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

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

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

Toronto District School Board,<br>Employment Equity Office<br>Email Contact: peter.langford@tdsb.on.ca

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

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

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

| Calendar | https://www.calendar-365.com/2022-calendar.htm |
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HERITAGE AND AWARENESS MONTHS

| JANUARY | - | Tamil Heritage Month |
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|  | - | 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) |
|  | - | World Autism Month |

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## 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 | $\frac{\mathrm{https}: / / \mathrm{www} . \text { wincalendar.com/ca/International-Literacy- }}{\text { Day }}$ |
| 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 | https://pujayagna.com/blogs/hindu-festivals/anantchaturthi |
| 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-EI-Nairouz/Coptic-Year-Eid-Al-Nayroz-or-Nairoz-or-Nairuz 01-The-Feast-ofNairouz.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) | $\frac{\text { https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beheading of John the Ba }}{\text { ptist }}$ |
| 15 | Thursday | International Day of Democracy | United Nations | International Day of Democracy |
| 18 | Sunday | Terry Fox Run (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Sunday after Labour Day | Terry Fox Foundation | https://terryfox.org/our-mission/ |
| 19 | Monday | Powley Day | First Nations, Métis | $\frac{\text { https://www.metisnation.org/news/september-19-powley- }}{\underline{\text { day/ }}}$ |
| 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 |

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| 21 | Wednesday | International Day of Peace | United Nations | International Day of Peace |
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| 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) | $\frac{\text { https://www.urban-nun.com/post/2018/09/19/o-higan- }}{\text { ceremony-autumn-equinox }}$ |
| 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 <br> Week | Event | Source | Website |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 | Saturday | International Day for Older <br> Persons | United Nations | International Day of Older Persons |
| 01 | Saturday | Mehregan | Zoroastrian | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehregan |
| $01-05$ | Saturday to <br> Wednesday | Durga Puja | Hinduism | $\frac{\text { https://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/travel/articles/ }}{\text { india-durga-purga-honoring-goddess.shtml }}$ |

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| 02 | Sunday | International Day of NonViolence | United Nations | International Day of Non-Violence |
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| 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- <br> 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 | $\frac{\text { https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/yom-kippur- }}{\text { history }}$ |
| 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/mentalhealth\#tab=tab 1 |
| 10-14 | Monday to Friday | Body Confidence Awareness Week (2nd Week Oct.) | Toronto District School Board (TDSB) | $\frac{\mathrm{https}: / / w w w . \text { bodyconfidencecanada.com/body- }}{\text { confidence-awareness-week-1 }}$ |
| 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 |

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| 17 | Monday | Birth of Bahá'u'lláh | Bahá'i Faith | https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/ |
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| 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 | $\frac{\mathrm{https}: / / w w w . m y i e w i s h l e a r n i n g . c o m / a r t i c l e / w h a t-i s-}{\text { shemini-atzeret// }}$ |
| 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 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ 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 as Guru | 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 | $\frac{\mathrm{https}: / / w w w . j a i n m a t r i m o n y . c o m / a r t i c l e s / g y a n-~}{\text { panchami.php }}$ |

## NOVEMBER 2022

| Date | Day of <br> Week | Event | Source | Website |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 | Tuesday | All Saints Day | Christianity (Eastern <br> Orthodox and <br> 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 <br> Selassie I | Rastafarian Holy Day | https://royalwatcherblog.com/2020/11/02/coronation-of- <br> emperor-haile-selassie-of-ethiopia-1930/ |
| $06-12$ | Sunday to <br> Saturday | Treaties Recognition Week <br> (First Full Week of <br> November) | Government of <br> Ontario | https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week |

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Council Canada\end{array} \& nttps://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/\end{array}\right]\)| Tuesday |
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## DECEMBER 2022

| Date | Day of <br> Week | Event | Source | Website |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 | Thursday | World AIDS Day | United Nations | World AIDS Day |
| 02 | Friday | International Day for the <br> Abolition of Slavery | United Nations | International Day for the Abolition of Slavery |
| 03 | Saturday | International Day of <br> Persons with Disabilities | United Nations | International Day of Persons with Disabilities |

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

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| 14 | Saturday | Maghi | Sikhism | The Sikh Festivals: Maghi - Gateway to Sikhism |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | Saturday | Orthodox New Year's Day (Julian Calendar) | Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) | Orthodox New Year's Day - Canada - WinCalendar |
| 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-januaryl |
| 15-18 | Sunday to Wednesday | Thai Pongal | Hinduism (Tamil) | What is Thai Pongal? - Medium |
| 16 | Monday | Martin Luther King Jr. Day | Government of the United States | $\frac{\mathrm{https}: / / \mathrm{www} . \text { nobelprize.org/search/?s=Martin+Luther+Kin }}{\mathrm{g}+\mathrm{Jr} .}$ |
| 16-20 | Monday to Friday | No Name Calling Week (Starts $3^{\text {rd }}$ Monday in January) | GLSEN | No Name-Calling Week-2021 \| GLSEN |
| 20 | Friday | Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday | Sikhism | $\frac{\text { Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti 2021: History, significance }}{\text { and ... }}$ |
| 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 | Chinese New Year vs Lunar New Year - China Highlights |
| 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 |

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| 30 | Monday | Jashan-e-Sadeh | Zoroastrian | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadeh |
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| 15 | Sunday | Feast of the Wedding of <br> Cana | Christianity (Eastern <br> Orthodoxand <br> Western) | https://saintmarkhouston.org/smh/calendars/the- <br> 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) | What is Setsubun?: Traditional Event in February 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 | $\frac{\text { International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital }}{\underline{\text { Mutilation }}}$ |
| 06 | Monday | Tu B'Shevat* | Judaism | Tu Bishvat 101 - My Jewish Learning |
| 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/buddhaparinirvana |
| 18 | Saturday | Isra'a and Miraj* | Islam | https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi- <br> raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey |
| 18 | Saturday | Maha Shivaratri | Hinduism | https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/maha$\frac{\text { shivratri-2021-history-significance-and-celebration- }}{101615434959914 . \text { html }}$ |
| 20 | Monday | Family Day (Ontario) | Government of Ontario | How Did Family Day Get Its Start? - 123Dentist |

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\text { (Manitoba) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/canada/manitob } \\
\text { a/canada-manitoba-louis-riel-day }\end{array}
$$ <br>
\hline 20 \& Monday \& \begin{array}{c}World Day of Social <br>

Justice\end{array} \& United Nations \& World Day of Social Justice\end{array}\right]\)| International Mother Language Day |
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## MARCH 2023

| Date | Day of <br> 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- <br> 08 <br> Wednesday |
| International Women's Day | United Nations | International Women's Day |  |  |

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| 13 | Monday | L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday | Church of Scientology | Official Church of Scientology: What is Scientology? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | Tuesday | Chet (Sikh New Year) | Sikhism | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chet (month) |
| 20 | Monday | Nawruz (Persian New Year) | Government of Iran Holiday | $\underline{\text { https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/novruz }}$ |
| 20-21 | Monday and Tuesday | Ostara (Spring Equinox) | Wicca/Pagan | https://wiccaliving.com/wiccan-calendar-ostara-springequinox/ |
| 21 | Tuesday | International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination | United Nations | $\frac{\text { International Day for the Elimination of Racial }}{\text { Discrimination }}$ |
| 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-ip.com/culture/2908/ |
| 22 | Wednesday | Saka New Year (Nyepi) | Hinduism (Balinese) | $\frac{\mathrm{https}: / / \text { pelanbali.com/2019/03/01/nyepi-day-how- }}{\text { balinese-people-celebrate/ }}$ |
| 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-isramadan.html |
| 25 | Saturday | Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Christianity (Eastern Orthodox \& Western) | $\frac{\mathrm{https}: / / w w w . \text { britannica.com/topic/Annunciation- }}{\text { Christianity }}$ |
| 30 | Thursday | Shri/Rama Navami | Hinduism | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rama Navami |

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APRIL 2023

| Date | Day of <br> Week | Event | Source | Website |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 | Saturday | Kha b-Nisan Spring <br> Festival | Assyrian Diaspora | https://thereaderwiki.com/en/Kha b-Nisan |

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| 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 | Bahái 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/akshayatritiya?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 |

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| 24 | Monday | Yonge Street Van Attack <br> (Actual Date 23 April) | Toronto District School <br> Board (TDSB) | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto van attack |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 | Tuesday | Feast of St. Mark | Christianity (Eastern <br> Orthodox and <br> Western) | https://www.vercalendario.info/en/event/catholic-liturgy- <br> $\underline{25-a p r i l-2023 . h t m l ~}$ |
| 28 | Friday | National Day of Mourning <br> in Canada | Government of <br> Canada | https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/national-day-of- <br> $\underline{\text { mourning-in-canada/41165.html }}$ <br> 29 Saturday |
| Ninth Day of Ridván | Bahá'i Faith | $\underline{\text { https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/ }}$ |  |  |

## MAY 2023

| Date | Day of Week | Event | Source | Website |
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| 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-HealthWeek\#:~:text=This\%20year\%2C\%20the\%20TDSB\%20r ecognizes, Intersecting\%20Identities\%20and\%20Well\%2 DBeing. |
| 02 | Tuesday | Twelfth Day of Ridván | Bahái 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 ( $1^{\text {st }}$ Sunday in May) | Family Equality Council | $\frac{\text { https://www.familyequality.org/international-family- }}{\text { equality-day/ }}$ |
| 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/ |

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| 22 | Monday | Queen Victoria Day | Government of Canada | https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria |
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| 24 | Wednesday | Declaration of the Bá'b* | Bahái 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.htm |
| 28 to June 3 | Sunday to Saturday | National AccessAbility Week | Government of Canada | https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-accessabilityweek.html |
| 29 | Monday | Ascension of Bahá'u'llah* | Bahái 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 |

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| Date | Day of Week | Event | Source | Website |
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| 01 | Thursday | Intergenerational Day | Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse | $\frac{\text { https://cnpea.ca/en/about-cnpea/blog/967-iune-1st-is- }}{\text { intergenerational-day-canada }}$ |
| 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) |  |
| 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-onhistory |

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| 12 | Monday | World Day Against Child Labour | United Nations | World Day Against Child Labour |
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| 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- <br> montreal/article/the-origin-of-saint-jean-baptiste-day/ |
| 26 | Monday | International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking | United Nations | $\frac{\text { International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit }}{\text { Trafficking }}$ |
| 26 | Monday | International Day in Support of Victims of Torture | United Nations | $\frac{\text { United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of }}{\text { Torture }}$ |
| 27 | Tuesday | Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day | Canadian Mental Health Association | https://www.lutzlivetotell.org/calendar/ptsd-awareness-day/2023-06-27/ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 27 \text { to July } \\ & 01 \end{aligned}$ | Tuesday to Saturday | Hajj* | Islam |  |
| 28 | Wednesday | Waqf al Arafa* | Islam | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day of Arafah |

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