

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 <u>not</u> 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.

<u>This calendar is not meant to be comprehensive or exhaustive</u> 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 <u>may vary a few days before or after the indicated</u> <u>date</u> 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

https://www.calendar-365.com/2022-calendar.html

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HERITAGE AND AWARENESS MONTHS

JANUARY	Tamil Heritage Month
	African Heritage Month
FEBRUARY	Black Queering Month
	Chinese Heritage Month (See May, Asian Heritage Month)
MARCH	Greek Heritage Month
	Genocide Awareness Month
APRIL	Latin-America History Month (see also October Hispanic Heritage Month)
	Sikh Heritage Month
	World Autism Month
	Asian Heritage Month
MAY	Jewish Heritage Month
	National Speech and Hearing Month
	Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
	ABGLTTQQ2S – Pride Month (Toronto)
	Filipino Heritage Month
JUNE	Italian Heritage Month
	National Indigenous History Month
	Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month
JULY	•
AUGUST	•
SEPTEMBER	•
	Hispanic Heritage Month (City of Toronto)
	International Walk to School Month
OCTOBER	Islamic Heritage Month
	Somalian Heritage Month
	Women's History Month
NOVEMBER	Hindu Heritage Month
	Indigenous Education Month
DECEMBER	•



SEPTEMBER 2022

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Thursday	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib	Sikhism	https://www.sikhdharma.org/the-story-of-the- anniversary-of-the-installation-of-the-adi-granth/
05	Monday	Labour Day	Government of Canada	https://nupge.ca/content/celebrating-labour-day-holiday- canada-gave-world
08	Thursday	International Day of Literacy	United Nations	https://www.wincalendar.com/ca/International-Literacy- Day
08	Thursday	Nativity of Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the- day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary
09	Friday	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism	<u>https://pujayagna.com/blogs/hindu-festivals/anant-</u> <u>chaturthi</u>
09	Friday	International Day to Protect Education from Attack	United Nations	International Day to Protect Education from Attack
11	Sunday	Coptic New Year	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://st-takla.org/Feastes-&-Special-Events/Nayrouz- 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	Government of Ethiopia and Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) Rastafarian Holy Day	https://publicholidays.africa/ethiopia/new-years-day/
11	Sunday	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beheading of John the Ba ptist
15	Thursday	International Day of Democracy	United Nations	International Day of Democracy
18	Sunday	Terry Fox Run (2 nd Sunday after Labour Day	Terry Fox Foundation	https://terryfox.org/our-mission/
19	Monday	Powley Day	First Nations, Métis	https://www.metisnation.org/news/september-19-powley- day/
19 - 25	Monday to Sunday	International Week of the Deaf (Last Full Week of September)	Canadian Association/ World Federation of the Deaf	https://webplus.info/index.php?page=340&holiday=969& year=2022



21	Wednesday	International Day of Peace	United Nations	International Day of Peace
21 - 29	Wednesday to Thursday	Mabon (Autumn Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/mabon/
22 - 24	Thursday to Saturday	Ohigan (Autumn Equinox)	Government of Japan and 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://www.european-agency.org/news/sign-languages- are-everyone-un-international-day-sign-languages
25	Sunday	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario	https://mondrapeaufranco.ca/en/franco-ontarian-day/
26 - 27	Monday and Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/rosh- hashanah-101/
26 – 05 Oct	Monday to Wednesday	Navratri	Hinduism	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Navratri
27	Tuesday	Elevation of the Holy Cross	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Elevation of the Holy Cross
30	Friday	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	First Nation, Métis, Inuit	https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/first-national-truth- reconciliation-day-1.6188540
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	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN)	https://www.glsen.org/

OCTOBER 2022

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Saturday	International Day for Older Persons	United Nations	International Day of Older Persons
01	Saturday	Mehregan	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehregan
01 - 05	Saturday to Wednesday	Durga Puja	Hinduism	https://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/travel/articles/ india-durga-purga-honoring-goddess.shtml



02	Sunday	International Day of Non- Violence	United Nations	International Day of Non-Violence
04	Tuesday	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sisters_in_Spirit
05	Wednesday	TDSB Walk to School Day (1st Wednesday in October)	Adopted by Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.greenup.on.ca/program/international-walk- to-school- day/#:~:text=International%20Walk%20to%20School%2 0Day%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
09	Sunday	Kathina Festival/ Paváraná Day	Buddhism (Theravada)	https://feast-guide.com/en/celebrations/521.html
10	Monday	Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	Government of Canada	https://www.canadashistory.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 - 14	Monday to Friday	Body Confidence Awareness Week (2nd 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.myjewishlearning.com/article/sukkot-101/
11	Tuesday	International Day of the Girl Child	United Nations	International Day of the Girl Child
12	Wednesday	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Bandi_Chhorh_Divas
12 - 13	Wednesday and 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



17	Monday	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
17	Monday	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
17 – 18	Monday and Tuesday	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/what-is- shemini-atzeret/
17 - 21	Monday to Friday	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Government of Ontario	https://thecanadianhomeschooler.com/bullying- awareness-week/
17 - 21	Monday to Friday	Week Without Violence (3 rd week of October)	YMCA	https://ywcaweekwithoutviolence.org/
18	Tuesday	Simchat Torah*	Judaism	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Simchat-Torah
20	Thursday	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji <u>as Guru</u>	Sikhism	https://www.sikhphilosophy.net/threads/gurgaddi-diwas- sri-guru-granth-sahib-october-20.41740/
24	Monday	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/ Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali
26	Wednesday	Birth of the Bá'b	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
29	Saturday	Gyan Panchami	Jainism	https://www.jainmatrimony.com/articles/gyan- panchami.php

NOVEMBER 2022

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Tuesday	All Saints Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day
01	Tuesday	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain
02	Wednesday	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://royalwatcherblog.com/2020/11/02/coronation-of- emperor-haile-selassie-of-ethiopia-1930/
06 - 12	Sunday to Saturday	Treaties Recognition Week (First Full Week of November)	Government of Ontario	https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week



07	Monday	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar	https://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/
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08	Tuesday	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples (Veteran Affairs Canada)	<u>https://www.rcaanc-</u> cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1605286948270/1605287188462
11	Friday	Remembrance Day	Government of Canada	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 (Tibetan)	https://publicholidays.asia/bhutan/descending-day-of- lord-buddha/
16	Wednesday	Louis Riel Day	Métis Nation	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 Reme mbrance
20	Sunday	World Children's Day	United Nations	World Children's Day
21	Monday	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation_of_Mary
24	Thursday	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru Tegh_Bahadur
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	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
26	Saturday	National Holodomor Memorial Day (4th Saturday In November)	Ukrainian Canadian Congress	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holodomor
27 to 24 December	Sunday to Saturday	Advent	Christianity (Western)	https://www.christianity.com/ christian- life/christmas/what-is-advent.html
28	Monday	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
30	Wednesday	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib	Sikhism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/calendars/indian/sikh- festivals/jayanti/guru-nanak-jayanti-date.html?year=2024



DECEMBER 2022

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Thursday	World AIDS Day	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	Government of Canada	<u>https://women-gender-</u> equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/16- days/national-day-remembrance.html
08	Thursday	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons' Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Clement_of_Ohrid
10	Saturday	Human Rights Day	United Nations	<u>Human Rights Day</u>
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)*	Judaism	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/hanukkah
21 to 01 January 2023	Wednesday to Sunday	Yule (Winter Solstice)	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/yule/
25	Sunday	Christmas Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.history.com/topics/christmas/history-of- christmas
26	Monday	Boxing Day	Government of Canada	www.history.com/news/why-is-the-day-after-christmas- called-boxing-day
26	Monday	Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra)	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zartosht_No-Diso



26 to 01 January 2023	Monday to Sunday	Kwanzaa	African Canadian/American Celebration	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history
To Be Announced		Christmas Day (Gregorian Calendar <mark>Lieu Day</mark> After Boxing Day)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	See December 25, 2022
To Be Announced		Remembrance Day <mark>(Lieu</mark> Day)	Government of Canada	See November 11, 2022
To Be Announced		New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar <mark>Lieu Day</mark>)	Government of Canada	See January 01, 2023

JANUARY 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Sunday	Gantan-sai (Japanese New Year)	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	http://faith.wikidot.com/gantan-sai
01	Sunday	New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada	New Year's - Traditions, Resolutions & Date - History
02	Monday	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/ekadashis/putrada/paush a-putrada-ekadashi-date-time.html?year=2023
05	Thursday	Twelfth Night	Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve Days of Christmas
06	Friday	Feast of the Epiphany	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	When Is Three Kings' Day and How Is It Celebrated?
07	Saturday	Orthodox Chistmas Day (Julian Calendar)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/why- celebrate-christmas-january
07	Saturday	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism (Mahayana)	<u>The Origins and Practice of Holidays: Mahayana New</u> <u>Year</u>
08	Sunday	Baptism of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	The Baptism of Jesus - Bible Story Verses & Meaning
13	Friday	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism	What is Lohri? Why is it celebrated? - IndiaToday



14	Saturday	Maghi	Sikhism	The Sikh Festivals: Maghi - Gateway to Sikhism
14	Saturday	Orthodox New Year's Day (Julian Calendar)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<u>Orthodox New Year's Day - Canada - WinCalendar</u>
15	Sunday	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism	Why is Makar Sankranti celebrated? - Jagran Josh
15	Sunday	World Religion Day	Bahá'i Faith	https://nationaldaycalendar.com/world-religion-day-third- sunday-in-january/
15 - 18	Sunday to Wednesday	Thai Pongal	Hinduism (Tamil)	<u>What is Thai Pongal? - Medium</u>
16	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Government of the United States	https://www.nobelprize.org/search/?s=Martin+Luther+Kin g+Jr.
16 - 20	Monday to Friday	No Name Calling Week (Starts 3 rd Monday in January)	GLSEN	<u>No Name-Calling Week - 2021 GLSEN</u>
20	Friday	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday	Sikhism	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti 2021: History, significance and
22	Sunday	Chinese New Year	Chinese National Holiday and Buddhism/Confucian/ Daoism	21 Things You Didn't Know About Chinese New Year
22	Sunday	Lunar New Year	Buddhism/ Confucian/Daoism	<u>Chinese New Year vs Lunar New Year - China</u> <u>Highlights</u>
22 -27	Sunday to Friday	Chinese Spring Festival	Government of China	https://publicholidays.cn/spring-festival/
24	Tuesday	International Day of Education	United Nations	International Day of Education
26	Thursday	Vasant Pachami	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vasant_Panchami
27	Friday	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	Friday	St. Sava Devine Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) Serbian Holy Day	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Sava



30	Monday	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadeh
15	Sunday	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://saintmarkhouston.org/smh/calendars/the- wedding-of-cana-of-galilee-feast-liturgy/

FEBRUARY 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Wednesday	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.envirocentre.ca/events/winter-walk-to- school-day/
01 - 02	Wednesday and Thursday	Imbolc	Wicca/Pagan	Imbolc / Candlemas The Goddess and the Greenman
02	Thursday	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	Meeting of the Lord - OrthodoxWiki
03	Friday	Setsubun	Buddhism (Shintoism)	<u>What is Setsubun?: Traditional Event in February -</u> Japan
05	Sunday	Magha Puja Day (Lantern Festival)	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lantern_Festival
06	Monday	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	United Nations and World Health Organization	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
06	Monday	Tu B'Shevat*	Judaism	<u>Tu Bishvat 101 - My Jewish Learning</u>
13 - 17	Monday to Friday	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	https://www.actioncanadashr.org/srhweek
15	Wednesday	Parinirvana Day (Buddha's Death)	Buddhism	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/bhutan/buddha- parinirvana
18	Saturday	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam	https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi- raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey
18	Saturday	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/maha- shivratri-2021-history-significance-and-celebration- 101615434959914.html
20	Monday	Family Day (Ontario)	Government of Ontario	How Did Family Day Get Its Start? - 123Dentist

Asterisk (*) indicates Religious Holy Day or other event begins on the evening before the beginning date indicated



20	Monday	Louis Riel Day	Métis Nation (Manitoba)	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/canada/manitob a/canada-manitoba-louis-riel-day
20	Monday	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations	World Day of Social Justice
21	Tuesday	International Mother Language Day	United Nations	International Mother Language Day
21 - 23	Tuesday to Thursday	Tibetan New Year (Losar)	Buddhism (Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan)	<u>Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival</u> <u>in Tibet</u>
22	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday (1 st Day of Lent)	Christianity (Western)	<u>Ash Wednesday - Easter / Lent - Catholic Online</u>
22 to 22 March	Wednesday to Wednesday	Sha'ban and Mid Sha'ban*	Islam	https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/the-benefits- of-shaban-the-neglected-month
26 to 01 March	Sunday to Wednesday	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
27	Monday	Clean Monday (First Day of Lent)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://greekreporter.com/2021/03/15/clean-monday- everything-need-know-greece/

MARCH 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
07	Tuesday	Purim*	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purim
08	Wednesday	Holi*	Hinduism	https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/holi-festival- colors-meaning-180958119/
08	Wednesday	International Women's Day	United Nations	International Women's Day
10	Friday	Kuan Yin Birthday	Buddhism (Taiwanese)	https://jinpaper.com/blogs/post/kuan-yin-birthday
10 - 12	Friday to Sunday	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Hola_Mahalla



13	Monday	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology	Official Church of Scientology: What is Scientology?
14	Tuesday	Chet (Sikh New Year)	Sikhism	<u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chet_(month)</u>
20	Monday	Nawruz (Persian New Year)	Government of Iran Holiday	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/novruz
20 - 21	Monday and Tuesday	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan	https://wiccaliving.com/wiccan-calendar-ostara-spring- equinox/
21	Tuesday	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21	Tuesday	Naw-Rúz (Bahá'i New Year)	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
21	Tuesday	Ohigan (Spring Equinox)	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://kokoro-jp.com/culture/2908/
22	Wednesday	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism (Balinese)	https://pelanbali.com/2019/03/01/nyepi-day-how- balinese-people-celebrate/
22	Wednesday	World Water Day	United Nations	World Water Day
22 - 23	Wednesday and Thursday	Hindu New Year	Government of India and Hinduism	https://publicholidays.co.id/bali-hindu-new-year/
23 to Apr 20	Thursday to Thursday	Ramadan*	Islam	https://www.livescience.com/61815-what-is- ramadan.html
25	Saturday	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox & Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation- Christianity
30	Thursday	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rama_Navami



APRIL 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Saturday	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival	Assyrian Diaspora	https://thereaderwiki.com/en/Kha_b-Nisan
02	Sunday	World Autism Awareness Day	Autism Speaks	https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness- <u>day</u>
04	Tuesday	Memorial of Jesus' Death	Jehovah's Witnesses	https://www.jw.org/en/library/books/bible-teach/the-lords- evening-meal/
06	Thursday	Hanuman Jayanti	Hinduism	https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/hinduism/what-is- hanuman-jayanti.aspx
06 - 08	Thursday to Saturday	Theravada New Year	Buddhism (Theravada)	https://feast-guide.com/en/celebrations/503.html
06 - 13	Thursday to Thursday	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
07	Friday	Good Friday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Good-Friday
07	Friday	Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/remember- victims-rwanda-day
07	Friday	World Health Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ World_Health_Day
09	Sunday	Easter Sunday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday
10	Monday	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
12	Wednesday	International Day of Pink	International Day of Pink Organization	https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home
14	Friday	Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.astroswamig.com/article/2022-vaisakhi- festival-date-and-muhurat-3134
14	Friday	International Day of Silence (2nd Friday in April)	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN)	https://nationaltoday.com/national-day-silence/



14	Friday	Mesha Sankranta – Solar New Year	Hinduism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/sankranti/mesha- sankranti-date-time.html
14	Friday	Orthodox Holy Friday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/orthodox- good-friday
14	Friday	Sinhalese New Year's Day	Sri Lankan Government and Buddhism (Theravada)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinhalese_people
14	Friday	Tamil New Year's Day	Sri Lankan Government and Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri Lankan Tamils
16	Sunday	Orthodox Easter Sunday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/orthodox- easter-day
17	Monday	Orthodox Easter Monday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/orthodox- easter-monday
18	Tuesday	Laylat al Qadr*	Islam	https://www.muslimaid.org/what-we-do/religious- dues/the-night-of-power-laylat-ul-qadr/
18	Tuesday	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)*	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom HaShoah
21	Friday	Eid al-Fitr*	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Eid-al-Fitr
21	Friday	First Day of Ridván	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
21	Friday	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation Day
21	Friday	Jumu'atul-Wida*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jumu%27atul-Wida
22	Saturday	Akshaya Tritya	Hinduism	https://panchang.astrosage.com/festival/teej/akshaya- tritiya?date=2023
22	Saturday	Earth Day	United Nations	International Mother Earth Day
24	Monday	Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/genocide- remembrance-day/41083.html



24	Monday	Yonge Street Van Attack (Actual Date 23 April)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto van attack
25	Tuesday	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.vercalendario.info/en/event/catholic-liturgy- 25-april-2023.html
28	Friday	National Day of Mourning in Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/national-day-of- mourning-in-canada/41165.html
29	Saturday	Ninth Day of Ridván	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/

MAY 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Monday	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan	https://beltane.org/about-beltane/
01 - 05	Monday to Friday	Canadian Children's Mental Health Week	Canadian Mental Health Association (Adopted by Toronto District School)	https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting- You/Mental-Health-Well-being/Childrens-Mental-Health- Week#:~:text=This%20year%2C%20the%20TDSB%20r ecognizes,Intersecting%20Identities%20and%20Well%2 DBeing.
02	Tuesday	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
05	Friday	Nation Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/
05	Friday	Red Dress Day: Reflection on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People	Northern Indigenous Health	https://www.indigenoushealthnh.ca/news/national-day- awareness-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women- and-girls-and-two-spirit-people
07	Sunday	International Family Equality Day (1 st Sunday in May)	Family Equality Council	https://www.familyequality.org/international-family- equality-day/
15	Monday	International Day of Families	United Nations	International Day of Families
17	Wednesday	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB)	https://may17.org/about/
18	Thursday	Ascension of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://metro.co.uk/2018/05/10/happened-ascension- day-celebrated-7533524/



22	Monday	Queen Victoria Day	Government of Canada	https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria
24	Wednesday	Declaration of the Bá'b*	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
26 - 27	Friday and Saturday	Shavuot*	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/shavuot-2022/
28	Sunday	Pentecost	Judaism/Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church- history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html
28 to June 3	Sunday to Saturday	National AccessAbility Week	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social- development/campaigns/national-accessability- week.html
29	Monday	Ascension of Bahá'u'llah*	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
29 - 02 June	Monday to Friday	Bike to School Week	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://bikemonth.ca/bike-school/bike-school-week
31	Wednesday	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization	https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-no-tobacco-day

JUNE 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Thursday	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	https://cnpea.ca/en/about-cnpea/blog/967-june-1st-is- intergenerational-day-canada
01 - 30	Thursday to Friday	Toronto Pride Festival Month	Toronto Pride	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_Toronto
04	Sunday	Saga Dawa Düchen	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://www.universalcompassion.org/event/saga-dawa- duchen-2022/
04	Sunday	Vesak (Wesak) Day	Buddhism	https://publicholidays.sg/vesak-day/
05	Monday	World Environment Day	United Nations	World Environment Day
12	Monday	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	Monday	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations	World Day Against Child Labour
16	Friday	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru _Arjan
18	Sunday	International Day to Counter Hate Speech	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/U N%20Strategy%20and%20Plan%20of%20Action%20on %20Hate%20Speech%2018%20June%20SYNOPSIS.p df
20	Tuesday	World Refugee Day	United Nations	World Refugee Day
21	Wednesday	Litha (Summer Solstice)*	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/litha/
21	Wednesday	National Indigenous Persons Day (Canada)	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://time.astrosage.com/holidays/canada/national- indigenous-peoples-day?year=2023&language=ka
21	Wednesday	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union	https://www.humanistcanada.ca/about/
23 - 25(?)	Friday to Sunday	Toronto Pride Festival Parades	Toronto Pride	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride Toronto
24	Saturday	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/
24	Saturday	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	Monday	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit <u>Trafficking</u>
26	Monday	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations	<u>United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of</u> <u>Torture</u>
27	Tuesday	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association	https://www.lutzlivetotell.org/calendar/ptsd-awareness- day/2023-06-27/
27 to July 01	Tuesday to Saturday	Hajj*	Islam	https://www.ilmuk.org/news/what-is-hajj-and-why-is-it- important/
28	Wednesday	Waqf al Arafa*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_Arafah