

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

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

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

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

Toronto District School Board,
Employment Equity Office
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NOTE: Day of Significance/Holy Day activities may be altered or cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Consult the website(s) of the sponsoring organization for the most current information regarding any planned functions.

Calendar Year 2021	https://www.calendar-365.com/2021-calendar.html
Calendar Year 2022	https://www.calendar-365.com/2022-calendar.html

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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 Chinese Heritage Month (See also May, Asian Heritage Month) Black Queering Month
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greek Heritage Month
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genocide Awareness Month Latin American 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 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month National Speech and Hearing Month
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italian Heritage Month National Indigenous History Month Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month ABGLTTQQ2S – Gay Pride Month (Toronto) Filipino 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) Islamic Heritage Month Somalian Heritage Month International Walk to School 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">

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JANUARY 2021

01	Friday	Gantan-sai New Year	Buddhism/Shintoism	http://faith.wikidot.com/gantan-sai
01	Friday	New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Government	New Year's - Traditions, Resolutions & Date - History
05	Tuesday	Twelfth Night	Christianity	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Days_of_Christmas
06	Wednesday	Baptism of Jesus – Epiphany	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	The Baptism of Jesus - Bible Story Verses & Meaning
06	Wednesday	Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	When Is Three Kings' Day and How Is It Celebrated?
07	Thursday	Orthodox Christmas Day (Julian Calendar)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox	https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/why-celebrate-christmas-january
13	Wednesday	Ekadashi ¹	Hinduism	https://www.mpanchang.com/vrats/ekadashi-dates-2022/
13	Wednesday	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism	What is Lohri? Why is it celebrated? - IndiaToday
14	Thursday	Maghi	Sikhism	The Sikh Festivals: Maghi - Gateway to Sikhism
14	Thursday	Makar Sankranti	Hinduism	Why is Makar Sankranti celebrated? - Jagran Josh
14	Thursday	Orthodox New Year's Day (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	Orthodox New Year's Day - Canada - WinCalendar
14 - 17	Thursday to Sunday	Thai Pongal	Hinduism/Tamil	What is Thai Pongal? - Medium
16	Saturday	Jashan-e-Sadeh (Fire Festival)	Zoroastrian	https://www.cais-soas.com/CAIS/Celebrations/sadeh.htm
17	Sunday	World Religion Day	Baha'i	https://nationaldaycalendar.com/world-religion-day-third-sunday-in-january/
18	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (in Canada)	USA Federal Holiday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Canada - WinCalendar
18 - 24	Monday to Sunday	No Name Calling Week (Starts 3 rd Monday in January)	Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network	No Name-Calling Week - 2021 GLSEN
20	Wednesday	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday ²	Sikhism	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti 2021: History, significance and ...
21	Thursday	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox and Western	The Wedding at Cana Details Jesus' First Miracle - Learn ...
27	Saturday	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

¹ Ekadashi is a fasting activity which happens several times throughout the year – consult a Hindu website

² Actual Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday: December 22, 1666 – Celebration of his birthday varies

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27	Saturday	St. Sava Devine Day	Christianity – Serbian Orthodox	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Sava
28	Sunday	Mahayana New Year (1st Full Moon)	Buddhism	The Origins and Practice of Holidays: Mahayana New Year
28	Sunday	Tu B'Shevat *	Judaism	Tu Bishvat 101 - My Jewish Learning
		Ekadashi³ See Footnote	Jainism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ekadashi
		Theravada Days of Mindfulness⁴ See Footnote	Buddhism	https://ottawabuddhistsociety.com/activities/days-of-mindfulness/

FEBRUARY 2021

01 - 07	Monday to Sunday	Children's Mental Health Week	World Health Organization	https://www.who.int/activities/improving-the-mental-and-brain-health-of-children-and-adolescents
01 - 02	Monday and Tuesday	Imbolc *	Wicca/Pagan	Imbolc / Candlemas The Goddess and the Greenman
02	Tuesday	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity: Russian Orthodox	Meeting of the Lord - OrthodoxWiki
03	Wednesday	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.envirocentre.ca/events/winter-walk-to-school-day/
02	Tuesday	Setsubun	Shintoism (Japanese Buddhism)	What is Setsubun?: Traditional Event in February - Japan ...
06	Saturday	Bob Marley Birthday Day	Rastafarian Holy Day & Toronto Municipal Government.	Bob Marley Biography, Songs, Albums, Death, & Facts
06	Saturday	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	World Health Organization	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
08 - 14	Monday to Sunday	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health & Rights	https://www.actioncanadashr.org/srhweek
11 - 17	Thursday to Wednesday	Chinese Spring Festival	Buddhism/Confucian/ Daoism	https://www.travelchinaguide.com/essential/holidays/chinese-new-year.htm
12	Friday	Chinese New Year	Chinese National Holiday	21 Things You Didn't Know About Chinese New Year
12	Friday	Lunar New Year	Buddhism/Confucian/ Daoism	Chinese New Year vs Lunar New Year - China Highlights
12 - 14	Friday to Sunday	Losar Tibetan New Year	Buddhism – Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan	https://www.tibettravel.org/tibetan-festivals/tibetan-new-year.html

³ There are several Ekadashi Fasting Days Throughout the Year – (Consult a Jainism Website)

⁴ There are several Buddhist Theravada Days of Mindfulness throughout the year – (Consult a Buddhist website)

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15	Monday	Parinirvana Day - Buddha's Death	Buddhism – Various Sects	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh4mri6/articles/zvtxgwx
15	Monday	Family Day (Ontario)	Ontario Government	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_Day_(Canada)
16	Tuesday	Vasant (Basant) Panchami	Hinduism	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/food-news/how-basant-panchami-is-celebrated-and-the-significance-of-food-in-the-festival/photostory/67913945.cms
17	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday (1st Day of Lent)	Christianity: Western	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ash_Wednesday
20	Saturday	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day
21	Sunday	International Mother Language Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/mother-language-day
25 - 28	Thursday to Sunday	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days) *	Baha'i	https://www.bahablog.net/2015/02/an-introduction-to-ayyam-i-ha/
26	Friday	Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C4%81gha_P%C5%ABi%C4%81
26	Friday	Purim *	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/purim/article_cdo/aid/645309/jewish/What-Is-Purim.htm

MARCH 2021

08	Monday	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/womens-day
11	Thursday	Isra'a and Miraj *	Islam	https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-miraj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey
11	Thursday	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/maha-shivaratri-2021-history-significance-and-celebration-101615434959914.html
13	Saturday	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology	https://www.scientology.ca/what-is-scientology/
14	Sunday	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism	https://encyclopedia2.thefreedictionary.com/Saka+New+Year
14 - 12 April	Sunday to 2 nd Monday in April	Sha'ban * and Mid-Sha'ban *⁵ See Footnote	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shab%27an
15	Monday	Clean Monday (First Day of Lent)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://greekreporter.com/2021/03/15/clean-monday-everything-you-need-know-greece/
20	Saturday	Ohigan (Spring Equinox)	Japanese National Holiday	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Higan

⁵ Also known as Laylat al-Bara'at (the date of this Holy Day lies approx. in the middle of Sha'ban and is sometimes disputed)

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20	Saturday	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan	https://liminal11.com/2021/03/20/ostara-easter-and-spring-equinox/
20	Saturday	Eid-e-Navroz/Persian New Year (Date May Vary)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nowruz
21	Sunday	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
22	Monday	World Water Day	United Nations	World Water Day
25	Thursday	Feast of the Annunciation	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity
27	Saturday	Memorial of Jesus' Death	Jehovah's Witnesses	https://www.vanderbilt.edu/diversity/jehovahs-witnesses-observance-of-the-memorial-of-jesus-christs-death/
28 - 29	Sunday & Monday	Holi*	Hinduism	https://theculturetrip.com/asia/india/articles/what-is-holi-and-why-is-it-celebrated/
28 - April 04	Sunday to 1 st Sunday in April	Pesach/Passover*	Judaism	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Passover
29 - 31	Monday to Wednesday	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Hola_Mahalla
31	Wednesday	Guan Yin Birthday Observance	Buddhism – Taiwanese	https://encyclopedia2.thefreedictionary.com/Birthday+of+the+Goddess+of+Mercy
	Not Celebrated in 2021	Prophet Asho Zarthosht Birthday	Zoroastrian	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Zarathustra

APRIL 2021

01	Thursday	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival	Assyrian Diaspora	https://thereaderwiki.com/en/Kha_b-Nisan
02	Friday	Good Friday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Good-Friday
02	Friday	World Autism Awareness Day	United Nations	World Autism Awareness Day
04	Sunday	Easter Sunday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday
05	Monday	Easter Monday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Government	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
07	Wednesday	Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day (Rwanda)	Canadian Government	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/remember-victims-rwanda-day

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07	Wednesday	World Health Day	World Health Organization	World Health Day
08	Thursday	Vesak Day	Buddhism	https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48106687
09	Friday	International Day of Silence See Footnote	GLSEN ⁶	https://www.andtodayis.com/en/event/Day-of-Silence
09	Friday	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) *	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_HaShoah
12	Monday	Hindu New Year	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_New_Year%27s_days
13 - May 11	Tues. to 2 nd Tues. in May	Ramadan *	Islam	https://www.calendardate.com/ramadan_2023.htm
14	Wednesday	International Day of Pink (2nd Wed. in April)	Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed)	https://www.opseu.org/news/international-day-of-pink-2021-wear-pink-to-show-victims-of-bullying-they-are-not-alone/120368/
14	Wednesday	Mesha Sankranta – Solar New Year	Hinduism	https://www.speakingtree.in/allslides/what-is-mesha-sankranti-and-importance
14	Wednesday	Puthandu (Tamil New Year)	Hinduism/Tamil	https://www.moonastro.com/holiday/2024/tamil-new-year.aspx
14	Wednesday	Sikh New Year (Baisakhi/Vaisakhi)	Sikhism	https://www.huffpost.com/archive/ca/entry/sikh-new-year-canada-a-23690472?ncid=canada_dau
20	Tuesday	First Day of Ridván *	Baha'i	https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-first-day-of-ridvan/
21	Wednesday	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation_Day
21	Wednesday	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rama_Navami
22	Thursday	Earth Day (International Mother Earth Day)	United Nations	https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/
23	Friday	Yonge Street Van Attack Day of Remembrance ⁷ See Footnote	Toronto District School Board	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_van_attack
24	Saturday	Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day	Canadian Government	http://www.auschwitzinstitute.org/news/armenian-genocide-remembrance-day/
25	Sunday	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://biography.yourdictionary.com/st-mark
27	Tuesday	Hanuman Jayanti	Hinduism	https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/hinduism/what-is-hanuman-jayanti.aspx
28	Wednesday	Ninth Day of Ridván *	Baha'i	https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-the-ninth-day-of-ridvan/

⁶ GLSEN: Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network

⁷ Toronto Van Attack Remembrance will take place on the 23rd of April each year (or closest business day to this date).

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28	Wednesday	National Day of Mourning	Canadian Government	https://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/
30	Friday	Orthodox Holy Friday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://wiltstar.com/holidays/orthodox-good-friday.htm#:~:text=Also%20known%20as%20Holy%20Friday,includes%20liturgies%20and%20Gospel%20readings.

MAY 2021

01	Saturday	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Baha'i	https://bahaiteachings.org/celebrating-twelfth-day-ridvan/
01	Saturday	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan	https://beltane.org/about-beltane/
02	Sunday	International Family Equality Day (1 st Sun. in May)	Family Equality Council	https://www.montrosecenter.org/about/mission/
02	Sunday	Orthodox Easter Sunday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/orthodox-easter-day
03	Monday	Orthodox Easter Monday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/common/orthodox-easter-monday
07	Friday	Jumu'ahtul Wida *	Islam	https://knowinsiders.com/jumu'at-ul-wida-history-significance-ritual-best-wishes-and-quotes-30302.html
09	Sunday	Laylat al-Qadr *	Islam	https://www.muslimaid.org/what-we-do/religious-dues/the-night-of-power-laylat-ul-qadr/
13	Thursday	Ascension Day	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox and Western	https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/church-holidays/what-is-ascension-day.html
13 - 15	Thursday to Saturday	Eid al Fitr *	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Eid-al-Fitr
14	Friday	Akshaya Tritya	Hinduism	https://www.astroved.com/astroveda/en/festivals/akshaya-tritiva?v=2024
15	Saturday	International Day of Families	United Nations	International Day of Families
17	Monday	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	IDAHOTB	https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/what-idahotb-why-its-relevant-you-i-during-coronavirus-chan
17 - 18	Monday & Tuesday	Shavuot *	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/shavuot-101/
23	Sunday	Declaration of the Bá'b *	Baha'i	https://www.checkiday.com/95f71fac40aaf0c14156292620539dbd/declaration-of-the-bab
23	Sunday	Pentecost	Judaism/ Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html

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24	Monday	Queen Victoria Day	Canadian Government Public Holiday	https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria
26	Wednesday	Full Moon of Saka Dawa (Lord Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and Mahaparinirvana [Death])	Buddhism - Tibetan	https://fpmt.org/charitable-activities/projects/retreats-and-practices/pf-news/saka-dawa-celebrating-lord-buddhas-birth-enlightenment-and-parinirvana/
28	Friday	Ascension of Bahá'u'llah*	Baha'i	https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-ascension-of-bahauddin-ascension-of-jesus/
31	Monday	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization	World No-Tobacco Day
31 - June 4th	Monday to Friday	Bike to School Week⁸ See Footnote	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://bikemonth.ca/bike-school/bike-school-week

JUNE 2021

01	Tuesday	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	https://www.mcmasteroptimalaging.org/blog/detail/blog/2018/12/26/intergenerational-programs-it-takes-a-village-to-age-optimally
05	Saturday	World Environment Day	United Nations	World Environment Day
10	Thursday	Ascension Day	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox and Western	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Ascension-Christianity
12	Saturday	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada Recognition	https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/july-4-1946-philippines-independence
12	Saturday	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations	World Day Against Child Labour
16	Wednesday	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism	https://www.dnaindia.com/lifestyle/report-all-you-need-to-know-about-martyrdom-day-of-guru-arjan-dev-2828191
17	Thursday	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	United Nations	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
19	Saturday	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	Sickle Cell Society	https://sicklecellanemia.ca/sickle-cell-awareness-day
20	Sunday	World Refugee Day	United Nations	World Refugee Day
21	Monday	Litha/Summer Solstice	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/litha/
21	Monday	National Indigenous Persons Day (Canada)	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013718/1534874583157

⁸ Bike to School Event may be cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns.

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21	Monday	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union	https://www.humanistcanada.ca/about/
24	Thursday	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/the-birth-of-john-the-baptist/
24	Thursday	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture	https://pacmusee.qc.ca/en/stories-of-montreal/article/the-origin-of-saint-jean-baptiste-day/
26	Saturday	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
26	Saturday	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
26	Saturday	Saga Dawa	Buddhism –Tibetan	https://www.tibetour.org/facts-about-saga-dawa-festival.html
27	Sunday	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association	https://www.lutizivetotell.org/calendar/ptsd-awareness-day/2023-06-27/
	To be Announced	Toronto Pride Festival⁹ See Footnote	Toronto Pride	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_Toronto

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JULY 2021

01	Thursday	Canada Day (Formerly Dominion Day)	Canadian Government	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada_Day
09	Friday	Martyrdom of the Bá'b *	Baha'i	https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-the-martyrdom-of-the-bab/
11	Sunday	Imamat Day *	Islam	https://the.ismaili.org/global/our-community/festivals/imamat-day
14	Wednesday	Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism – Tibetan	https://dnkdharma.org/classes-events/buddhist-holidays/34-buddhist-holidays/91-choekhor-duechen-first-turning-the-wheel-of-the-dharma.html
16	Friday	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1931_Constitution_of_Ethiopia
18	Sunday	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations	Nelson Mandela International Day
18	Sunday	Tishah B'av *	Judaism	https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/tisha-bav-2023
18 - 22	Sunday to Thursday	Hajj *	Islam	https://www.ilmuk.org/news/what-is-haji-and-why-is-it-important/

⁹ Consult Toronto Pride website for Covid-19 concerns; this may affect planning of 2021 festivities.

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19	Monday	Waqf al Arafah *	Islam	https://www.zakat.org/what-is-the-day-of-arafah-and-why-is-it-important
20 - 23	Tuesday to Friday	Eid al Adha *	Islam	https://www.muslimaid.org/media-centre/blog/what-is-eid-ul-adha/
23	Friday	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://www.reonline.org.uk/festival_event/birthday-of-haile-selassie-i/
24	Saturday	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Purnima
24	Saturday	Asalha Puja Day (Dhamma Day)	Buddhism	https://www.worldreligionnews.com/religion-news/buddhism/everything-you-need-to-know-about-buddhist-asalha-puja-day
	To Be Announced	Jalsa Salana *	Islam	https://www.jalsasalana.org.uk/about-us/

AUGUST 2021

01	Sunday	Lughnassadh/Lammas	Wicca/Pagan	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lughnasadh
02	Monday	Lord Simcoe Day/Founder's Day	Toronto Municipal Government	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civic_Holiday
02	Monday	Terry Fox Day	Terry Fox Foundation	https://terryfox.org/
06	Friday	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.crestinortodox.ro/orthodox-calendar/2024-august-transfiguration-of-our-lord-and-savior-jesus-christ.html
09	Monday	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
10	Tuesday	Al-Hijra New Year *	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_New_Year
12	Thursday	International Youth Day	United Nations	International Youth Day
13 - 15	Friday to Sunday	Obon Festival	Buddhism/Shintoism	https://www.britannica.com/story/bon-festival
15	Sunday	Feast of the Dormition Mother of God	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox	https://sspp.ca/our-faith/liturgical-year/stationary-feasts/dormition-of-the-mother-of-god/
17	Tuesday	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Garvey
19	Thursday	Ashura *	Islam	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-16047713
22	Sunday	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism/Jainism	https://family.lovetoknow.com/what-is-raksha-bandhan
23	Monday	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition

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30	Monday	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/janmashtami-why-do-some-hindus-go-without-sleep-for-2-days/zmmwqwx
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SEPTEMBER 2021

01	Wednesday	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Guru_Granth_Sahib
04 - 11	Saturday to Saturday	Paryushan Parva	Jainism	https://www.udaipurblog.com/what-is-parvushan-and-what-is-the-importance-of-parvushan.html
06	Monday	Labour Day	Canadian Government	https://nupge.ca/content/celebrating-labour-day-holiday-canada-gave-world
07 - 08	Tuesday & Wednesday	Rosh Hashanah *	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/rosh-hashanah-101/
08	Wednesday	International Day of Literacy	United Nations	International Literacy Day
08	Wednesday	Nativity of Mary	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary
11	Saturday	Coptic New Year	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://st-takla.org/Feastes-&Special-Events/Navrouz-Coptic-New-Year-Eid-El-Nairouz/Coptic-Year-Eid-Al-Navroz-or-Nairoz-or-Nairuz_01-The-Feast-of-Nairouz.html
11	Saturday	Ethiopian New Year	Christianity: Rastafarian Eastern Orthodox	https://byblacks.com/news/2607-ethiopians-in-toronto-keep-new-year-tradition-alive
11	Saturday	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/martyrdom-of-st-john-the-baptist-6724
14	Tuesday	Elevation of the Cross	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Elevation_of_the_Holy_Cross
15	Wednesday	International Day of Democracy	United Nations	International Day of Democracy
15	Wednesday	Terry Fox Run	Terry Fox Foundation	https://terryfox.org/our-mission/
16	Thursday	Yom Kippur *	Judaism	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/yom-kippur-history
19	Sunday	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism	https://www.when-is.com/anant-chaturdashi-2023.asp
19	Sunday	Powley Day	First Nation, Métis	https://www.metisnation.org/news/september-19-powley-day/
20 - 26	Monday to Sunday	International Week of the Deaf (Last Full Week of September)	World Federation of the Deaf	https://www.aoda.ca/international-week-of-the-deaf/

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21	Tuesday	International Day of Peace	United Nations	International Day of Peace
21	Tuesday	Ohigan (Autumn Equinox)	Buddhism/Shintoism	https://www.urban-nun.com/post/2018/09/19/o-higan-ceremony-autumn-equinox
21 – 27	Tuesday to Monday	Sukkot *	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/sukkot-101/
21 – 29	Tuesday to 5 th Wednesday	Mabon (Autumn Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/mabon/
23	Thursday	International Day of Sign Languages	World Federation of the Deaf	International Day of Sign Languages
25	Saturday	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario	https://mondrapeaufranco.ca/en/franco-ontarian-day/
27	Monday	Holy Cross Day ¹⁰ See Footnote	Christianity Eastern Orthodox	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Exaltation-of-the-Holy-Cross
28 - 29	Tuesday & Wednesday	Shemini Atzeret *	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/what-is-shemini-atzeret/
29	Wednesday	Simchat Torah *	Judaism	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Simchat-Torah
30	Thursday	Orange Shirt Day	First Nation, Métis, Inuit	https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html
11	Saturday	Ethiopian New Year	Christianity: Rastafarian Eastern Orthodox	https://byblacks.com/news/2607-ethiopians-in-toronto-keep-new-year-tradition-alive

OCTOBER 2021

01	Friday	International Day of Older Persons	United Nations	International Day of Older Persons
01	Friday	International Walk to School Day	Adopted by Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/learn-more/about-the-events/about-walk-to-school-day/
02	Saturday	Megregan	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehregan
04	Monday	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada	https://www.nwac.ca/event/sisters-in-spirit-virtual-vigil/
06	Wednesday	TDSB Walk to School Day (1st Wednesday in Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Healthy-Schools-5k-Run-Walk/Run-Walk-Event-Day-Information
07 - 14	Thursday to Thursday	Navratri	Hinduism	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/events/when-is-navratri-2021-history-significance-facts-celebration-and-all-you-need-to-know/articleshow/86755225.cms

¹⁰ The website associated with this entry may not be suitable for younger readers.

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10	Sunday	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization	https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day
11	Monday	International Day of the Girl Child	United Nations	International Day of the Girl Child
11	Monday	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government	https://www.statutoryholidays.com/thanksgiving.php
11 – 15	Monday to Friday	Durga Puja	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durga_Puja
11 – 17	Monday to Sunday	Body Confidence Awareness Week (2nd Week Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/ArtMid/2750/ArticleID/1245/Body-Confidence-Awareness-Week-is-October-8-12
16	Saturday	World Food Day	United Nations	World Food Day
17	Sunday	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
18 - 22	Monday to Friday	Week Without Violence (3rd week of October)	YMCA	https://ywcacanada.ca/week-without-violence/
19	Tuesday	Mawlid-al-Nabi (Prophet's Birthday) *	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/topic/mawlid
20	Wednesday	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru	Sikhism	https://www.learnreligions.com/all-about-the-guru-granth-sikhisms-holy-scripture-2993128
21	Thursday	Kathina Festival/Paváraná Day	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathina
24	Sunday	Karva Chauth *	Hinduism	https://indianculture.gov.in/stories/karva-chauth
27	Wednesday	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism –Tibetan	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lhabab_Duchen

NOVEMBER 2021

01	Monday	All Saints Day	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day
01	Monday	Samhain *	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain
01 - 05	Monday to Friday	GLSEN Ally Week	Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network	https://www.glsen.org/programs/solidarity-week
01 – 05	Monday to Friday	Treaty Week (First Week of November)	Ontario Government	https://www.amo.on.ca/advocacy/indigenous-relations/treaties-recognition-week-november-1-7
02	Tuesday	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haile_Selassie

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04	Thursday	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bandi_Chhor_Divas
02 - 06	Tuesday to Saturday	Diwali	Hinduism/Sikhism/Jainism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali
06	Saturday	Birth of the Bá'b *	Bahá'i	https://www.bahaihq.net/bahai-calendar/about-the-birth-of-the-bab/
07	Sunday	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh *	Bahá'i	https://www.bahaihq.net/about-the-birth-of-bahauallah/
07	Sunday	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada	https://www.norquest.ca/cal/2022-2023/course/INST1002-inuit-canadians.aspx
08	Monday	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples – Veteran Affairs Canada	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1605286948270/1605287188462
09	Tuesday	Gyana Panchami	Jainism	https://www.jainmatrimony.com/articles/gyana-panchami.php
11	Thursday	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government	https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/information-for/educators/quick-facts/remembrance-day
14	Sunday	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization	https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2021/04/14/default-calendar/global-diabetes-summit
15 - 19	Monday to Friday	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Ontario Government	https://www.ontario.ca/page/bullying-we-can-all-help-stop-it
16	Tuesday	Louis Riel Day	Métis Nation of Ontario	https://www.opseu.org/news/november-16-is-louis-riel-day/95879/
19	Friday	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib	Sikhism	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/guru-nanak-birthday
20	Saturday	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transgender_Day_of_Remembrance
20	Saturday	World Children's Day	United Nations	World Children's Day
21	Sunday	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity :Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.lovologypress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/presentation-of-mary/
24	Wednesday	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism	http://aglobalworld.com/holidays-around-the-world/martyrdom-guru-tegh-bahadur-religious-observance-sikhism-followers/
25	Thursday	Day of the Covenant *	Bahá'i	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_the_Covenant_(Bah%C3%A1'í_CA%BC%C3%AD)
25	Thursday	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
27	Saturday	National Holodomor Memorial Day¹¹ See Footnote	Ukrainian Canadian Congress	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holodomor

¹¹ Recognized on the 4th Saturday each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday s

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28 - Dec 24	Sunday to 4 th Friday in December	Advent	Christianity	https://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html
29 - Dec 06	Monday to 1 st Monday in Dec.	Hanukkah (Festival of Lights)*	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/chanukah/article_cdo/aid/102911/jewish/What-Is-Hanukkah.htm
	To Be Announced	Lokasha Jayanti	Jainism	

DECEMBER 2021

01	Wednesday	World AIDS Day ¹²	United Nations	World AIDS Day
02	Thursday	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
03	Friday	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
06	Monday	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government	https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/16-days/national-day-remembrance.html
10	Friday	Human Rights Day	United Nations	Human Rights Day
13	Monday	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan (Salgirah)*	Islam	https://ismailmail.blog/2016/12/13/who-is-aga-khan-iv-and-why-do-we-celebrate-his-birthday-metro-uk/
18	Saturday	International Migrants Day	United Nations	International Migrants Day
21	Tuesday	Yule – Winter Solstice	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/yule/
25	Saturday	Christmas Day (Gregorian Calendar) ¹³ See Footnote	Canadian Government and Christianity	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas
26	Sunday	Boxing Day	Canadian Government	https://www.statutoryholidays.com/boxing-day.php
26	Sunday	Zarhosht Diso Death	Zoroastrian	https://www.interfaith-calendar.org/_2024.html https://www.kent.ac.uk/events/event/35621/zarhosht-diso-death-of-zoroaster-1
26 - 01 Jan 2022	Sunday to 1 st Saturday in Jan.	Kwanzaa	African Canadian/American Celebration	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history

¹² AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

¹³ Actual Christmas and Boxing Days fall on Saturday and Sunday respectively. See lieu days December 27 & 28.

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27	Monday	TDSB Observed Christmas Day (Lieu Day)	Toronto District School Board	See Christmas Day – 25 December 2021
28	Tuesday	TDSB Observed Boxing Day (Lieu Day)	Toronto District School Board	See Boxing Day – 26 December 2021
31	Friday	TDSB Observed New Year's Day 2022¹⁴ (Lieu Day)	Toronto District School Board	See New Year's Day 01 January 2022

JANUARY 2022

01	Saturday	Gantan-sai Japanese New Year	Buddhism/Shintoism	http://faith.wikidot.com/gantan-sai
01	Saturday	Actual New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar) See Footnote #14	Canadian Government	https://www.todocanada.ca/new-years-eve-canada/
05	Wednesday	Twelfth Night	Christianity	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Days_of_Christmas
06	Thursday	Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	When Is Three Kings' Day and How Is It Celebrated?
07	Friday	Orthodox Christmas Day - Feast of the Nativity of Christ (Julien Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/why-celebrate-christmas-january
09	Sunday	Baptism of Jesus	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	The Baptism of Jesus - Bible Story Verses & Meaning
09 OR 29	Sunday 09 OR 5 TH Saturday in Jan.	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday¹⁵ See Footnote	Sikhism	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti 2021: History, significance and ...
13	Thursday	Maghi	Sikhism	The Sikh Festivals: Maghi - Gateway to Sikhism
13	Thursday	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/ekadashis/putrada/pausa-putrada-ekadashi-date-time.html?year=2024
14	Friday	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism	Why is Makar Sankranti celebrated? - Jagran Josh
14	Friday	Orthodox New Year's Day (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	Orthodox New Year's Day - Canada - WinCalendar
14 - 17	Friday to Monday	Thai Pongal	Hinduism/Tamil	What is Thai Pongal? - Medium
16	Sunday	World Religion Day	Baha'i	https://nationaldaycalendar.com/world-religion-day-third-sunday-in-january/

¹⁴ Actual New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar) falls on Saturday, 01 January 2022. The lieu day holiday will be observed by the Toronto District School Board on Friday, 31 December 2021 – **Monday, 03 January 2022 will be a regular school/business day**

¹⁵ Celebration of Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday varies from year to year.

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17	Monday	Tu B'Shevat *	Judaism	https://www.myviewishlearning.com/article/tu-bishvat-ideas-beliefs/
17 - 23	Monday to Sunday	No Name Calling Week (Starts 3 rd Monday in January)	GLSEN	No Name-Calling Week - 2021 GLSEN
18	Tuesday	Mahayana New Year (1 st Full Moon)	Buddhism	The Origins and Practice of Holidays: Mahayana New Year
18	Tuesday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	USA Federal Holiday	https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1964/king/biographical/
21	Friday	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox and Western	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marriage_at_Cana
27	Thursday	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
27	Thursday	St. Sava Devine Day	Christianity – Serbian Orthodox	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Sava
30	Sunday	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian	https://www.cais-soas.com/CAIS/Celebrations/sadeh.htm
		Theravada Days of Mindfulness ¹⁶ See Footnote	Buddhism	https://factsanddetails.com/asian/cat64/sub415/entry-2816.html

FEBRUARY 2022

01	Tuesday	Chinese New Year	Chinese National Holiday	21 Things You Didn't Know About Chinese New Year
01	Tuesday	Lunar New Year	Buddhism/Confucianism/ Daoism	Chinese New Year vs Lunar New Year - China Highlights
01 - 07	Tuesday to Monday	Children's Mental Health Week	World Health Organization	https://www.who.int/activities/improving-the-mental-and-brain-health-of-children-and-adolescents
01 - 07	Tuesday to Monday	Chinese Spring Festival	Buddhism/Confucianism/ Daoism	Chinese New Year Summary, History, Traditions, & Facts
02	Wednesday	Imbolc *	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.newgrange.com/imbolc.htm
02	Wednesday	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Western and Orthodox Christianity	https://www.stpetersmemphis.org/apps/calendar/showEvent?callID=7273721&eventID=281271542&next=%2FshowWeek%3FcallID%3D7273721%26year%3D2024%26month%3D0%26day%3D30
02	Wednesday	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/winter-walk-day/
03	Thursday	Setsubun	Shintoism Japanese Buddhism	https://blog.gaijinpot.com/what-the-heck-is-setsubun/

¹⁶ There are several Buddhist *Theravada Days of Mindfulness* throughout the year – (consult a Buddhist website for further information)

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05	Saturday	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/festivals/vasant-panchami/vasant-panchami-puja-date-time.html?year=2024
06	Sunday	Bob Marley Birthday Day	Rastafarian Holy Day & Toronto Municipal Govt.	Bob Marley Biography, Songs, Albums, Death, & Facts
06	Sunday	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	World Health Organization	https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2021/02/06/default-calendar/international-day-of-zero-tolerance-for-female-genital-mutilation
07 - 13	Monday to Sunday	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	https://www.optionsforsexualhealth.org/srh-awareness-week/
15	Tuesday	Parinirvana Day - Buddha's Death	Buddhism – Various Sects	https://www.calendarz.com/public/when-is/buddhist-holidays/parinirvana-day/2024
16	Wednesday	Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C4%81gha_P%C5%ABj%C4%81
20	Sunday	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations	World Day of Social Justice
21	Monday	Family Day (Ontario)	Ontario Government	https://www.123dentist.com/how-did-family-day-get-its-start/
21	Monday	International Mother Language Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/mother-language-day
	To Be Announced	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days) *	Baha'i	http://re.bahai.org.uk/event/intercalary-days-ayyam-i-ha/

MARCH 2022

01	Tuesday	Isra'a and Miraj *	Islam	https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi-raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey
01	Tuesday	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	https://isha.sadhguru.org/mahashivratri/significance-of-mahashivratri/
02	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday – 1 st Day of Lent	Christianity Western	Ash Wednesday - Easter / Lent - Catholic Online
03	Thursday	Losar Tibetan New Year	Buddhism – Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan	https://matadornetwork.com/read/tibetan-new-year-celebrations/
03	Thursday	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism	http://ubudhood.com/nyepi/
04 - 01 April	Friday to 1 st Monday in April	Sha'ban * and Mid-Sha'ban * ¹⁷	Islam	https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/the-benefits-of-shaban-the-neglected-month
07	Monday	Clean Monday (First Day of Lent)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://greekreporter.com/2021/03/15/clean-monday-everything-need-know-greece/

¹⁷ Also known as Laylat al-Bara'at (the date of this Holy Day lies approx. in the middle of Sha'ban and is sometimes disputed)

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13	Sunday	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology	Official Church of Scientology: What is Scientology?
17	Thursday	Purim *	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/purim/article_cdo/aid/645309/jewish/What-Is-Purim.htm
18	Friday	Holi *	Hinduism	https://theculturetrip.com/asia/india/articles/what-is-holi-and-why-is-it-celebrated/
18 - 20	Friday to Sunday	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Hola_Mahalla
20	Sunday	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan	https://wiccaliving.com/wiccan-calendar-ostara-spring-equinox/
21	Monday	Eid-e-Navroz/Persian New Year (Date May Vary)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian	https://www.middleeasteye.net/discover/what-nowruz-explained-persian-new-year-celebrated
21	Monday	Guan Yin Birthday	Buddhism – Taiwanese	https://www.nationsonline.org/onedworld/Chinese_Customs/Guan_Yin.htm
21	Monday	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21	Monday	Ohigan (Spring Equinox)	Japanese National Holiday	https://kokoro-jp.com/culture/2908/
22	Tuesday	World Water Day	United Nations	World Water Day
25	Friday	Feast of the Annunciation	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity

APRIL 2022

01	Friday	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival	Assyrian Diaspora	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kha_b-Nisan
01 - 02	Friday and Saturday	Hindu New Year	Hinduism	https://www.dollsofindia.com/library/hindu-new-year/
02	Saturday	World Autism Awareness Day	International	World Autism Awareness Day
03 - May 01	Sunday to 1 st Sunday in May	Ramadan *	Islam	https://www.livescience.com/61815-what-is-ramadan.html
07	Thursday	Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day	Canadian Government	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/remember-victims-rwanda-day
07	Thursday	World Health Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Health_Day
08	Friday	International Day of Silence	GLSEN	https://www.andtodayis.com/en/event/Day-of-Silence

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10	Sunday	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rama_Navami
13	Wednesday	International Day of Pink (2 nd Wed. in April)	Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed)	https://www.speakingtree.in/allslides/what-is-mesha-sankranti-and-importance
14	Thursday	Mesha Sankranta (Solar New Year)	Hinduism	https://www.speakingtree.in/allslides/what-is-mesha-sankranti-and-importance
14	Thursday	Puthandu (Tamil New Year)	Hinduism/Tamil	https://www.moonastro.com/holiday/2024/tamil-new-year.aspx
14	Thursday	Sikh New Year (Baisakhi/Vaisakhi)	Sikhism	https://www.huffpost.com/archive/ca/entry/sikh-new-year-canada_a_23690472?ncid=canada_dau
15	Friday	Good Friday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Good-Friday
15	Friday	Memorial of Jesus' Death	Jehovah's Witnesses	https://www.jw.org/en/library/books/bible-teach/the-lords-evening-meal/
16	Saturday	Hanuman Jayanti	Hinduism	https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/hinduism/what-is-hanuman-jayanti.aspx
16 - 22	Saturday to Friday	Pesach/Passover *	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach_cdo/aid/671901/jewish/When-Is-Passover-in-2022-2023-2024-2025-and-2026.htm
17	Sunday	Easter Sunday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western	https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/understanding-the-history-and-symbols-of-easter-1256039.html
18	Monday	Easter Monday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Government	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
21	Thursday	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation_Day
22	Friday	First Day of Ridván *	Baha'i	https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-first-day-of-ridvan/
22	Friday	Earth Day (International Mother Earth Day)	United Nations	International Mother Earth Day
22	Friday	Orthodox Holy Friday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://www.wilstar.com/holidays/orthodox-good-friday.htm#:~:text=Also%20known%20as%20Holy%20Friday,includes%20liturgies%20and%20Gospel%20readings.
22	Friday	Yonge Street Van Attack – Day of Remembrance ¹⁸ See Footnote	Toronto District School Board	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_van_attack
24	Sunday	Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day	Canadian Government	http://www.auschwitzinstitute.org/news/armenian-genocide-remembrance-day/

¹⁸ Toronto Van Attack Remembrance will take place on the 23rd of April each year (or closest business day to this date)

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24	Sunday	Orthodox Easter Sunday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/orthodox-easter-day
25	Monday	Orthodox Easter Monday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/common/orthodox-easter-monday
25	Monday	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.vercalendario.info/en/event/catholic-liturgy-25-april-2023.html
28	Thursday	National Day of Mourning	Canadian Government	https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/national-day-of-mourning-in-canada/41165.html
28	Thursday	Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day *	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_HaShoah
29	Friday	Laylat al-Qadr *	Islam	https://www.muslimaid.org/what-we-do/religious-dues/the-night-of-power-laylat-ul-qadr/
30	Saturday	Ninth Day of Ridván	Baha'i	https://bahaiteachings.org/celebrating-the-9th-day-of-ridvan/
	To Be Announced	Jainism New Year (Enlightenment of Gautam Swami)	Jainism	https://publicholidays.in/mahavir-jayanti/

MAY 2022

01	Sunday	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan	https://beltane.org/about-beltane/
01	Sunday	International Family Equality Day (1st Sun. in May)	Family Equality Council	https://www.familyequality.org/international-family-equality-day/
02 - 04	Monday to Wednesday	Eid al-Fitr *	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Eid-al-Fitr
03	Tuesday	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Baha'i	https://www.provost.umich.edu/calendar/holidays/Twelfth%20Day%20of%20Ridvan.pdf
03	Tuesday	Akshaya Tritiya	Hinduism	https://www.astroved.com/astropedia/en/festivals/akshaya-tritiya?v=2024
15	Sunday	International Day of Families	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/inter-day-families
15	Sunday	Vesak Day	Buddhism	https://publicholidays.sg/vesak-day/
17	Tuesday	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	IDAHOTB	https://may17.org/about/
23	Monday	Queen Victoria Day	Canadian Government Public Holiday	https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria
24	Tuesday	Declaration of the Bá'b *	Baha'i	https://www.bahaiiblog.net/2012/05/the-declaration-of-the-bab/

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26	Thursday	Ascension Day	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox and Western	https://metro.co.uk/2018/05/10/happened-ascension-day-celebrated-7533524/
26	Thursday	Full Moon of Saka Dawa (Lord Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and Mahaparinirvana [Death])	Buddhism - Tibetan	https://fpmt.org/charitable-activities/projects/retreats-and-practices/pf-news/saka-dawa-celebrating-lord-buddhas-birth-enlightenment-and-parinirvana/
29	Sunday	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh *	Baha'i	https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-ascension-of-bahauallah-ascension-of-jesus/
30 - 03 June	Monday to Friday	Bike to School Week	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://bikemonth.ca/bike-school/bike-school-week
31	Tuesday	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization	https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-no-tobacco-day
	Does Not Occur in 2022	Jumu'ahtul Wida *	Islam	http://www.daysuntil.com/Jumuah-tul-Wida/index.html https://knowinsiders.com/jumuat-ul-wida-history-significance-ritual-best-wishes-and-quotes-30302.html

JUNE 2022

02	Thursday	Ascension Day	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox	https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/church-holidays/what-is-ascension-day.html
05	Sunday	Pentecost	Judaism/ Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Pentecost-Christianity
05	Sunday	World Environment Day	United Nations	World Environment Day
05 - 06	Sunday & Monday	Shavuot *	Judaism	https://www.myviewshlearning.com/article/shavuot-101/
12	Sunday	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada Recognition	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/125401235/celebrating-philippines-independence-day-is-a-way-to-pass-on-history
12	Sunday	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations	World Day Against Child Labour
14	Tuesday	Saga Dawa	Buddhism –Tibetan	https://www.tibettour.org/facts-about-saga-dawa-festival.html
16	Thursday	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Arjan
17	Friday	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	United Nations	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
19	Sunday	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	United Nations	https://sicklecellanemia.ca/sickle-cell-awareness-day
20	Monday	World Refugee Day	United Nations	World Refugee Day
21	Tuesday	Litha/Summer Solstice	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/litha/

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21	Tuesday	National Indigenous Persons Day in Canada	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://www.rcaanc-cimac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013718/1534874583157
21	Tuesday	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union	https://humanists.international/what-is-humanism/world-humanist-day/
24	Friday	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.lovolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/the-birth-of-john-the-baptist/
24	Friday	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture	https://pacmusee.gc.ca/en/stories-of-montreal/article/the-origin-of-saint-jean-baptiste-day/
24 - 26	Friday to Sunday	Toronto Pride Festival Weekend¹⁹ See Footnote	Toronto Pride	https://www.pridetoronto.com/2021/11/17/pride-toronto-unveils-pride-2022-festival-weekend-dates-including-headliners-as-well-as-parade-participation-changes/
26	Sunday	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
26	Sunday	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
27	Monday	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association	https://www.lutziivetotell.org/calendar/ptsd-awareness-day/2023-06-27/
	To Be Announced	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	https://www.mcmasteroptimalaging.org/blog/detail/blog/2018/12/26/intergenerational-programs-it-takes-a-village-to-age-optimally

SEPTEMBER 2021 TO JUNE 2022 SCHOOL ENDS

JULY 2022

01	Friday	Canada Day	Canadian Government	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada_Day
06	Wednesday	Tishah B'av*	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/144575/jewish/What-Is-Tisha-BAv.htm
08 – 12	Friday to Tuesday	Hajj*	Islam	https://www.ilmuk.org/news/what-is-hajj-and-why-is-it-important/
09	Saturday	Waqf al Arafah*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_Arafah
10	Sunday	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Baha'i	https://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2023.html
10 – 13	Sunday to Wednesday	Eid al-Adha*	Islam	https://www.muslimaid.org/media-centre/blog/what-is-eid-ul-adha/

¹⁹ Toronto Pride hosts a variety of activities throughout the month of June – consult a Toronto Pride website.

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11	Monday	Imamat Day *	Islam	https://the.ismaili/global/our-community/festivals/imamat-day
13	Wednesday	Asalha Puja Day, Dhamma	Buddhism	https://www.muslimaid.org/media-centre/blog/what-is-eid-ul-adha/
13	Wednesday	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/food-news/guru-purnima-2021-importance-tradition-food-and-culture/photostory/76784839.cms
16	Saturday	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://rastafarianblogthings-blog.tumblr.com/post/116506886339/rastafari-holy-day-ethiopian-constitution-day
18	Monday	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations	Nelson Mandela International Day
23	Saturday	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://www.biography.com/political-figure/haile-selassie-i
30	Saturday	Al-Hijra New Year *	Islam	https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/8/6/islamic-new-year-what-you-need-to-know
	To Be Announced	Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism – Tibetan	https://www.tibettravel.org/tibetan-festivals/chokhor-duchen-festival-2013.html

AUGUST 2022

01	Monday	Lughnassadh/Lammas	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.calendarz.com/when-is/christian-holidays/lammas/2024
01	Monday	Lord Simcoe Day/Founder's Day	Toronto Municipal Government	https://toronto.citynews.ca/2014/08/01/simcoe-day-what-is-it-why-do-we-celebrate/
01	Monday	Terry Fox Day	Terry Fox Foundation	https://nationaltoday.com/terry-fox-day/
06	Saturday	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
06 – 08	Saturday to Monday	Jalsa Salana *	Islam	https://www.jalsasalana.org.uk/about-us/
08	Monday	Ashura *	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Ashura-Islamic-holy-day
09	Tuesday	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
11	Thursday	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism/Jainism	https://family.lovetoknow.com/what-is-raksha-bandhan
12	Friday	International Youth Day	United Nations	International Youth Day
13 – 15	Saturday to Monday	Obon Festival	Buddhism/Shintoism	https://www.hisgo.com/us/destination-japan/blog/bon_festival_in_japan.html

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15	Monday	Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	https://sspp.ca/our-faith/liturgical-year/stationary-feasts/dormition-of-the-mother-of-god/
17	Wednesday	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Garvey
19	Friday	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/janmashtami-why-do-some-hindus-go-without-sleep-for-2-days/zmmwgwx
21	Sunday	Prophet Asho Zarthosht Birthday	Zoroastrian	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Zarathustra
23	Tuesday	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition
23 - 31	Tuesday to Last Wednesday in Aug.	Paryushan Parva	Jainism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/jain/calendar/jain-calendar.html?year=2023

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SEPTEMBER 2022

01	Thursday	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib	Sikhism	https://readthespirit.com/religious-holidays-festivals/sikh-installation-of-scripture-as-guru-granth-sahib/
05	Monday	Labour Day	Canadian Government	https://www.the.canadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/labour-day
08	Thursday	International Day of Literacy	United Nations	International Literacy Day
08	Thursday	Nativity of Mary	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2021-09-08
09	Friday	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism	https://pujyavagna.com/blogs/hindu-festivals/anant-chaturthi
11	Sunday	Coptic New Year	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox	https://st-takla.org/Feastes-&Special-Events/Navrouz-Coptic-New-Year-Eid-El-Nairouz/Coptic-Year-Eid-Al-Nayroz-or-Nairoz-or-Nairuz_01-The-Feast-of-Nairouz.html
11	Sunday	Ethiopian New Year	Christianity: Rastafarian Eastern Orthodox	https://billpetro.com/history-of-ethiopian-new-year
11	Sunday	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist See Footnote	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/martyrdom-of-st-john-the-baptist-6724
14	Wednesday	Elevation of the Cross	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Elevation_of_the_Holy_Cross

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15	Thursday	International Day of Democracy	United Nations	International Day of Democracy
18	Sunday	Terry Fox Run (2nd Sunday after Labour Day)	Terry Fox Foundation	https://terryfox.org/our-mission/
19	Monday	Powley Day	First Nations, Métis	https://ocdsb.ca/news/ september_19_is_powley_day
19 - 26	Monday to Sunday	International Week of the Deaf²⁰	World Federation of the Deaf	https://www.aoda.ca/international-week-of-the-deaf/
21	Wednesday	International Day of Peace	United Nations	International Day of Peace
21 - 29	Wednesday to 5 th Thursday in Sept.	Mabon (Autumn Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/ mabon/
22	Thursday	Ohigan (Autumn Equinox)	Buddhism/Shintoism	https://www.urban-nun.com/post/2018/09/19/o-higan-ceremony-autumn-equinox
23	Friday	International Day of Sign Languages	World Federation of the Deaf	https://wfdeaf.org/who-we-are/
25	Sunday	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario	https://mondrapaufranco.ca/en/franco-ontarian-day/
26 - 27	Monday to Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah *	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/4762/jewish/What-Is-Rosh-Hashanah.htm
26 – 04 Oct	Monday to 1 st Tuesday in Oct.	Navratri	Hinduism	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Navratri
30	Friday	Orange Shirt Day	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html
	To Be Announced	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network Ally Week	GLSEN	https://www.glsen.org/

OCTOBER 2022

01	Saturday	International Day for Older Persons	United Nations	International Day of Older Persons
01 - 05	Saturday to Wednesday	Durga Puja	Hinduism	https://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/travel/articles/india-durga-purga-honoring-goddess.shtml
02	Sunday	Megregan	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehregan
04	Tuesday	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada	https://www.nwac.ca/event/sisters-in-spirit-virtual-vigil/

²⁰ Last full week of September

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05	Wednesday	TDSB Walk to School Day (1st Wednesday in Oct)	Adopted by Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.greenup.on.ca/program/international-walk-to-school-day/#~:text=International%20Walk%20to%20School%20Day%20is%20an%20annual%20global%20event,the%20first%20Wednesday%20in%20October.
05	Wednesday	World Teachers' Day	United Nations	World Teachers' Day
05	Wednesday	Yom Kippur *	Judaism	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/yom-kippur-history
08	Saturday	Mawlid-al-Nabi (Prophet's Birthday) *	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/topic/mawlid
10	Monday	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government	https://www.canadahistory.ca/explore/arts-culture-society/the-history-of-thanksgiving-in-canada
10	Monday	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization	https://www.who.int/health-topics/mental-health#tab=tab_1
10 - 16	Monday to Sunday	Body Confidence Awareness Week (3rd Week Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.bodyconfidencecanada.com/body-confidence-awareness-week-1
10 - 16	Monday to Sunday	Sukkot *	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/4784/jewish/What-Is-Sukkot.htm
11	Tuesday	International Day of the Girl Child	United Nations	International Day of the Girl Child
12 - 13	Wednesday & Thursday	Karva Chauth *	Hinduism	https://www.apnisanskriti.com/vrat-katha/significance-of-karva-chauth-229
16	Sunday	World Food Day	United Nations	World Food Day
16 - 20	Monday to Friday	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Ontario Government	https://thecanadianhomeschooler.com/bullying-awareness-week/
17	Monday	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
17 - 18	Monday & Tuesday	Shemini Atzeret *	Judaism	https://www.myviewishlearning.com/article/what-is-shemini-atzeret/
17 - 23	Monday to Sunday	Week Without Violence (3rd week of October)	YMCA	https://ywcacanada.ca/week-without-violence/
18	Tuesday	Simchat Torah *	Judaism	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Simchat-Torah
20	Thursday	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru	Sikhism	https://www.sikhphilosophy.net/threads/gurgaddi-diwas-sri-guru-granth-sahib-october-20.41740/
22 - 26	Saturday to Wednesday	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali
24	Monday	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Bandi_Chhorh_Divas
26	Wednesday	Birth of the Bá'b *	Bahá'í	https://www.bahaiiblog.net/bahai-calendar/about-the-birth-of-the-bab/

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27	Thursday	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh *	Bahá'í	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birth_of_Bah%C3%A1%CA%BCu%27I%C3%A1h
29	Saturday	Gyana Panchami	Jainism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/diwali/labh-panchami/labh-panchami-date-time.html?year=2023 https://www.jainmatrimony.com/articles/gyan-panchami.php
	To Be Announced	Kathina Festival/ Paváraná Day	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathina

NOVEMBER 2022

01	Tuesday	All Saints Day	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day
01	Tuesday	Samhain *	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain
01 – 06	Tuesday to Sunday	Treaty Week (First Week of November)	Ontario Government	https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties
02	Wednesday	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/person/mp83276/amha-selassie-i-emperor-of-ethiopia
07	Monday	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada	https://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/press-releases/november-7th-inuit-day/
08	Tuesday	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib	Sikhism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/calendars/indian/sikh-festivals/javanti/guru-nanak-javanti-date.html?year=2024 https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Guru_Nanak
08	Tuesday	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples – Veteran Affairs Canada.	https://www.rcaanc-cimac.gc.ca/eng/1605286948270/1605287188462
11	Friday	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government	https://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/history/after-the-war/remembrance/remembrance-day/
14	Monday	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization	World Diabetes Day
15	Tuesday	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lhabab_Duchen
16	Wednesday	Louis Riel Day	Métis Association of Ontario	https://opseu.org/news/november-16-is-louis-riel-day/95879/
20	Sunday	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transgender_Day_of_Remembrance
20	Sunday	World Children's Day	United Nations	World Children's Day
21	Monday	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western	https://www.lovopolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/presentation-of-mary/

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24	Thursday	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur²¹ See Footnote	Sikhism	http://aglobalworld.com/holidays-around-the-world/martyrdom-guru-tegh-bahadur-religious-observance-sikhism-followers/
25	Friday	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
26	Saturday	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_the_Covenant_(Bah%C3%A1%CA%BC%C3%AD)
26	Saturday	National Holodomor Memorial Day²² See Footnote	Ukrainian Canadian Congress	https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/u-0.4/page-1.html
27 – Dec 24	Sunday to 4 th Saturday in Dec.	Advent	Christianity	https://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html

DECEMBER 2022

01	Thursday	World AIDS Day²³ See Footnote	United Nations	World AIDS Day
02	Friday	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
03	Saturday	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
06	Tuesday	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government	https://www.universityaffairs.ca/news/news-article/december-6-1989-we-remember/
08	Thursday	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons' Day	Christianity - Macedonian Orthodox	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clement_of_Ohrid
10	Saturday	Human Rights Day	United Nations	Human Rights Day
13	Tuesday	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan (Salgirah)*	Islam	https://www.akdn.org/about-us/his-highness-aga-khan/biography-his-highness-aga-khan
18	Sunday	International Migrants Day	United Nations	International Migrants Day
19 – 26	Monday to Monday	Hanukkah (Festival of Lights)*	Judiasm	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/hanukkah
21	Wednesday	Yule - Winter Solstice	Wicca/Pagan	https://wiccaliving.com/wiccan-calendar-yule-winter-solstice/

²¹ The website associated with this entry may not be suitable for younger readers.

²² Recognized on the 4th Saturday each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday

²³ AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

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25	Sunday	Christmas Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Government and Christianity	https://www.history.com/topics/christmas/history-of-christmas
26	Monday	Boxing Day	Canadian Government	www.history.com/news/why-is-the-day-after-christmas-called-boxing-day
26 – 01 Jan 2023	Monday to 1 st Sunday in January.	Kwanzaa	African Canadian/American Celebration	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history
26	Monday	Zarhosht Diso Death	Zoroastrian	https://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2024.html https://www.kent.ac.uk/events/event/35621/zarhosht-diso-death-of-zoroaster-1
	To Be Announced	Christmas Day²⁴ (Lieu Day) See Footnote	Canadian Government and Christianity	See Christmas Day 25 December 2022
		Ekadashi²⁵ See Footnote	Jainism	https://isha.sadhguru.org/ca/en/wisdom/article/what-is-ekadashi-why-to-fast-on-ekadashi

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²⁴ Christmas in 2022 falls on a Sunday – Lieu day to be announced

²⁵ There are several Ekadashi Fasting Days during the year – consult a Jainism Website

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