

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.

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

¹ 2SLGBTQIA+ 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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JANUARY 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Sunday	01	Gantan-sai	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_New_Year
Sunday	01	New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/canada/international-new-years-day
Monday	02	TDSB New Year's Day - Gregorian Calendar (Lieu Day – CUPE 4400 <u>Units C and D</u>)	Government of Canada	SEE NEW YEAR'S DAY 01 JANUARY 2023
Monday	02	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/ekadashis/putrada/pausha-putrada-ekadashi-date-time.html?year=2023
Tuesday	03	TDSB National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Lieu Day – CUPE 4400 <u>Unit C Only</u>)	Government of Canada	SEE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION 30 SEPTEMBER 2022
Tuesday	03	Fast of Tevet²	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Thursday	05	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday	Sikhism	https://www.bankbazaar.com/indian-holiday/guru-gobind-singh-jayanti.html
Thursday	05	Twelfth Night	Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelfth_Night_(holiday)
Friday	06	Feast of the Epiphany	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/35171/want-to-know-the-history-behind-the-feast-of-the-epiphany
Saturday	07	Orthodox Christmas	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Nativity
Saturday	07	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism (Mahayana)	The Origins and Practice of Holidays: Mahayana New Year
Sunday	08	Baptism of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-stories/baptism-of-jesus-bible-story.html
Saturday	14	Orthodox New Year's Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_New_Year
Saturday	14	Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism	What is Lohri? Why is it celebrated? – IndiaToday
Sunday	15	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism	https://isha.sadhguru.org/us/en/wisdom/article/makar-sankranti-significance-and-benefits-of-festival
Sunday	15	World Religion Day	Bahá'í Faith	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Religion_Day

² **Fast of Tevat – (2 Dates for this Observance in 2023 – See Also 22 December 2023)** - work is permitted during this observance

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Sunday to Wednesday	15 – 18	Thai Pongal	Hinduism (Tamil)	What is Thai Pongal? – Medium
Monday	16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Government of the United States	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King_Jr.
Monday to Friday	16 – 20	No Name Calling Week (Starts 3rd Monday in January)	GLSEN	https://www.glsen.org/no-name-calling-week
Saturday	21	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://saintmarkhouston.org/smh/calendars/the-wedding-of-cana-of-galilee-feast-liturgy/
Saturday to Friday	21 -27	Chinese Spring Festival	Government of China	https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/festivals/when-chinese-new-year.htm
Sunday	22	Chinese and Lunar New Year's Day³	Chinese National Holiday and Buddhism/Confucian/ Daoism	https://chinesenewyear.net/21-things-you-didnt-know-about-chinese-new-year/
Tuesday	24	International Day of Education	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/education-day
Thursday	26	Vasant Pachami	Hinduism	https://www.ritirivaz.com/5-facts-about-vasant-panchami/
Friday	27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations	https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/introduction-to-the-holocaust
Friday	27	St. Sava The Devine Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) Serbian holy day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Sava
Monday	30	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadeh

³ **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.

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FEBRUARY 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Wednesday	01	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://kawarthanow.com/2016/01/28/winter-walk-to-school-day/
Thursday	02	Imbolc*	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/imbolc
Thursday	02	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Meeting_of_the_Lord
Friday	03	Setsubun	Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://blog.japanwondertravel.com/what-is-setsubun-22094
Sunday	05	Maghi	Sikhism	https://www.calendarz.com/when-is/sikh-holidays/lohri-maghi/2023
Monday	06	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting and Mutilation	United Nations and World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_Zero_Tolerance_for_Female_Genital_Mutilation
Monday	06	Magha Puja Day – Lantern Festival	Buddhism	https://en.dhammadownload.com/activities/magha-puja-the-light-of-peace-ceremony/
Monday	06	Tu B'Shevat* ⁴	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Monday to Sunday	06 - 12	Children's Mental Health Week ⁵	Canadian Mental Health Association and TDSB	https://www.family.cmho.org/join-us-for-childrens-mental-health-week/
Monday to Friday	13 – 17	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	https://www.actioncanadashr.org/srhweek
Wednesday	15	Parinirvana Day – Buddha's Death	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gautama_Buddha
Saturday	18	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam	https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi-raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey
Saturday	18	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/maha-shivaratri-2021-history-significance-and-celebration-101615434959914.html
Monday	20	Family Day	Government of Ontario	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_Day_(Canada)#Ontario

⁴ Tu-B'Shevat – Work is permitted during this observance.

⁵The Toronto District School Board recognizes Children's Mental Health Week between Monday, May 01 to Sunday, May 07, 2023

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Monday	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day
Tuesday to Thursday	21 – 23	Tibetan New Year	Buddhism (Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan)	Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival in Tibet
Wednesday	22	Ash Wednesday	Christianity (Western)	https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php
Wednesday to Thursday	22 to 06 April	Lent	Christianity (Western)	https://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/lent-2023-start-end-date-history-christianity-a4370786.html
Wednesday	22	Sha'ban *	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shab%27an
Sunday to Wednesday	26 to 01 March	Ayyám-i-Há – Intercalary Days *	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Monday	27	Clean Monday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Clean_Monday

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MARCH 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Monday	06	Mid-Sha'ban	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shah_Ban
Tuesday	07	Purim * ⁶	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Wednesday	08	Holi Festival*	Hinduism	https://www.holifestival.org/
Wednesday	08	International Women's Day	United Nations	https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/in-focus/2022/03/in-focus-international-womens-day
Wednesday to Friday	08 – 10	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Holla_Mahalla
Friday	10	Guan Yin Birthday	Buddhism (Taiwanese)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guanyin
Monday	13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology	Official Church of Scientology: What is Scientology?
Tuesday	14	Chet – Sikh New Year	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Chet
Friday to Thursday	17 - 23	Ohigan – Spring Festival	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chunfen
Monday	20	Nawrúz – Bahá'í New Year	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Monday	20	Nowrúz – Persian New Year	Government of Iran Holiday and Zoroastrian	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/novruz
Tuesday	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/eradication-day
Monday and Tuesday	20 – 21	Ostara *	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.northernpaganism.org/shrines/ostara/about.html
Wednesday	22	Hindu New Year	Government of India and Hinduism	https://publicholidays.co.id/bali-hindu-new-year/
Wednesday	22	Saka New Year – Nyepi	Hinduism (Balinese)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nyepi
Wednesday	22	World Water Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day
Thursday to Thursday	23 to Apr 20	Ramadan *	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramadan
Saturday	25	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox & Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity
Sunday	26	Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zaranthushtra)	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khordad_Sal
Thursday	30	Sri/Rama Navami	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rama_Navami

⁶ Purim: Work is permitted during this observance.

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APRIL 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Saturday	01	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival – Akitu	Assyrian Diaspora New Year	https://www.auaf.us/blog/kha-bnissan-the-assyrian-new-year-2/
Sunday	02	World Autism Awareness Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day
Tuesday	04	Memorial of Jesus' Death	Jehovah's Witnesses	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jehovah%27s_Witnesses_practices#Memorial_of_Christ's death
Thursday	06	Hanuman Jayanti	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanuman_Jayanti
Thursday to Saturday	06 - 08	Theravāda New Year	Buddhism (Theravada)	https://www.holidayscalender.com/event/theravada-new-year/
Thursday to Thursday	06 – 13	Pesach – Passover *7	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach_cdo/aid/671901/jewish/When-Is-Passover-in-2023-2024-2025-2026-and-2027.htm
Friday	07	Good Friday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_Friday
Friday	07	Rwanda Genocide Memorial Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide
Friday	07	World Health Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Health_Day
Sunday	09	Easter Sunday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday
Monday	10	Easter Monday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/family-and-parenting/easter-monday-2021-why-we-observe-easter-monday-is-the-date-a-bank-holiday-in-scotland-2537177
Wednesday	12	International Day of Pink (2nd Wednesday of April Each Year)	International Day of Pink Organization	https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home
Friday	14	Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.astrowamiq.com/article/2022-vaisakhi-festival-date-and-muhurat-3134
Friday	14	International Day of Silence	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN)	https://nationaltoday.com/national-day-silence/
Friday	14	Mesha Sankranti (Solar New Year)	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesha_Sankranti

⁷ **Pesach/Passover:** work should be suspended on April 6 - 7 and April 12 – 13, 2023. Work is permitted only on April 9 – 11, 2023 with certain restrictions

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Friday	14	Orthodox Holy Friday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/orthodox-good-friday
Friday	14	Sinhalese New Year	Sri Lankan Government and Buddhism (Theravada)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinhalese_New_Year
Friday	14	Tamil New Year	Sri Lankan Government and Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puthandu
Sunday	16	Orthodox Easter Sunday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Pascha
Monday	17	Orthodox Easter Monday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/orthodox-easter-monday
Tuesday	18	Laylat al-Qadr – Night of Power*	Islam	https://www.muslimaid.org/what-we-do/religious-dues/the-night-of-power-laylat-ul-qadr/
Tuesday	18	Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day*	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_HaShoah
Thursday and Friday	20 – 21	Eid al-Fitr*	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/story/eid-al-fitr
Friday	21	First Day of Ridván*	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Friday	21	Grounation Day	Rastafarian holy day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation_Day
Friday	21	Jumu'atul-Wida*	Islam	https://knowinsiders.com/jumuatul-wida-history-significance-ritual-best-wishes-and-quotes-30302.html
Saturday	22	Akshaya Tritiya	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akshaya_Tritiya
Saturday	22	Earth Day – International Mother Earth Day	United Nations	International Mother Earth Day
Monday	24	Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aréenian_Genocide_Remembrance_Day
Monday	24	Yonge Street Van Attack – Remembrance Day (Actual Date: 23 April)	Toronto District School Board (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_van_attack
Tuesday	25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Mark-the-Evangelist
Friday	28	National Day of Mourning	Canadian Labour Congress	https://www.wsib.ca/en/day-of-mourning#:~:text=In%201984%2C%20the%20Canadian%20Labour,suffered%20illness%20in%20the%20workplace.
Saturday	29	Ninth Day of Ridván	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/

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MAY 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Monday	01	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan	https://beltane.org/about-beltane/
Tuesday	02	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Friday	05	Vesak (Wesak) Day (International Date)	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesak
Friday	05	Red Dress Day: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation – Assembly of First Nations	https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/red-dress-day-2022-bc-1.6443456
Friday	05	Second Passover – Pesach Sheni⁸	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Monday to Sunday	01 - 07	Children's Mental Health Week⁹	Adopted by the Toronto District School Board	https://www.family_cmho.org/join-us-for-childrens-mental-health-week
Sunday	07	International Family Equality Day	Family Equality Council	https://www.familyequality.org/international-family-equality-day/
Tuesday	09	Lag B'Omer¹⁰	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Sunday	14	Mother's Day	Old Farmer's Almanac	https://www.almanac.com/content/when-is-mothers-day
Monday	15	International Day of Families	United Nations	https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/publications/un-reports-and-resolutions.html
Wednesday	17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_Against_Homophobia,_Transphobia_and_Biphobia
Thursday	18	Ascension of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ascension_of_Jesus
Friday	19	Malcolm X Day	Government of the United States	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Malcolm-X
Monday	22	Queen Victoria Day	Government of Canada	https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria
Tuesday	23	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Arjan
Wednesday	24	Declaration of the Bá'b[*]	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/

⁸ **Second Passover** – Work is permitted during this observance

⁹ **See Also Feb. 06 -12, 2023**

¹⁰ **Lag D-Omer** – Work is permitted during this observance

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Friday and Saturday	26 – 27	Shavu'ot * ¹¹	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Sunday	28	Pentecost	Judaism/Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html
Sunday to Saturday	28 to June 03	National Access Ability Week	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-accessability-week.html
Monday	29	Ascension of Bahá'u'llah *	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Monday to Friday	29 – June 02	Bike to School Week – Culture Link	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.culturelink.ca/

¹¹ **Shavu'ot** – Work should be suspended during this observance

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JUNE 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Thursday	01	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	https://cnpea.ca/en/about-cnpea/blog/967-june-1st-is-intergenerational-day-canada
Thursday to Friday	01 – 30	Toronto Pride Festival Month	Toronto Pride	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_Toronto
Sunday	04	Saga Dawa Düchen	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://www.universalcompassion.org/event/saga-dawa-duchen-2022/
Monday	05	World Environment Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day
Monday	12	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(Philippines)
Monday	12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-day-against-child-labour/background
Sunday	18	Father's Day	Old Farmer's Almanac	https://www.almanac.com/content/when-fathers-day
Sunday	18	International Day to Counter Hate Speech	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/UN%20Strategy%20and%20Plan%20of%20Action%20on%20Hate%20Speech%2018%20June%20SYNOPSIS.pdf
Monday	19	Juneteenth	Government of the United States	https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth
Tuesday	20	World Refugee Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day
Wednesday	21	National Indigenous Persons Day – Canada	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/celebrate-canada/indigenous-peoples-day.html
Wednesday	21	Litha* (Summer Solstice)	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.learnreligions.com/history-of-summer-solstice-holiday-litha-2562244
Wednesday	21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union	https://nationaltoday.com/world-humanist-day/
Friday	23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	Government of Canada	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/06/23/statement-prime-minister-national-day-remembrance-victims-terrorism
Saturday	24	Dyke and Trans March	Toronto Pride	https://www.destinationontario.com/en-ca/articles/celebrate-pride-toronto-and-beyond#:~:text=The%20annual%20Pride%20Month%20kicks,Sunday%2C%20June%2025%2C%202023.

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Sunday	25	Toronto Pride Parade	Toronto Pride	https://www.destinationontario.com/en-ca/articles/celebrate-pride-toronto-and-beyond#:~:text=The%20annual%20Pride%20Month%20kicks,Sunday%2C%20June%2025%2C%202023.
Saturday	24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/the-birth-of-john-the-baptist/
Samedi	24	Fête de la Saint-Jean-Baptiste (24 juin de chaque année)	Le Québec et la culture francophone	https://publicholidays.net/fr/st-jean-baptiste-day/
Monday	26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
Monday	26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/torture-victims-day
Tuesday	27	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association	https://cmha.ca/documents/post-traumatic-stress-disorder-ptsd
Tuesday to Saturday	27 to July 01	Hajj*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hajj
Wednesday	28	Waqf al Arafa*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_Arafah
Thursday to Sunday	29 to July 02	Eid al Adha*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eid_al-Adha

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JULY 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Saturday	01	Canada Day	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day.html
To Be Announced		TDSB Canada Day (Lieu Day)	Government of Canada	SEE 01 JULY 2023
Monday	03	Asalha Puja Day – Dhamma Day	Buddhism	http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/buddhism/dharma-day-a-universal-celebration-of-the-buddhas-teachings.aspx
Monday	03	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism	http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/buddhism/dharma-day-a-universal-celebration-of-the-buddhas-teachings.aspx
Monday	10	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Tuesday	11	Imamat Day*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imamat_Day
Sunday	16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Government of Ethiopia and Rastafarian holy day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1931_Constitution_of_Ethiopia
Tuesday	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations	www.biography.com/people/nelson-mandela-9397017
Wednesday to Wednesday	19 to August 16	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hijri_year
Friday	21	Chokhor Ducchën Day	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://maitripa.org/events/chokhor-duchen-2022/
Sunday	23	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian holy day	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Haile-Selassie-I
Thursday	27	Tishah B'av* ¹²	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tisha_B%27Av
Friday	28	Àshùrà*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashura
Sunday	30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-human-trafficking-day

¹² Tishah B'av – work should be suspended during this observance

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AUGUST 2023

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Tuesday	01	Emancipation Day in Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/emancipation-day.html#a1
Tuesday	01	Lughnassadh/Lammas *	Wicca/Pagan	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lughnasadh
Wednesday	02	The 15 th of Av *	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm
Sunday	06	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.crestinortodox.ro/orthodox-calendar/2024-august-transfiguration-of-our-lord-and-savior-jesus-christ.html
Monday	07	Lord Simcoe Day – Founder's Day – First Monday in August	Toronto Municipal Government	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civic_Holiday
Monday	07	Terry Fox Day	Terry Fox Foundation	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Fox
Wednesday	09	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day
Saturday	12	International Youth Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day/background
Sunday to Tuesday	13 – 15	Obon Festival	Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bon_Festival
Tuesday	15	Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/1000/08/15/102302-the-dormition-of-our-most-holy-lady-the-mother-of-god-and-ever-v
Thursday	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian holy day	https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/marcus-garvey
Tuesday	22	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/religious-based-violence-victims-day#:~:text=The%20General%20Assembly%20decided%20to,Victims%20of%20Terrorism%2C%2021%20August.
Wednesday	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_for_the_Remembrance_of_the_Slave_Trade_and_its_Abolition
Wednesday	30	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beheading_of_John_the_Baptist
Wednesday	30	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism/Jainism	https://family.lovetoknow.com/what-is-raksha-bandhan

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SEPTEMBER 2023

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

¹³ **Rosh Hashanah** – work should be suspended during this observance

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

¹⁴ **Yom Kippur** – work should be suspended during this observance

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OCTOBER 2023

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

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

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NOVEMBER 2023

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

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Saturday	18	Gyan Panchami	Jainism	http://blessingsonthenet.com/indian-festival/festival/id/111/gyan-panchami-festival/
Monday	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gwendolyn_Ann_Smith
Monday	20	World Children's Day	United Nations	https://www.google.com/search?q=world+children%27s+day&rlz=1C1GCEA_enCA924CA1024&og=World+Children%27s+Day&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0i13i131i433i512j0i13i512l8.10446j1j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8
Tuesday	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation_of_Mary
Friday	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Tegh_Bahadur
Saturday	24	National Holodomor Memorial Day¹⁵	Ukrainian Canadian Congress	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holodomor_Memorial_Day#:~:text=Day%20of%20memory%20for%20victims,the%20fourth%20Saturday%20of%20November
Saturday	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations	https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women
Sunday	26	Day of the Covenant[*]	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.checkiday.com/2d000c6cb00f8095c45a3bbffa1c10cb/day-of-the-covenant
Sunday	26	Kathina Festival	Buddhism	https://www.buddhistcouncil.org/buddhist-festival-dates/
Tuesday	28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá[*]	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Thursday	30	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib	Sikhism	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/guru-nanak-birthday

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

¹⁶ **Chanukah (Hannakuh)** - Work is permitted during this observance

¹⁷ **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	Kwanzaa	African Canadian/American Celebration	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history
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JANUARY 2024

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

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Wednesday	20	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday¹⁸	Sikhism	https://nationaltoday.com/guru-gobind-singh-jayanti/#:~:text=Guru%20Gobind%20Singh%20Jayanti%20%E2%80%93%20January%202024
Sunday	21	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wedding_at_Cana#:~:text=According%20to%20Bill%20Day%2C%20the%20spiritual%20saviour%20of%20all%20people.
Sunday	21	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/ekadashis/putrada/pausha-putrada-ekadashi-date-time.html?year=2024
Sunday	21	World Religion Day	Bahá'i Faith	https://nationaltoday.com/world-religion-day/#:~:text=Which%20religion%20has%20the%20most,%2C%20at%201%2C%20billio
Wednesday	24	International Day of Education	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/education-day
Thursday	25	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism (Mahayana)	The Origins and Practice of Holidays: Mahayana New Year
Thursday	25	Tu B'Shevat[*]	Judaism	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/tu-bshevat
Saturday	27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations	https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/introduction-to-the-holocaust
Saturday	27	St. Sava The Devine Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/serbia/st-savas-day
Tuesday	30	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadeh

¹⁸ **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 5th 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	https://nationaltoday.com/imbolc/
Friday	02	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.passionistnuns.org/passionist-calendar/2024/2/2/feast-of-the-presentation-of-jesus
Saturday	03	Setsubun	Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://nationaltoday.com/setsubun/#:~:text=Setsubun%20is%20celebrated%20on%20February,on%20the%20Japanese%20lunar%20calendar.
Monday to Sunday	05 -11	Children's Mental Health Week ¹⁹	Canadian Mental Health Association	https://www.family.cmho.org/join-us-for-childrens-mental-health-week/
Tuesday	06	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting and Mutilation	United Nations and World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_Zero_Tolerance_for_Female_Genital_Mutilation
Wednesday	07	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://kawarthanow.com/2016/01/28/winter-walk-to-school-day/
Thursday	08	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam	https://nationaltoday.com/isra-and-miraj/#:~:text=Within%20Islam%2C%20Isra%20and%20Mi,Prophet%20Muhammad%2C%20in%20two%20legs. https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi-raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey
Friday to Thursday	09 - 15	Chinese Spring Festival	Government of China	https://publicholidays.cn/spring-festival/
Saturday	10	Chinese and Lunar New Year's Day ²⁰	Chinese National Holiday and Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism	https://chinesenewyear.net/21-things-you-didnt-know-about-chinese-new-year/
Monday	12	Sha'ban ^{*21}	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shah_Ban
Saturday to Monday	10 - 12	Tibetan New Year	Buddhism (Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan)	Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival in Tibet

¹⁹ The Toronto District School Board recognizes Children's Mental Health week between Monday, May 06 and Sunday, May 12, 2024

²⁰ 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.

²¹ 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	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	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
Wednesday	14	Ash Wednesday	Christianity (Western)	https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php
Wednesday	14	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism	https://nationaltoday.com/vasant-panchami/#:~:text=Vasant%20Panchami%20is%20celebrated%20on,it%20falls%20on%20February%2014.
Wednesday to Thursday	14 to March 28	Lent	Christianity (Western)	https://nationaltoday.com/lent/
Thursday	15	Parinirvana Day - Buddha's Death	Buddhism	https://nationaltoday.com/parinirvana-day-nirvana-day/#:~:text=Parinirvana%20Day%2C%20als%20known%20as,attained%20complete%20nirvana%20or%20parinirvana.
Monday	19	Family Day	Government of Ontario	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_Day_(Canada)#Ontario
Tuesday	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations	https://nationaltoday.com/world-day-of-social-justice/#:~:text=World%20Day%20of%20Social%20Justice%20is%20observed%20annually%20on%20February,from%20living%20a%20fair%20life.
Saturday	24	Magha Puja Day - Lantern Festival	Buddhism	https://en.dhammadharma.com/activities/magha-puja-the-light-of-peace-ceremony/
Monday to Thursday	26 – 29	Ayyám-i-Há - Intercalary Days	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.org/action/devotional-life/calendar
Wednesday	28	National Pink Day (Last Wednesday in February)	CKNW Kids Fund (Nova Scotia)	https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about

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MARCH 2024

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

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SEE 08 APRIL 2024	25	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary²²	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox & Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity
Monday	25	Holi Festival*	Hinduism	https://www.asiahighlights.com/india/holi/date#:~:text=Holi%202024%20is%20on%20Monday%2C%20March%2025th%20in%20India.
Does Not Occur in 2024		Birth of Lord Zoroaster - Khordad Sal	Zoroastrian	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/pakistan/zoroaster-birthday
Monday to Wednesday	25 - 27	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Holla_Mohalla
Thursday	28	Guan Yin Birthday	Buddhism (Taiwanese)	https://www.holidaycalendar.com/event/kuan-yins-birthday/
Friday	29	Good Friday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.wikidates.org/american-holidays/good-friday-2024.html
Sunday	31	Easter Sunday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday

²² **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	Easter Monday (Gregorian Calendar)	Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_Monday
Monday	01	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival - Akitu	Assyrian Diaspora	https://nationaltoday.com/assyrian-new-year/
Tuesday	02	World Autism Awareness Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day
Friday	05	Jumu'atul-Wida*	Islam	https://www.drikpanchang.com/calendars/indian/muslim-festivals/ramadan/jamat-ul-vida-date-time.html?year=2024
Friday	05	Laylat al-Qadr - Night of Power	Islam	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/2024
Sunday	07	Rwanda Genocide Memorial Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide
Sunday	07	World Health Day	World Health Organization	https://nationaltoday.com/world-health-day/
Monday	08	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (See Footnote Number 22 Previous Page)	Christianity Western	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity
Monday OR Tuesday	08 OR 09	Eid al-Fitr*²³	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/story/eid-al-fitr
Wednesday	10	International Day of Pink	International Day of Pink Organization	https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home
Friday	12	International Day of Silence	GLSEN	https://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/the-day-of-silence/
Saturday	13	Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://nationaltoday.com/vaisakhi-baisakhi-vishu/#:~:text=Sikhs%20around%20the%20world%20celebrate,takes%20place%20on%20April%2013.
Wednesday	17	Sri/Rama Navami	Hinduism	https://nationaltoday.com/ram-navami/
Saturday	13	Mesha Sankranti - Solar New Year	Hinduism	https://panchang.astrosage.com/festival/sankranti?date=2024
Saturday	13	Sinhalese New Year	Government of Sri Lanka and Buddhism - Theravada	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinhalese_New_Year
Saturday	13	Tamil New Year	Government of Sri Lanka and Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puthandu
Sunday	21	First Day of Ridván*	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-first-day-of-ridvan/

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

²⁴ **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

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Wednesday	01	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan	https://beltane.org/about-beltane/
Thursday	02	Twelfth Day of Ridván *	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.yearindays.com/the-twelfth-day-of-ridvan/
Friday	03	Orthodox Holy Friday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://nationaltoday.com/orthodox-good-friday/#:~:text=Orthodox%20Good%20Friday%20is%20celebrated,on%20May%203%20this%20year.
Monday	06	Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day *	Judaism	https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/yom-hashoah-2024
Sunday	05	International Family Equality Day	Family Equality Council	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/world/international-family-red-equality-day
Sunday	05	Orthodox Easter Sunday - Pascha	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Pascha
Sunday	05	Red Dress Day: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People	Assembly of First Nations	https://www.indigenoushealthnh.ca/news/national-day-awareness-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls-and-two-spirit-people
Monday	06	Orthodox Easter Monday	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/orthodox-easter-monday
Monday to Sunday	06 - 12	Children's Mental Health Week (See Also Feb. 05–11, 2024)²⁵	Adopted by: Toronto District School Board	https://www.family.cmho.org/join-us-for-childrens-mental-health-week
Thursday	09	Ascension of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Western)	https://www.calendardate.com/ascension_day_2024.htm
Friday	10	Akshaya Tritya	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akshaya_Tritiya
Sunday	12	Mother's Day	Old Farmer's Almanac	https://www.almanac.com/content/when-is-mothers-day
Wednesday	15	International Day of Families	United Nations	https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/publications/un-reports-and-resolutions.html
Friday	17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_Against_Homophobia,_Transphobia_and_Biphobia
Friday	17	Malcolm X Day	Government of the United States	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Malcolm-X

²⁵ Children's Mental Health Week: February

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

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JUNE 2024

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

²⁶ **Shavu'ot** – Work should be suspended during this observance

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

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JULY 2024

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Monday	01	Canada Day	Government of Canada	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/canada-day
Monday to Sunday	08 -to 04 August	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hijri_year
Tuesday	09	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Bahá'i Faith	https://upto.com/bahai-holy-days
Thursday	11	Imamat Day*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imamat_Day
Tuesday	16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Government of Ethiopia & Rastafarian holy day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1931_Constitution_of_Ethiopia
Wednesday	17	Àshūrā*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashura
Thursday	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations	www.biography.com/people/nelson-mandela-9397017
Sunday	21	Asalha Puja Day - Dhamma Day	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asalha_Puja
Sunday	21	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Purnima#:~:text=Traditionally%2C%20the%20festival%20is%20celebrated,of%20Yoga%20to%20the%20Saptarishis.
Tuesday	23	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian holy day	https://readthespirit.com/religious-holidays-festivals/birthday-of-haile-selassie-celebrating-the-courage-of-the-final-ethiopian-emperor/
Tuesday	30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-human-trafficking-day

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AUGUST 2024

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Thursday	01	Emancipation Day in Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.thereisadayforthat.com/holidays/canada/emancipation-day
Thursday	01	Lughnassadh/Lammas *	Wicca/Pagan	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lughnasadh
Monday	05	Lord Simcoe Day - Founder's Day	Government of Toronto (Municipal)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civic_Holiday
Monday	05	Terry Fox Day	Terry Fox Foundation	https://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/terry-fox-day/
Tuesday	06	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.learnreligions.com/when-is-the-transfiguration-of-our-lord-4046365
Friday	09	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	United Nations	https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-people/
Monday	12	International Youth Day	United Nations	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-youth-day
Tuesday	13	Tishah B'av * ²⁷	Judaism	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/tisha-b-av
Tuesday to Thursday	13 - 15	Obon Festival	Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bon_Festival
Thursday	15	Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/1000/08/15/102302-the-dormition-of-our-most-holy-lady-the-mother-of-god-and-ever-v
Saturday	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian holy day	https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/marcus-garvey
Monday	19	Raksha Bandham	Hinduism	https://www.calendardate.com/raksha_bandhan_2024.htm
Thursday	22	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	United Nations	https://www.edudwar.com/international-day-commemorating-the-victims-of-acts-of-violence-based-on-religion-or-belief/
Friday	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_for_the_Remembrance_of_the_Slave_Trade_and_its_Abolition
Monday	26	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	https://www.durganavratrini.in/2020/07/janmashtami-2024-date.html https://wisdom.srisriravishankar.org/janmashtami-spiritual-significance-lord-krishnas-birth/

²⁷ Tishah B'av – work should be suspended during this observance

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Thursday	29	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beheading_of_John_the_Baptist
Saturday	31	Paryushana Parvarambha	Jainism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paryushana#:~:text=The%20duration%20of%20Paryushana%20is.or%20Kshamavani%20(forgiveness%20day).

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SEPTEMBER 2024

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Sunday	01	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism	https://www.sikhdharma.org/sikh-history/siri-guru-granth-sahib/
Monday	02	Labour Day	Government of Canada	http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/origins-of-labour-day-feature/
Saturday	07	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganesh_Chaturthi
Sunday	08	International Day of Literacy	United Nations	https://www.wincalendar.com/ca/International-Literacy-Day
Sunday	08	Nativity of Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary
Monday	09	International Day to Protect Education from Attack	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/protect-education-day
Wednesday	11	Ethiopian New Year	Government of Ethiopia and Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) Rastafarian holy day	https://publicholidays.africa/ethiopia/new-years-day/
Wednesday	11	Coptic New Year	Christianity (Coptic Orthodox Church)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nayrouz#:~:text=Nayrouz%20or%20Neyrouz%20(Arabic%20%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B1%D988%D8%B2,and%20its%20first%20month%2C%20Thout
Sunday	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/democracy-day
Sunday	15	Terry Fox Run	Terry Fox Foundation	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Fox_Run
Monday	16	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anant_Chaturdashi
Monday	16	Mawlid-al-Nabi - Prophet's Birthday*	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/topic/mawlid
Thursday	19	Powley Day	First Nations, Métis	https://www.metisnation.org/news/september-19-powley-day/
Thursday to Wednesday	19 - 25	Ohigan - Autumn Festival	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Higan
Saturday	21	International Day of Peace	United Nations	www.un.org/events/peaceday/

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Saturday to Sunday	21 - 29	Mabon	Wicca/Pagan	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wheel_of_the_Year#Autumn_Equinox_(Mabon)
Monday	23	International Day of Sign Languages	World Federation of the Deaf and United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/sign-languages-day
Monday to Saturday	23 - 28	International Week of the Deaf	Canadian Association and World Federation of the Deaf	https://www.nad.org/resources/american-sign-language/international-week-of-the-deaf/
Wednesday	25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario	https://www.uottawa.ca/gazette/en/news/fran-co-ontarian-perspectives-green-and-white
Friday	27	Elevation of the Holy Cross	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://orthodoxwiki.org/Elevation_of_the_Holy_Cross
Monday	30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Government of Canada	https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/first-national-truth-reconciliation-day-1.6188540
Monday	30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html

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OCTOBER 2024

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Tuesday	01	International Day for Older Persons	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/older-persons-day
Wednesday	02	International Day of Non-Violence	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day
Wednesday	02	Mehregan	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehregan
Wednesday	02	Walk to School Day	Adopted by Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/learn-more/why-walkbike/
Thursday and Friday	03 - 04	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism	http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday2.htm
Thursday to Saturday	03 - 12	Navratri	Hinduism	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Navratri
Friday	04	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada	https://www.alberta.ca/sisters-in-spirit.aspx
Saturday	05	World Teachers' Day	United Nations	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Teachers_%27_Day
Sunday to Saturday	06 - 12	Body Confidence Awareness Week	Canadian Women's Foundation (Adopted by Toronto District School Board TDSB)	https://canadianwomen.org/blog/october-celebrate-body-confidence/
Wednesday to Sunday	09 - 13	Durga Puja	Hinduism	https://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/travel/articles/india-durga-purga-honoring-goddess.shtml
Thursday	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Mental_Health_Day
Monday	14	Thanksgiving Day - Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.canadahistory.ca/explore/arts-culture-society/the-history-of-thanksgiving-in-canada
Wednesday	16	World Food Day	United Nations	https://www.worldfooddaycanada.ca/about/
Thursday	17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-day-for-poverty-eradication
Thursday	17	Kathina Festival	Buddhism	https://feast-guide.com/en/celebrations/521.html
Sunday	20	Karva Chauth*	Hinduism	https://indianculture.gov.in/stories/karva-chauth

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Saturday	12	Yom Kippur*	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_Kippur
Monday to Friday	14 - 18	Week Without Violence	YMCA	https://ywcaweekwithoutviolence.org/
Thursday to Wednesday	17 - 23	Sukkot*	Judaism	https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/sukkot-101/
Sunday	20	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru	Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Granth_Sahib
Thursday	24	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism	http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday6.htm
Friday	25	Simchat Torah*	Judaism	http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday6.htm

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NOVEMBER 2024

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Friday	01	All Saints Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day
Friday	01	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism	https://www.sikhdharma.org/the-story-of-bandi-chhor-divas/
Friday	01	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali
Friday	01	Samhain *	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain
Friday and Saturday	01 - 02	Dia de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead)	Government of Mexico	https://www.wheniscalendars.com/when-is-dia-de-los-muertos/
Saturday	02	Birth of the Bá'b	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Saturday	02	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian holy day	https://royalwatcherblog.com/2020/11/02/coronation-of-emperor-haile-selassie-of-ethiopia-1930/
Sunday	03	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Sunday to Saturday	03 – 09	Treaties Recognition Week	Government of Ontario	https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week
Wednesday	06	Gyan Panchami	Jainsim	https://www.pandit.com/jain-festival-calendar-2024/
Thursday	07	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada	https://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/about-icc/
Friday	08	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples (Veteran Affairs Canada)	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1605286948270/1605287188462
Monday	11	Remembrance: Veterans' Day	Government of Canada	http://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/history/after-the-war/remembrance/remembrance-day/
Friday	15	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib	Sikhism	https://calendarholidays.in/when-is-guru-nanak-birthday/
Saturday	16	Louis Riel Day - Riel's Execution	Métis Nation	https://www.metisnation.org/culture-heritage/louis-riel-day-info/
Sunday to Saturday	17 - 23	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week (3 rd Week of November)	Government of Ontario	https://thecanadianhomeschooler.com/bullyin-g-awareness-week/

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Wednesday	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gwendolyn_Ann_Smith
Wednesday	20	World Children’s Day	United Nations	https://www.google.com/search?q=world+children%27s+day&rlz=1C1GCEA_enCA924CA1024&og=World+Children%27s+Day&ags=chrome.1.69i57j0i13i131i433i512j0i13i512l8.10446j1j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8
Thursday	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation_of_Mary
Friday	22	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://publicholidays.asia/bhutan/descending-day-of-lord-buddha/
Saturday	23	National Holodomor Memorial Day²⁸	Ukrainian Canadian Congress	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holodomor_Memorial_Day#:~:text=Day%20of%20memory%20for%20victims,the%20fourth%20Saturday%20of%20November
Sunday	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Tegh_Bahadur
Monday	25	Day of the Covenant[*]	Bahá’i Faith	https://www.checkiday.com/2d000c6cb00f8095c45a3bbffa1c10cb/day-of-the-covenant
Monday	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations	https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women
Wednesday	27	Ascension of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá[*]	Bahá’i Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/ascension-centenary/

²⁸ **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 2024

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Sunday	01	World AIDS Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-aids-day
Sunday to Tuesday	01 - 24	Advent	Christianity (Western)	https://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html
Monday	02	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/slavery-abolition-day/messages
Tuesday	03	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities
Friday	06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Government of Canada	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89cole_Polytechnique_massacre
Sunday	08	Bodhi Day - Buddha's Enlightenment	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bodhi_Day
Sunday and Monday	08 - 09	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons' holy day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://publicholidays.eu/north-macedonia/saint-clement-of-ohrid-day/
Tuesday	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day
Friday	13	Birthday of Imām Aga Khan*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aga_Khan
Wednesday	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/observances/migrants-day
Saturday	21	Yule	Wicca/Pagan	https://seawitchbotanicals.com/blogs/swb/celebrating-yule-the-chill-version-of-christmas
Wednesday	25	Christmas Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/christmas
Thursday	26	Boxing Day	Government of Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day.html
Thursday	26	Death of Lord Zoroaster Zarathosht No Diso	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zartosht_No-Diso
Thursday to Wednesday	26 – 01 January 2025	Kwanzaa	African Canadian/American Celebration	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history
Thursday to Thursday	26 – 02 January 2025	Chanakah (Hanukkah)*	Judaism	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/hanukkah

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OTHER DATES - TO BE ANNOUNCED

2024 (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED)	Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://maitripa.org/events/chokhor-duchen-2022/
2024 (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED)	GLSEN Ally Week	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network	https://www.glsen.org/https://www.glsen.org/

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