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.

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# HERITAGE AND AWARENESS MONTHS

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| JANUARY | * Tamil Heritage Month |
| FEBRUARY | * African Heritage Month * Black Queering Month * Chinese Heritage Month (See May, Asian Heritage Month) |
| MARCH | * Greek Heritage Month |
| APRIL | * Genocide Awareness Month * Latin-America History Month (see also October Hispanic Heritage Month) * Sikh Heritage Month * World Autism Month |
| MAY | * Asian Heritage Month * Jewish Heritage Month * National Speech and Hearing Month * Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month |
| JUNE | * **2SLGBTQIA+** – Pride Month (Toronto)**[[1]](#footnote-2)** * Filipino Heritage Month * Italian Heritage Month * National Indigenous History Month * Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month |
| JULY |  |
| AUGUST |  |
| SEPTEMBER |  |
| OCTOBER | * Hispanic Heritage Month (City of Toronto) * International Walk to School Month * Islamic Heritage Month * Somalian Heritage Month * Women’s History Month |
| NOVEMBER | * Hindu Heritage Month * Indigenous Education Month |
| DECEMBER |  |

# JANUARY 2023

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| **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 *Units C and D*)** | 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 *Unit C Only*)** | Government of Canada | **SEE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION 30 SEPTEMBER 2022** |
| Tuesday | 03 | **Fast of Tevet[[2]](#footnote-3)** | 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](https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/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](https://www.indiatoday.in/lifestyle/culture/story/what-is-lohri-why-is-lohri-celebrated-sunder-mundriye-dulla-bhatti-punjabi-folklore-rabi-crop-952516-2016-01-13) |
| 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’i Faith | <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Religion_Day> |
| Sunday to Wednesday | 15 – 18 | **Thai Pongal** | Hinduism (Tamil) | [What is Thai Pongal? – Medium](https://medium.com/@anuradhasilva1234/what-is-thai-pongal-98016b72acb3) |
| 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 Day[[3]](#footnote-4)** | 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.ritiriwaz.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> |

# FEBRUARY 2023

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| **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.dhammakaya.net/activities/magha-puja-the-light-of-peace-ceremony/> |
| Monday | 06 | **Tu B’Shevat\*[[4]](#footnote-5)** | 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]](#footnote-6)** | 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-shivratri-2021-history-significance-and-celebration-101615434959914.html> |
| Monday | 20 | **Family Day** | Government of Ontario | <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_Day_(Canada)#Ontario> |
| 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](https://www.chinahighlights.com/tibet/new-year.htm) |
| 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-chris> tianity-a4370786.html |
| Wednesday | 22 | **Sha’ban\*** | Islam | <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sha%27ban> |
| Sunday to Wednesday | 26 to 01 March | **Ayyám-i-Há – Intercalary Days\*** | Bahá’i Faith | <https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/> |
| Monday | 27 | **Clean Monday** | Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) | <https://orthodoxwiki.org/Clean_Monday> |

# MARCH 2023

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| **Day of Week** | **Date** | **Event** | **Source** | **Website** |
| Monday | 06 | **Mid-Sha’ban** | Islam | <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sha%27ban> |
| Tuesday | 07 | **Purim\*[[6]](#footnote-7)** | 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/Hola_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?](https://www.scientology.ca/) |
| 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’i New Year** | Bahá’i 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/end-racism-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> |

# APRIL 2023

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| **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](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 | **Theraváda New Year** | Buddhism (Theravada) | <https://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/theravada-new-year/> |
| Thursday to Thursday | 06 – 13 | **Pesach – Passover\*[[7]](#footnote-8)** | 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](https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home%20) |
| Friday | 14 | **Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)** | Hinduism/Sikhism | <https://www.astroswamig.com/article/2022-vaisakhi-festival-date-and-muhurat-3134> |
| Friday | 14 | **International Day of Silence** | [Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education N](file:///C:\Users\046206\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\E2B09C64.xlsx#RANGE!#REF!)etwork (GLSEN) | <https://nationaltoday.com/national-day-silence/> |
| Friday | 14 | **Mesha Sankranti (Solar New Year)** | Hinduism | <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesha_Sankranti> |
| 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’i 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 Tritya** | Hinduism | <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akshaya_Tritiya> |
| Saturday | 22 | **Earth Day – International Mother Earth Day** | United Nations | [International Mother Earth Day](https://www.un.org/en/observances/earth-day) |
| Monday | 24 | **Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day** | Government of Canada (Recognition) | [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aréenian\_Genocide\_Remembrance\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_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’i Faith | <https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/> |

# MAY 2023

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| **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 Sheni[[8]](#footnote-9)** | Judaism | <https://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/year/2023/jewish/holidays-2023.htm> |
| Monday to Sunday | 01 - 07 | **Children’s Mental Health Week[[9]](#footnote-10)** | 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 | O9 | **Lag B’Omer[[10]](#footnote-11)** | 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/> |
| Friday and Saturday | 26 – 27 | **Shavu’ot\*[[11]](#footnote-12)** | 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**](file:///C:\Users\046206\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\E2B09C64.xlsx#RANGE!#REF!) | 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/ |

# JUNE 2023

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| **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. |
| 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](https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-drug-abuse-day) |
| 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> |

# JULY 2023

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| **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 O1 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](http://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]](#footnote-13)** | 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> |

# AUGUST 2023

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| **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#a](https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/emancipation-day.html#a1)1 |
| Tuesday | 01 | **Lughnassadh/Lammas\*** | Wicca/Pagan | <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lughnasadh> |
| Wednesday | 02 | **The 15th 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> |

# SEPTEMBER 2023

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| **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]](#footnote-14)** | 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/](https://www.metisnation.org/news/september-19-powley-day/%20) |
| 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> |
| Thursday | 21 | **International Day of Peace** | United Nations | [www.un.org/events/peaceday/](http://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]](#footnote-15)** | 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/> |

# OCTOBER 2023

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| **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’i 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’i Faith | <https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/> |
| Tuesday | 17 | **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** | United Nations | [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-for-eradicating-poverty) |
| Friday | 20 | **Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru** | 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/ |

# NOVEMBER 2023

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| **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 Homschooler | 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> |
| 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&oq=World+Chldren%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 Day[[15]](#footnote-16)** | Ukrainian Canadian Congress | [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) |
| 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**](file:///C:\Users\046206\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\E2B09C64.xlsx#RANGE!#REF!)**\*** | Bahá’i 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’i Faith | <https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/> |
| Thursday | 30 | **Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib** | Sikhism | <https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/guru-nanak-birthday> |

# DECEMBER 2023

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| **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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/École_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]](#footnote-17)** | 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]](#footnote-18) (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> |
| Tuesday to Monday | 26 to 01 January 2024 | **Kwanzaa** | African Canadian/American Celebration | <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history> |

# JANUARY 2024

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| **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](https://medium.com/@anuradhasilva1234/what-is-thai-pongal-98016b72acb3) |
| Wednesday | 20 | **Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday[[18]](#footnote-19)** | Sikhism | https://nationaltoday.com/guru-gobind-singh-jayanti/#:~:text=Guru%20Gobind%20Singh%20Jayanti%20%E2%80%93%20January%2020%2C%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,spiritual%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%2C2%20billion. |
| 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](https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/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> |

# FEBRUARY 2024

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| **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]](#footnote-20)** | 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]](#footnote-21)** | Chinese National Holiday and Buddhism/Confucian/ Daoism | <https://chinesenewyear.net/21-things-you-didnt-know-about-chinese-new-year/> |
| Monday | 12 | **Sha’ban\*[[21]](#footnote-22)** | Islam | <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sha%27ban> |
| Saturday to Monday | 10 - 12 | **Tibetan New Year** | Buddhism (Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan) | [Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival in Tibet](https://www.chinahighlights.com/tibet/new-year.htm) |
| 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 Pachami** | 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%20also%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.dhammakaya.net/activities/magha-puja-the-light-of-peace-ceremony/> |
| Monday to Thursday | 26 – 29 | **Ayyám-i-Há - Intercalary Days** | Bahá’i 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> |

# MARCH 2024

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| **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?](https://www.scientology.ca/) | |
| Thursday | 14 | **Chet - Sikh New Year** | Sikhism | [https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Nanakshahi\_Calendar t](https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Nanakshahi_Calendar%20t) | |
| 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’i New Year** | Bahá’i 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> | |
| SEE 08 APRIL 2024 | 25 | **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary[[22]](#footnote-23)** | 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/Hola_Mahalla> | |
| Thursday | 28 | **Guan Yin Birthday** | Buddhism (Taiwanese) | <https://www.holidayscalendar.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> | |

# APRIL 2024

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| **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]](#footnote-24)** | 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](https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home%20) |
| 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’i Faith | <https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-first-day-of-ridvan/> |
| 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]](#footnote-25)** | 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 /](%20https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/national-day-of-mourning-in-canada/42645.html%20%20/) |
| Monday | 29 | **Ninth Day of Ridván\*** | Bahá’i Faith | <https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-the-ninth-day-of-ridvan/> |

# MAY 2024

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| **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]](#footnote-26)** | 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> |
| 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**](file:///C:\Users\046206\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\E2B09C64.xlsx#RANGE!#REF!) | 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/> |

# JUNE 2024

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| **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]](#footnote-27)** | 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 Arafa\*** | 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-countering-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> |
| 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> |

# JULY 2024

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| **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 | **Àshùrà\*** | Islam | <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashura> |
| Thursday | 18 | **Nelson Mandela International Day** | United Nations | [www.biography.com/people/nelson-mandela-9397017](http://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> |

# AUGUST 2024

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| **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]](#footnote-28)** | 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.durganavratri.in/2020/07/janmashtami-2024-date.html> <https://wisdom.srisriravishankar.org/janmashtami-spiritual-significance-lord-krishnas-birth/> |
| 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).> |

# SEPTEMBER 2024

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| **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/](http://www.un.org/events/peaceday/) |
| 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/franco-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> |

# OCTOBER 2024

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| **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.canadashistory.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> |
| 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> |

# NOVEMBER 2024

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| **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 (3rd Week of November) | Government of Ontario | <https://thecanadianhomeschooler.com/bullying-awareness-week/> |
| 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&oq=World+Chldren%27s+Day&aqs=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 Day[[28]](#footnote-29)** | 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/> |

# DECEMBER 2024

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| **Day of Week** | **Date** | **Event** | **Source** | **Website** |
| Sunday | 01 | [**World AIDS Day**](file:///C:\Users\046206\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\64C06027.xlsx#RANGE!#REF!) | 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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/École_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 Imàm 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> |

# OTHER DATES - TO BE ANNOUNCED

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| **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/](https://www.glsen.org/) |

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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 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. **Fast of Tevat** – **(2 Dates for this Observance in 2023 – See Also 22 December 2023) -** work is permitted during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. **Tu-B’Shevat** – Work is permitted during this observance. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. **The Toronto District School Board** recognizes **Children’s Mental Health Week** between Monday, May 01 to Sunday, May 07, 2023 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. **Purim:** Work is permitted during this observance. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
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 [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. **Second Passover** – Work is permitted during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. **See Also Feb. 06 -12, 2023** [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. **Lag D-Omer** – Work is permitted during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
11. **Shavu’ot** – Work should be suspended during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
12. **Tishah B’av** – work should be suspended during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
13. **Rosh Hashanah** – work should be suspended during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
14. **Yom Kippur** – work should be suspended during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
15. **National Holodomor Memorial Day** Toronto District School Board commemorates this event on the Friday before the fourth Saturday of November [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
16. **Chanukah (Hannakuh)** - Work is permitted during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
17. **Fast of Tevet:** The second Fast during 2023. Work is permitted during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
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)** [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
19. **The Toronto District School Board** recognizes Children’s Mental Health week between Monday, May 06 and Sunday, May 12, 2024 [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
21. **Mid-Sha’ban** occurs in approximately the middle of the Sha’ban observance. This date is sometimes disputed. [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
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 [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
25. Children’s Mental Health Week: February [↑](#footnote-ref-26)
26. **Shavu’ot** – Work should be suspended during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-27)
27. **Tishah B’av** – work should be suspended during this observance [↑](#footnote-ref-28)
28. **National Holodomor Memorial Day** Toronto District School Board commemorates this event on the Friday before the fourth Saturday of November [↑](#footnote-ref-29)