Saturday of November

¹⁹ **Chanukah (Hannakuh)** - Work is permitted during this observance

²⁰ **Fast of Tevet:** Work is permitted during this observance

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Monday	25	Christmas Day - Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/christmas
Tuesday	26	Boxing Day	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day.html
Tuesday	26	Death of Lord Zoroaster - Zarathosht No Diso	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zartosht_No-Diso
Tuesday to Monday	26 to 01 January 2024	Kwanzaa	African Canadian/American Celebration	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history
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