

This calendar highlights secular and creed-based observances and holidays, significant events and celebrations, public holidays, and other important dates. These may 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 accommodation. **Accommodation requests must be made formally and determined on an individual case by case basis** subject to the operational procedures of the Toronto District School 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 the Days of Significance Calendar is currently under review. Until the review is completed, no changes will be made to the current calendar.**

**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, changes by 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 concur with dates indicated in this document and are intended for holy day or secular holiday descriptive purposes only.

For the most accurate dates reflected in the years 2023-2024, refer to the calendar information contained on the page itself.

**HERITAGE AND AWARENESS MONTHS**

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

<sup>1</sup> 2SLGBTQIA+ This initialism represents: **2S** 2-spirited; **L** Lesbian; **G** Gay; **B** Bisexual; **T** Transgendered; **Q** Questioning or Queer; **I** Intersex; **A** Asexual; plus sign “+” signifies reflection of additional sexual orientations and gender identities

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**SEPTEMBER 2023**

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Friday	01	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism	<a href="https://www.sikhdharm.org/sikh-history/siri-guru-granth-sahib/">https://www.sikhdharm.org/sikh-history/siri-guru-granth-sahib/</a>
Monday	04	Labour Day	Government of Canada	<a href="http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/origins-of-labour-day-feature/">http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/origins-of-labour-day-feature/</a>
Wednesday and Thursday	06 – 07	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	<a href="https://wisdom.srisriravishankar.org/janmashtami-spiritual-significance-lord-krishnas-birth/">https://wisdom.srisriravishankar.org/janmashtami-spiritual-significance-lord-krishnas-birth/</a>
Friday	08	International Day of Literacy	United Nations	<a href="https://www.wincalendar.com/ca/International-Literacy-Day">https://www.wincalendar.com/ca/International-Literacy-Day</a>
Friday	08	Nativity of Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary">https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary</a>
Saturday	09	International Day to Protect Education from Attack	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/protect-education-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/protect-education-day</a>
Tuesday	12	Ethiopian New Year	Government of Ethiopia and Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) Rastafarian holy day	<a href="https://publicholidays.africa/ethiopia/new-years-day/">https://publicholidays.africa/ethiopia/new-years-day/</a>
Monday	11	Paryushana Parvarambha	Jainism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paryushana#:~:text=The%20duration%20of%20Paryushana%20is,or%20Kshamavani%20(forgiveness%20day).">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paryushana#:~:text=The%20duration%20of%20Paryushana%20is,or%20Kshamavani%20(forgiveness%20day).</a>
Tuesday	12	Coptic New Year	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nayrouz#:~:text=Nayrouz%20or%20Neyrouz%20(Arabic%20%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B1%D988%D8%B2.and%20its%20first%20month%2C%20Thout.">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nayrouz#:~:text=Nayrouz%20or%20Neyrouz%20(Arabic%20%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B1%D988%D8%B2.and%20its%20first%20month%2C%20Thout.</a>
Friday	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/democracy-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/democracy-day</a>
Saturday and Sunday	16 – 17	Rosh Hashanah <sup>*13</sup>	Judaism	<a href="http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday2.htm">http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday2.htm</a>
Sunday	17	Terry Fox Run	Terry Fox Foundation	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Fox_Run">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Fox_Run</a>
Tuesday	19	Powley Day	First Nations, Métis	<a href="https://www.metisnation.org/news/september-19-powley-day/">https://www.metisnation.org/news/september-19-powley-day/</a>
Tuesday	19	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganesh_Chaturthi">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganesh_Chaturthi</a>
Wednesday to Tuesday	20 – 26	Ohigan – Autumn Festival	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chunfen">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chunfen</a>

<sup>13</sup> **Rosh Hashanah** – work should be suspended during this observance

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Thursday	21	<b>International Day of Peace</b>	United Nations	<a href="http://www.un.org/events/peaceday/">www.un.org/events/peaceday/</a>
Thursday to Friday	21 – 29	<b>Mabon</b>	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="https://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/mabon/">https://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/mabon/</a>
Saturday	23	<b>International Day of Sign Languages</b>	World Federation of the Deaf	<a href="https://www.aoda.ca/international-week-of-the-deaf/">https://www.aoda.ca/international-week-of-the-deaf/</a>
Tuesday to Monday	19 - 25	<b>International Week of the Deaf</b>	Canadian Association and World Federation of the Deaf	<a href="https://www.twinkl.ca/event/international-week-of-the-deaf-2023">https://www.twinkl.ca/event/international-week-of-the-deaf-2023</a>
Monday	25	<b>Franco-Ontarian Day</b>	Government of Ontario	<a href="https://www.uottawa.ca/gazette/en/news/franco-ontarian-perspectives-green-and-white">https://www.uottawa.ca/gazette/en/news/franco-ontarian-perspectives-green-and-white</a>
Monday	25	<b>Yom Kippur</b> * <sup>14</sup>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm">https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm</a>
Wednesday	27	<b>Elevation of the Holy Cross</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://orthodoxwiki.org/Elevation_of_the_Holy_Cross">https://orthodoxwiki.org/Elevation_of_the_Holy_Cross</a>
Wednesday	27	<b>Mawlid-al-Nabi – Prophet’s Birthday</b> *	Islam	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/mawlid">https://www.britannica.com/topic/mawlid</a>
Thursday	28	<b>Anant Chaturdashi</b>	Jainism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anant_Chaturdashi">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anant_Chaturdashi</a>
Saturday	30	<b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</b>	Government of Canada	<a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/first-national-truth-reconciliation-day-1.6188540">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/first-national-truth-reconciliation-day-1.6188540</a>
Saturday	30	<b>Orange Shirt Day</b>	First Nation, Métis, Inuit	<a href="https://canadiangeographic.ca/articles/survivor-the-story-of-phyllis-webstad-and-orange-shirt-day/">https://canadiangeographic.ca/articles/survivor-the-story-of-phyllis-webstad-and-orange-shirt-day/</a>
Saturday to Friday	30 to 06 October	<b>Sukkot</b> *	Judaism	<a href="https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/sukkot-101/">https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/sukkot-101/</a>

<sup>14</sup> **Yom Kippur** – work should be suspended during this observance

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**OCTOBER 2023**

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Sunday	01	<b>International Day for Older Persons</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/older-persons-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/older-persons-day</a>
Monday	02	<b>International Day of Non-Violence</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day</a>
Monday	02	<b>Mehregan</b>	Zoroastrian	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehregan">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehregan</a>
Wednesday	04	<b>Sisters in Spirit Day</b>	Status of Women Canada	<a href="https://nwac.ca/about-us">https://nwac.ca/about-us</a>
Wednesday	04	<b>Walk to School Day</b>	Adopted by Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	<a href="https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/learn-more/why-walkbike/">https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/learn-more/why-walkbike/</a>
Thursday	05	<b>World Teachers' Day</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Teachers_%27_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Teachers_%27_Day</a>
Saturday	07	<b>Shemini Atzeret*</b>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.chabad.org/holidays/JewishNewYear/template_cdo/aid/671897/jewish/When-Is-Shemini-Atzeret-Simchat-Torah-in-2023-2024-2025-2026-and-2027.htm">https://www.chabad.org/holidays/JewishNewYear/template_cdo/aid/671897/jewish/When-Is-Shemini-Atzeret-Simchat-Torah-in-2023-2024-2025-2026-and-2027.htm</a>
Sunday	08	<b>Simchat Torah*</b>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.chabad.org/holidays/JewishNewYear/template_cdo/aid/671897/jewish/When-Is-Shemini-Atzeret-Simchat-Torah-in-2023-2024-2025-2026-and-2027.htm">https://www.chabad.org/holidays/JewishNewYear/template_cdo/aid/671897/jewish/When-Is-Shemini-Atzeret-Simchat-Torah-in-2023-2024-2025-2026-and-2027.htm</a>
Monday	09	<b>Thanksgiving Day - Canada</b>	Government of Canada	<a href="https://www.canadashistory.ca/explore/arts-culture-society/the-history-of-thanksgiving-in-canada">https://www.canadashistory.ca/explore/arts-culture-society/the-history-of-thanksgiving-in-canada</a>
Monday to Friday	09 -13	<b>Body Confidence Awareness Week</b>	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	<a href="https://www.bodyconfidencecanada.com/body-confidence-awareness-week-1">https://www.bodyconfidencecanada.com/body-confidence-awareness-week-1</a>
Tuesday	10	<b>World Mental Health Day</b>	World Health Organization	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Mental_Health_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Mental_Health_Day</a>
Thursday	12	<b>Bandi Chhor Divas</b>	Sikhism	<a href="https://www.sikhdharma.org/the-story-of-bandi-chhor-divas/">https://www.sikhdharma.org/the-story-of-bandi-chhor-divas/</a>
Sunday to Tuesday	15 – 24	<b>Navratri</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Navratri">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Navratri</a>
Monday	16	<b>Birth of the Bá'b*</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/">https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/</a>
Monday	16	<b>World Food Day</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.worldfooddaycanada.ca/about/">https://www.worldfooddaycanada.ca/about/</a>
Monday to Friday	16 – 20	<b>Week Without Violence (3<sup>rd</sup> Week of October)</b>	Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)	<a href="https://ywcaweekwithoutviolence.org/">https://ywcaweekwithoutviolence.org/</a>
Tuesday	17	<b>Birth of Bahá'u'lláh*</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/">https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/</a>

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Tuesday	17	<b>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</b>	United Nations	<a href="#">International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</a>
Friday	20	<b>Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji <u>as</u> <u>Guru</u></b>	Sikhism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Granth_Sahib">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Granth_Sahib</a>
Friday to Tuesday	20 – 24	<b>Durga Puja</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/travel/articles/india-durga-purga-honoring-goddess.shtml">https://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/travel/articles/india-durga-purga-honoring-goddess.shtml</a>
Saturday	28	<b>Kathina</b>	Buddhism	<a href="https://www.buddhistcouncil.org/buddhist-festival-dates/">https://www.buddhistcouncil.org/buddhist-festival-dates/</a>

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**NOVEMBER 2023**

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Wednesday	01	<b>All Saints Day</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day</a>
Wednesday	01	<b>Karva Chauth</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://indianculture.gov.in/stories/karva-chauth">https://indianculture.gov.in/stories/karva-chauth</a>
Wednesday	01	<b>Samhain *</b>	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain</a>
Wednesday and Thursday	01 – 02	<b>Dia de los Muertos * Day of the Dead</b>	Government of Mexico	<a href="https://www.wheniscalendars.com/when-is-dia-de-los-muertos/">https://www.wheniscalendars.com/when-is-dia-de-los-muertos/</a>
Thursday	02	<b>Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I</b>	Rastafarian holy day	<a href="https://royalwatcherblog.com/2020/11/02/coronation-of-emperor-haile-selassie-of-ethiopia-1930/">https://royalwatcherblog.com/2020/11/02/coronation-of-emperor-haile-selassie-of-ethiopia-1930/</a>
Saturday	04	<b>Descending Day of Lord Buddha</b>	Buddhism (Tibetan)	<a href="https://publicholidays.asia/bhutan/descending-day-of-lord-buddha/">https://publicholidays.asia/bhutan/descending-day-of-lord-buddha/</a>
Sunday to Saturday	05 – 11	<b>Treaties Recognition Week</b>	Government of Ontario	<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week">https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week</a>
Monday to Friday	06 – 10	<b>GLSEN Ally Week</b>	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network	<a href="https://www.glsen.org/">https://www.glsen.org/</a>
Tuesday	07	<b>Inuit Day</b>	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada	<a href="https://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/about-icc/">https://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/about-icc/</a>
Wednesday	08	<b>National Indigenous Veterans' Day</b>	Indigenous Peoples (Veteran Affairs Canada)	<a href="https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1605286948270/1605287188462">https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1605286948270/1605287188462</a>
Saturday	11	<b>Remembrance: Veterans' Day</b>	Government of Canada	<a href="http://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/history/after-the-war/remembrance/remembrance-day/">http://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/history/after-the-war/remembrance/remembrance-day/</a>
<b>To Be Announced</b>		<b>Remembrance: Veterans' Day (Lieu Day)</b>	Government of Canada	<b>SEE 11 NOVEMBER</b>
Sunday	12	<b>Diwali</b>	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali</a>
Monday to Friday	13 – 17	<b>Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week</b>	The Canadian Homeschooler	<a href="https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week">https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week</a>
Tuesday	14	<b>World Diabetes Day</b>	World Health Organization	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Diabetes_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Diabetes_Day</a>
Thursday	16	<b>Louis Riel Day Riel's Execution</b>	Métis Nation	<a href="https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/louis-riel">https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/louis-riel</a>

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Saturday	18	<b>Gyan Panchami</b>	Jainism	<a href="http://blessingsonthenet.com/indian-festival/festival/id/111/gyan-panchami-festival/">http://blessingsonthenet.com/indian-festival/festival/id/111/gyan-panchami-festival/</a>
Monday	20	<b>International Transgender Day of Remembrance</b>	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gwendolyn_Ann_Smith">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gwendolyn_Ann_Smith</a>
Monday	20	<b>World Children's Day</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.google.com/search?q=world+children%27s+day&amp;rlz=1C1GCEA_enCA924CA1024&amp;og=World+Children%27s+Day&amp;aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0i13i131i433i512j0i13i512l8.10446j1j7&amp;sourceid=chrome&amp;ie=UTF-8">https://www.google.com/search?q=world+children%27s+day&amp;rlz=1C1GCEA_enCA924CA1024&amp;og=World+Children%27s+Day&amp;aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0i13i131i433i512j0i13i512l8.10446j1j7&amp;sourceid=chrome&amp;ie=UTF-8</a>
Tuesday	21	<b>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation_of_Mary">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation_of_Mary</a>
Friday	24	<b>Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur</b>	Sikhism	<a href="https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Tegh_Bahadur">https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Tegh_Bahadur</a>
Saturday	24	<b>National Holodomor Memorial Day<sup>15</sup></b>	Ukrainian Canadian Congress	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holodomor_Memorial_Day#:~:text=Day%20of%20memory%20for%20victims,the%20fourth%20Saturday%20of%20November">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holodomor_Memorial_Day#:~:text=Day%20of%20memory%20for%20victims,the%20fourth%20Saturday%20of%20November</a>
Saturday	25	<b>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women">https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women</a>
Sunday	26	<b>Day of the Covenant<sup>*</sup></b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.checkiday.com/2d000c6cb00f8095c45a3bbfa1c10cb/day-of-the-covenant">https://www.checkiday.com/2d000c6cb00f8095c45a3bbfa1c10cb/day-of-the-covenant</a>
Sunday	26	<b>Kathina Festival</b>	Buddhism	<a href="https://www.buddhistcouncil.org/buddhist-festival-dates/">https://www.buddhistcouncil.org/buddhist-festival-dates/</a>
Tuesday	28	<b>Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá<sup>*</sup></b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/">https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/</a>
Thursday	30	<b>Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib</b>	Sikhism	<a href="https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/guru-nanak-birthday">https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/guru-nanak-birthday</a>

<sup>15</sup> **National Holodomor Memorial Day** Toronto District School Board commemorates this event on the Friday before the fourth Saturday of November

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**DECEMBER 2023**

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Friday	01	World AIDS Day	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-aids-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-aids-day</a>
Saturday	02	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/slavery-abolition-day/messages">https://www.un.org/en/observances/slavery-abolition-day/messages</a>
Sunday	03	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities">https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities</a>
Sunday to Sunday	03 – 24	Advent	Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html">https://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html</a>
Wednesday	06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Government of Canada	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89cole_Polytechnique_massacre">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89cole_Polytechnique_massacre</a>
Friday	08	Bodhi Day – Buddha's Enlightenment	Buddhism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bodhi_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bodhi_Day</a>
Friday	08	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons' holy day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://anydayguide.com/calendar/2730">https://anydayguide.com/calendar/2730</a>
Friday to Friday	08 – 15	Chanukah (Hanukkah) <sup>*16</sup>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm">https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm</a>
Sunday	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day</a>
Wednesday	13	Birthday of Imàm Aga Khan <sup>*</sup>	Islam	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aga_Khan_IV">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aga_Khan_IV</a>
Monday	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/migrants-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/migrants-day</a>
Thursday to Monday	21 to 01 January 2024	Yule	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/yule/">https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/yule/</a>
Friday	22	Fast of Tevet <sup>17</sup> (2 Dates for this Observance in 2023 – See Also January 03, 2023)	Judaism	<a href="https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm">https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm</a>
Monday	25	Christmas Day – Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/christmas">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/christmas</a>
Tuesday	26	Boxing Day	Government of Canada	<a href="https://www.statutoryholidays.com/boxing-day.php">https://www.statutoryholidays.com/boxing-day.php</a>
Tuesday	26	Death of Lord Zoroaster Zarathosht No Diso	Zoroastrian	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zartosht_No-Diso">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zartosht_No-Diso</a>

<sup>16</sup> **Chanukah (Hannakuh)** - Work is permitted during this observance

<sup>17</sup> **Fast of Tevet:** The second Fast during 2023. Work is permitted during this observance

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Tuesday to Monday	26 to 01 January 2024	<b>Kwanzaa</b>	African Canadian/American Celebration	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history</a>
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**JANUARY 2024**

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Monday	01	<b>Gantan-sai</b>	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_New_Year">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_New_Year</a>
Monday	01	<b>New Year's Day – Gregorian Calendar</b>	Government of Canada	<a href="https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/canada/international-new-years-day">https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/canada/international-new-years-day</a>
Friday	05	<b>Twelfth Night</b>	Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelfth_Night_(holiday)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelfth_Night_(holiday)</a>
Saturday	06	<b>Feast of the Epiphany</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/35171/want-to-know-the-history-behind-the-feast-of-the-epiphany">https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/35171/want-to-know-the-history-behind-the-feast-of-the-epiphany</a>
Sunday	07	<b>Orthodox Christmas</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://orthodoxwiki.org/Nativity">https://orthodoxwiki.org/Nativity</a>
Sunday	07	<b>Baptism of Jesus Christ</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-stories/baptism-of-jesus-bible-story.html">https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-stories/baptism-of-jesus-bible-story.html</a>
<b>Does Not Occur in 2024</b>		<b>Fast of Tevet</b>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/israel/asarah-b-tevet">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/israel/asarah-b-tevet</a>
Saturday	13	<b>Lohri</b>	Hinduism/Sikhism	<a href="https://panchang.astrosage.com/festival/lohri?date=2024">https://panchang.astrosage.com/festival/lohri?date=2024</a>
Saturday	13	<b>Maghi</b>	Sikhism	<a href="https://www.drikpanchang.com/calendars/indian/sikh-festivals/maghi/maghi-date-time.html">https://www.drikpanchang.com/calendars/indian/sikh-festivals/maghi/maghi-date-time.html</a>
Sunday	14	<b>Orthodox New Year's Day</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/orthodox-new-year/">https://nationaltoday.com/orthodox-new-year/</a>
Monday	15	<b>Makara Sankranti</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://isha.sadhguru.org/us/en/wisdom/article/makar-sankranti-significance-and-benefits-of-festival">https://isha.sadhguru.org/us/en/wisdom/article/makar-sankranti-significance-and-benefits-of-festival</a>
Monday	15	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	Government of the United States	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King_Jr.">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King_Jr.</a>
Monday to Friday	15 - 19	<b>No Name Calling Week</b>	GLSEN	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/no-name-calling-week/">https://nationaltoday.com/no-name-calling-week/</a>
Monday to Thursday	15 - 18	<b>Thai Pongal</b>	Hinduism (Tamil)	<a href="https://www.medium.com/@what-is-thai-pongal">What is Thai Pongal? - Medium</a>

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Wednesday	20	<b>Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday<sup>18</sup></b>	Sikhism	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/guru-gobind-singh-jayanti/#:~:text=Guru%20Gobind%20Singh%20Jayanti%20%E2%80%93%20January%202024">https://nationaltoday.com/guru-gobind-singh-jayanti/#:~:text=Guru%20Gobind%20Singh%20Jayanti%20%E2%80%93%20January%202024</a>
Sunday	21	<b>Feast of the Wedding of Cana</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wedding_at_Cana#:~:text=According%20to%20Bill%20Day%2C%20the%20spiritual%20saviour%20of%20all%20people.">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wedding_at_Cana#:~:text=According%20to%20Bill%20Day%2C%20the%20spiritual%20saviour%20of%20all%20people.</a>
Sunday	21	<b>Pasha Putrada Ekadashi</b>	Hinduism/Sikhism	<a href="https://www.drikpanchang.com/ekadashis/putrada/pausha-putrada-ekadashi-date-time.html?year=2024">https://www.drikpanchang.com/ekadashis/putrada/pausha-putrada-ekadashi-date-time.html?year=2024</a>
Sunday	21	<b>World Religion Day</b>	Bahá'i Faith	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/world-religion-day/#:~:text=Which%20religion%20has%20the%20most,%2C%20at%201%2C%20billio">https://nationaltoday.com/world-religion-day/#:~:text=Which%20religion%20has%20the%20most,%2C%20at%201%2C%20billio</a>
Wednesday	24	<b>International Day of Education</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/education-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/education-day</a>
Thursday	25	<b>Mahayana New Year</b>	Buddhism (Mahayana)	<a href="#">The Origins and Practice of Holidays: Mahayana New Year</a>
Thursday	25	<b>Tu B'Shevat<sup>*</sup></b>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/tu-bshevat">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/tu-bshevat</a>
Saturday	27	<b>International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/introduction-to-the-holocaust">https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/introduction-to-the-holocaust</a>
Saturday	27	<b>St. Sava The Devine Day</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/serbia/st-savas-day">https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/serbia/st-savas-day</a>
<b>Tuesday</b>	30	<b>Jashan-e-Sadeh</b>	Zoroastrian	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadeh">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadeh</a>

<sup>18</sup> **Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday:** In any year where there are 5 Saturdays in January, birthday can be celebrated on the first date indicated earlier in the month of January, **or alternatively**, celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday in January. **(Does not apply in 2024)**

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**FEBRUARY 2024**

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Thursday	01	Imbolc*	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/imbolc/">https://nationaltoday.com/imbolc/</a>
Friday	02	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://www.passionistnuns.org/passionist-calendar/2024/2/2/feast-of-the-presentation-of-jesus">https://www.passionistnuns.org/passionist-calendar/2024/2/2/feast-of-the-presentation-of-jesus</a>
Saturday	03	Setsubun	Buddhism (Shintoism)	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/setsubun/#:~:text=Setsubun%20is%20celebrated%20on%20February,on%20the%20Japanese%20lunar%20calendar.">https://nationaltoday.com/setsubun/#:~:text=Setsubun%20is%20celebrated%20on%20February,on%20the%20Japanese%20lunar%20calendar.</a>
Monday to Sunday	05 -11	Children’s Mental Health Week <sup>19</sup>	Canadian Mental Health Association	<a href="https://www.family.cmho.org/join-us-for-childrens-mental-health-week/">https://www.family.cmho.org/join-us-for-childrens-mental-health-week/</a>
Tuesday	06	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting and Mutilation	United Nations and World Health Organization	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_Zero_Tolerance_for_Female_Genital_Mutilation">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_Zero_Tolerance_for_Female_Genital_Mutilation</a>
Wednesday	07	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	<a href="https://kawarthanow.com/2016/01/28/winter-walk-to-school-day/">https://kawarthanow.com/2016/01/28/winter-walk-to-school-day/</a>
Thursday	08	Isra’a and Miraj*	Islam	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/isra-and-miraj/#:~:text=Within%20Islam%2C%20Isra%20and%20Mi,Prophet%20Muhammad%2C%20in%20two%20legs.">https://nationaltoday.com/isra-and-miraj/#:~:text=Within%20Islam%2C%20Isra%20and%20Mi,Prophet%20Muhammad%2C%20in%20two%20legs.</a> <a href="https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi-raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey">https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi-raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey</a>
Friday to Thursday	09 - 15	Chinese Spring Festival	Government of China	<a href="https://publicholidays.cn/spring-festival/">https://publicholidays.cn/spring-festival/</a>
Saturday	10	Chinese and Lunar New Year’s Day <sup>20</sup>	Chinese National Holiday and Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism	<a href="https://chinesenewyear.net/21-things-you-didnt-know-about-chinese-new-year/">https://chinesenewyear.net/21-things-you-didnt-know-about-chinese-new-year/</a>
Monday	12	Sha’ban <sup>*21</sup>	Islam	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shab%27ban">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shab%27ban</a>
Saturday to Monday	10 - 12	Tibetan New Year	Buddhism (Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan)	<a href="#">Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival in Tibet</a>

<sup>19</sup> The Toronto District School Board recognizes Children’s Mental Health week between Monday, May 06 and Sunday, May 12, 2024

<sup>20</sup> Chinese New Year and Lunar New Year have the same meaning, although the former is still the preferred term because Chinese New Year goes beyond the commonly known animal zodiac system and incorporates other cultural and religious elements from ancient Chinese culture.

<sup>21</sup> Mid-Sha’ban occurs in approximately the middle of the Sha’ban observance. This date is sometimes disputed.

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Monday to Friday	12 - 16	<b>Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week</b>	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/02/message-from-the-minister-of-health-and-the-minister-of-mental-health-and-addictions--sexual-and-reproductive-health-awareness-week.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/02/message-from-the-minister-of-health-and-the-minister-of-mental-health-and-addictions--sexual-and-reproductive-health-awareness-week.html</a>
Wednesday	14	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php">https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php</a>
Wednesday	14	<b>Vasant Panchami</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/vasant-panchami/#:~:text=Vasant%20Panchami%20is%20celebrated%20on,it%20falls%20on%20February%2014.">https://nationaltoday.com/vasant-panchami/#:~:text=Vasant%20Panchami%20is%20celebrated%20on,it%20falls%20on%20February%2014.</a>
Wednesday to Thursday	14 to March 28	<b>Lent</b>	Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/lent/">https://nationaltoday.com/lent/</a>
Thursday	15	<b>Parinirvana Day - Buddha's Death</b>	Buddhism	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/parinirvana-day-nirvana-day/#:~:text=Parinirvana%20Day%2C%20als%20known%20as,attained%20complete%20nirvana%20or%20parinirvana.">https://nationaltoday.com/parinirvana-day-nirvana-day/#:~:text=Parinirvana%20Day%2C%20als%20known%20as,attained%20complete%20nirvana%20or%20parinirvana.</a>
Monday	19	<b>Family Day</b>	Government of Ontario	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_Day_(Canada)#Ontario">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_Day_(Canada)#Ontario</a>
Tuesday	20	<b>World Day of Social Justice</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/world-day-of-social-justice/#:~:text=World%20Day%20of%20Social%20Justice%20is%20observed%20annually%20on%20February,from%20living%20a%20fair%20life.">https://nationaltoday.com/world-day-of-social-justice/#:~:text=World%20Day%20of%20Social%20Justice%20is%20observed%20annually%20on%20February,from%20living%20a%20fair%20life.</a>
Saturday	24	<b>Magha Puja Day - Lantern Festival</b>	Buddhism	<a href="https://en.dhammadaya.net/activities/magha-puja-the-light-of-peace-ceremony/">https://en.dhammadaya.net/activities/magha-puja-the-light-of-peace-ceremony/</a>
Monday to Thursday	26 – 29	<b>Ayyám-i-Há - Intercalary Days</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bahai.org/action/devotional-life/calendar">https://www.bahai.org/action/devotional-life/calendar</a>
Wednesday	28	<b>National Pink Day (Last Wednesday in February)</b>	CKNW Kids Fund (Nova Scotia)	<a href="https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about">https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about</a>

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**MARCH 2024**

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Friday	08	International Women's Day	United Nations	<a href="https://www.calendarpedia.com/when-is/international-womens-day.html">https://www.calendarpedia.com/when-is/international-womens-day.html</a>
Friday	08	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/international-womens-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/international-womens-day/</a>
Monday to Monday	11 to 08 April	Ramadan*	Islam	<a href="https://www.calendardate.com/ramadan_2024.htm">https://www.calendardate.com/ramadan_2024.htm</a>
Monday	11	Saka New Year - Nyepi	Hinduism (Balinese)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nyepi">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nyepi</a>
Wednesday	13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology	<a href="https://www.scientology.org/what-is-scientology/">Official Church of Scientology: What is Scientology?</a>
Thursday	14	Chet - Sikh New Year	Sikhism	<a href="https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Nanakshahi_Calendar_t">https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Nanakshahi_Calendar_t</a>
Sunday to Saturday	17 - 23	Ohigan -Spring Festival	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chunfen">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chunfen</a>
Monday	18	Clean Monday - First Day of Lent	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/clean-monday/#:~:text=Clean%20Monday%20is%20celebrated%20on,because%20it%20depends%20on%20Lent.">https://nationaltoday.com/clean-monday/#:~:text=Clean%20Monday%20is%20celebrated%20on,because%20it%20depends%20on%20Lent.</a>
Tuesday	19	Nawrúz - Bahá'í New Year	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/">https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/</a>
Tuesday	19	Nowrúz – Persian New Year	Government of Iran Holiday and Zoroastrian	<a href="https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/novruz">https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/novruz</a>
Wednesday	20	Hindu New Year	Government of India and Hinduism	<a href="https://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/hindu/2024">https://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/hindu/2024</a>
Wednesday and Thursday	20 - 21	Ostara	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="https://www.wikidates.org/holiday/ostara_856.html">https://www.wikidates.org/holiday/ostara_856.html</a>
Thursday	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day</a>
Friday	22	World Water Day	United Nations	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/world-water-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/world-water-day/</a>
Sunday	24	Memorial of Jesus Christ's Death	Jehovah's Witnesses	<a href="https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/memorial/">https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/memorial/</a>
Sunday	24	Purim*	Judaism	<a href="https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/purim-2024">https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/purim-2024</a>

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SEE 08 APRIL 2024	25	<b>Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary<sup>22</sup></b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox & Western)	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity</a>
Monday	25	<b>Holi Festival*</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://www.asiahighlights.com/india/holi/date#:~:text=Holi%202024%20is%20on%20Monday%2C%20March%2025th%20in%20India.">https://www.asiahighlights.com/india/holi/date#:~:text=Holi%202024%20is%20on%20Monday%2C%20March%2025th%20in%20India.</a>
Does Not Occur in 2024		<b>Birth of Lord Zoroaster - Khordad Sal</b>	Zoroastrian	<a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/pakistan/zoroaster-birthday">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/pakistan/zoroaster-birthday</a>
Monday to Wednesday	25 - 27	<b>Holla Mohalla</b>	Sikhism	<a href="https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Holla_Mohalla">https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Holla_Mohalla</a>
Thursday	28	<b>Guan Yin Birthday</b>	Buddhism (Taiwanese)	<a href="https://www.holidaycalendar.com/event/kuan-yins-birthday/">https://www.holidaycalendar.com/event/kuan-yins-birthday/</a>
Friday	29	<b>Good Friday (Gregorian Calendar)</b>	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://www.wikidates.org/american-holidays/good-friday-2024.html">https://www.wikidates.org/american-holidays/good-friday-2024.html</a>
Sunday	31	<b>Easter Sunday (Gregorian Calendar)</b>	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday</a>

<sup>22</sup> **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** the celebration of the feast is transferred to a different date if it falls on a Sunday of Lent, during Holy Week, or during the octave of Easter, the Church considers Masses for the Sundays of Lent, any time in Holy Week, and any time from Easter through the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) to be so important that even this Marian feast cannot replace one of them. In 2024 the date is transferred from 25 March to 08 April, 2024.

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**APRIL 2024**

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Monday	01	<b>Easter Monday (Gregorian Calendar)</b>	Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_Monday">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_Monday</a>
Monday	01	<b>Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival - Akitu</b>	Assyrian Diaspora	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/assyrian-new-year/">https://nationaltoday.com/assyrian-new-year/</a>
Tuesday	02	<b>World Autism Awareness Day</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day</a>
Friday	05	<b>Jumu'atul-Wida*</b>	Islam	<a href="https://www.drikpanchang.com/calendars/indian/muslim-festivals/ramadan/jamat-ul-vida-date-time.html?year=2024">https://www.drikpanchang.com/calendars/indian/muslim-festivals/ramadan/jamat-ul-vida-date-time.html?year=2024</a>
Friday	05	<b>Laylat al-Qadr - Night of Power</b>	Islam	<a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/2024">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/2024</a>
Sunday	07	<b>Rwanda Genocide Memorial Day</b>	Government of Canada (Recognition)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide</a>
Sunday	07	<b>World Health Day</b>	World Health Organization	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/world-health-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/world-health-day/</a>
Monday	08	<b>Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (See Footnote Number 22 Previous Page)</b>	Christianity Western	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity</a>
Monday OR Tuesday	08 OR 09	<b>Eid al-Fitr*<sup>23</sup></b>	Islam	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/story/eid-al-fitr">https://www.britannica.com/story/eid-al-fitr</a>
Wednesday	10	<b>International Day of Pink</b>	International Day of Pink Organization	<a href="https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home">https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home</a>
Friday	12	<b>International Day of Silence</b>	GLSEN	<a href="https://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/the-day-of-silence/">https://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/the-day-of-silence/</a>
Saturday	13	<b>Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)</b>	Hinduism/Sikhism	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/vaisakhi-baisakhi-vishu/#:~:text=Sikhs%20around%20the%20world%20celebrate,takes%20place%20on%20April%202013.">https://nationaltoday.com/vaisakhi-baisakhi-vishu/#:~:text=Sikhs%20around%20the%20world%20celebrate,takes%20place%20on%20April%202013.</a>
Wednesday	17	<b>Sri/Rama Navami</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/ram-navami/">https://nationaltoday.com/ram-navami/</a>
Saturday	13	<b>Mesha Sankranti - Solar New Year</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://panchang.astrosage.com/festival/sankranti?date=2024">https://panchang.astrosage.com/festival/sankranti?date=2024</a>
Saturday	13	<b>Sinhalese New Year</b>	Government of Sri Lanka and Buddhism - Theravada	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinhalese_New_Year">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinhalese_New_Year</a>
Saturday	13	<b>Tamil New Year</b>	Government of Sri Lanka and Hinduism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puthandu">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puthandu</a>
Sunday	21	<b>First Day of Ridván*</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-first-day-of-ridvan/">https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-first-day-of-ridvan/</a>

<sup>23</sup> Eid al-Fitr in 2024 is expected to fall on Monday, April 8th or Tuesday, April 9th, subject to the sighting of the moon.

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Sunday	21	<b>Grounation Day</b>	Rastafarian holy day	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation_Day</a>
Monday	22	<b>Earth Day – International Mother Earth Day)</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/various/earth-day">https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/various/earth-day</a>
Tuesday	23	<b>Hanuman Jayanti</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://www.thedivineindia.com/hanuman-jayanti/5925">https://www.thedivineindia.com/hanuman-jayanti/5925</a>
Tuesday	23	<b>Yonge Street Van Attack - Remembrance Day</b>	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	<a href="https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-toronto-marks-fifth-anniversary-of-devastating-van-attack-with/">https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-toronto-marks-fifth-anniversary-of-devastating-van-attack-with/</a>
Tuesday to Tuesday	23 - 30	<b>Pesach - Passover</b> * <sup>24</sup>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.calendardate.com/passover_2024.htm">https://www.calendardate.com/passover_2024.htm</a>
Wednesday to Friday	24 - 26	<b>Theraváda New Year</b>	Buddhism (Theravada)	<a href="https://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/buddhist/2024">https://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/buddhist/2024</a>
Wednesday	24	<b>Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day</b>	Government of Canada (Recognition)	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/armenian-genocide-remembrance-day/#:~:text=Armenian%20Genocide%20Remembrance%20Day%20is,remember%20the%20genocide%20that%20happened.">https://nationaltoday.com/armenian-genocide-remembrance-day/#:~:text=Armenian%20Genocide%20Remembrance%20Day%20is,remember%20the%20genocide%20that%20happened.</a>
Thursday	25	<b>Feast of St. Mark</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Mark-the-Evangelist">https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Mark-the-Evangelist</a>
Sunday	28	<b>National Day of Mourning – Canada</b>	Canadian Labour Congress	<a href="https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/national-day-of-mourning-in-canada/42645.html/">https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/national-day-of-mourning-in-canada/42645.html/</a>
Monday	29	<b>Ninth Day of Ridván</b> *	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-the-ninth-day-of-ridvan/">https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-the-ninth-day-of-ridvan/</a>

<sup>24</sup> **Pesach/Passover:** work should be suspended on April 23 – 24 and April 29 - 30 - Work is permitted only on Friday, April 26 with certain restrictions

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**MAY 2024**

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Wednesday	01	<b>Beltane</b>	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="https://beltane.org/about-beltane/">https://beltane.org/about-beltane/</a>
Thursday	02	<b>Twelfth Day of Ridván *</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.yearindays.com/the-twelfth-day-of-ridvan/">https://www.yearindays.com/the-twelfth-day-of-ridvan/</a>
Friday	03	<b>Orthodox Holy Friday</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/orthodox-good-friday/#:~:text=Orthodox%20Good%20Friday%20is%20celebrated,on%20May%203%20this%20year.">https://nationaltoday.com/orthodox-good-friday/#:~:text=Orthodox%20Good%20Friday%20is%20celebrated,on%20May%203%20this%20year.</a>
Monday	06	<b>Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day *</b>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/yom-hashoah-2024">https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/yom-hashoah-2024</a>
Sunday	05	<b>International Family Equality Day</b>	Family Equality Council	<a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/world/international-family-red-equality-day">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/world/international-family-red-equality-day</a>
Sunday	05	<b>Orthodox Easter Sunday - Pascha</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://orthodoxwiki.org/Pascha">https://orthodoxwiki.org/Pascha</a>
Sunday	05	<b>Red Dress Day: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People</b>	Assembly of First Nations	<a href="https://www.indigenoushealthnh.ca/news/national-day-awareness-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls-and-two-spirit-people">https://www.indigenoushealthnh.ca/news/national-day-awareness-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls-and-two-spirit-people</a>
Monday	06	<b>Orthodox Easter Monday</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/orthodox-easter-monday">https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/orthodox-easter-monday</a>
Monday to Sunday	06 - 12	<b>Children's Mental Health Week (See Also Feb. 05–11, 2024)<sup>25</sup></b>	Adopted by: Toronto District School Board	<a href="https://www.family.cmho.org/join-us-for-childrens-mental-health-week">https://www.family.cmho.org/join-us-for-childrens-mental-health-week</a>
Thursday	09	<b>Ascension of Jesus Christ</b>	Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://www.calendardate.com/ascension-day-2024.htm">https://www.calendardate.com/ascension-day-2024.htm</a>
Friday	10	<b>Akshaya Tritiya</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akshaya_Tritiya">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akshaya_Tritiya</a>
Sunday	12	<b>Mother's Day</b>	Old Farmer's Almanac	<a href="https://www.almanac.com/content/when-is-mothers-day">https://www.almanac.com/content/when-is-mothers-day</a>
Wednesday	15	<b>International Day of Families</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/publications/un-reports-and-resolutions.html">https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/publications/un-reports-and-resolutions.html</a>
Friday	17	<b>International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia</b>	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_Against_Homophobia,_Transphobia_and_Biphobia">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_Against_Homophobia,_Transphobia_and_Biphobia</a>
Friday	17	<b>Malcolm X Day</b>	Government of the United States	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/biography/Malcolm-X">https://www.britannica.com/biography/Malcolm-X</a>

<sup>25</sup> Children's Mental Health Week: February

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Sunday	19	<b>Pentecost</b>	Judaism/Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html">https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html</a>
Monday	20	<b>Queen Victoria Day</b>	Government of Canada	<a href="https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria">https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria</a>
Wednesday	22	<b>Second Passover*</b>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm">https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm</a>
Thursday	23	<b>Declaration of the Bá'b*</b>	Bahá'i Faith	<a href="https://www.upliftingwords.org/post/the-declaration-of-the-bab">https://www.upliftingwords.org/post/the-declaration-of-the-bab</a>
Thursday	23	<b>Vesak (Wesak) Day</b>	Buddhism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesak">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesak</a>
Thursday	23	<b>Saga Dawa Düchen</b>	Buddhism (Tibetan)	<a href="https://www.universalcompassion.org/event/saga-dawa-duchen-2022/">https://www.universalcompassion.org/event/saga-dawa-duchen-2022/</a>
Sunday	26	<b>Lag B'Omer*</b>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/lag-baomer-2024">https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/lag-baomer-2024</a>
Wednesday	29	<b>Ascension of Bahá'u'llah</b>	Bahá'i Faith	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/ascension-of-bahaullah/">https://nationaltoday.com/ascension-of-bahaullah/</a>
<b>TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>		<b>National Access Ability Week</b>	Government of Canada	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-accessability-week.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-accessability-week.html</a>
Monday to Friday	27 - 31	<b>Bike to School Week (Culture Link)</b>	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	<a href="https://www.culturelink.ca/services/health-and-recreation/bike-to-school/">https://www.culturelink.ca/services/health-and-recreation/bike-to-school/</a>

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**JUNE 2024**

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Saturday	01	<b>Intergenerational Day</b>	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	<a href="https://cnpea.ca/en/about-cnpea/blog/967-june-1st-is-intergenerational-day-canada">https://cnpea.ca/en/about-cnpea/blog/967-june-1st-is-intergenerational-day-canada</a>
Saturday to Sunday	01 - 30	<b>Toronto Pride Festival Month</b>	Toronto Pride	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_Toronto">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_Toronto</a>
Wednesday	05	<b>World Environment Day</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day</a>
Monday	10	<b>Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji</b>	Sikhism	<a href="https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Arjan">https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Arjan</a>
Wednesday	12	<b>Filipino Independence Day</b>	Government of Canada (Recognition)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(Philippines)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(Philippines)</a>
Wednesday	12	<b>World Day Against Child Labour</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-day-against-child-labour/background">https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-day-against-child-labour/background</a>
Wednesday and Thursday	12 - 13	<b>Shavu'ot *<sup>26</sup></b>	Judaism	<a href="http://www.jewfaq.org/holidayc.htm">http://www.jewfaq.org/holidayc.htm</a>
Saturday to Wednesday	15 - 19	<b>Hajj *</b>	Islam	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hajj">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hajj</a>
Sunday	16	<b>Father's Day</b>	Old Farmer's Almanac	<a href="https://www.almanac.com/content/when-fathers-day">https://www.almanac.com/content/when-fathers-day</a>
Sunday	16	<b>Waqf al Arafah *</b>	Islam	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_Arafah">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_Arafah</a>
Monday to Thursday	17 - 20	<b>Eid al Adha *</b>	Islam	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eid_al-Adha">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eid_al-Adha</a>
Tuesday	18	<b>International Day to Counter Hate Speech</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-counter-hate-speech">https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-counter-hate-speech</a>
Wednesday	19	<b>Juneteenth</b>	Government of the United States	<a href="https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth">https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth</a>
Thursday	20	<b>World Refugee Day</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day</a>
Friday	21	<b>National Indigenous Persons Day – Canada</b>	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	<a href="https://time.astrosage.com/holidays/canada/national-indigenous-peoples-day?year=2024&amp;language=en">https://time.astrosage.com/holidays/canada/national-indigenous-peoples-day?year=2024&amp;language=en</a>

<sup>26</sup> **Shavu'ot** – Work should be suspended during this observance

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Friday	21	<b>World Humanist Day</b>	International Humanist and Ethical Union	<a href="https://humanists.international/what-is-humanism/">https://humanists.international/what-is-humanism/</a>
Sunday	23	<b>National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism</b>	Government of Canada	<a href="https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SI-2005-65/page-1.html">https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SI-2005-65/page-1.html</a>
Friday	21	<b>Litha (Summer Solstice Day)</b>	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="https://umaine.edu/religious-studies/event/litha-pagan-wiccan/2024-06-21/">https://umaine.edu/religious-studies/event/litha-pagan-wiccan/2024-06-21/</a>
Monday	24	<b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/nativity-of-st-john-the-baptist/42983.html">https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/nativity-of-st-john-the-baptist/42983.html</a>
Lundi	24	<b>Fête de la Saint-Jean-Baptiste</b>	Le Québec et la culture francophone	<a href="https://publicholidays.net/fr/st-jean-baptiste-day/">https://publicholidays.net/fr/st-jean-baptiste-day/</a>
Wednesday	26	<b>International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-drug-abuse-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-drug-abuse-day</a>
Wednesday	26	<b>International Day in Support of Victims of Torture</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/torture-victims-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/torture-victims-day</a>
Thursday	27	<b>Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day</b>	Canadian Mental Health Association	<a href="https://cmha.ca/documents/post-traumatic-stress-disorder-ptsd">https://cmha.ca/documents/post-traumatic-stress-disorder-ptsd</a>

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