

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

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

Note: Information contained in this document has been sourced from several dozen websites. Please see *Days of Significance Resource Guide* for further information through <http://tdsbweb/equity>.

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

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<b>May 2019</b> Asian Heritage Month Jewish Heritage Month Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month	1	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan
	2	Ridván (Holiday Ends: Starts on 20 April '19)	Baha'i
	5	International Family Equality Day (1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. in May)	Family Equality Council
	5	Nisfu Shaban* (Holiday Ends: Starts on 06 April '19)	Islam
	12	Vaisakhi Puja (Buddha's Birthday)	Buddhism (South Korean)
	15	International Day of Families	United Nations
	6- June 4	Ramadan*	Islam
	171	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	IDAHO TB
	19	Vesak Day	Buddhism
	20	Queen Victoria Day	Canadian Government Public Holiday
	24	Declaration of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
	25	Africa Day	Member States of the African Union
	27-31	Bike to School Week	Ontario Active School Travel
	29	The Ascension of Baha'u'llah*	Baha'i
	30	Ascension Day	Christianity - Western
	31	Jumu'ah-tul Wida*	Islam
	31	Laylat al-Qadr*	Islam
	31	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization

<b>June 2019</b> Italian Heritage Month National Indigenous History Month Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month PRIDE Month (City of Toronto)	1	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
	Jun 1-July 1	Pride Festival <sup>1</sup>	Toronto Pride
	5	Eid al-Fitr* (3 Day Festival)	Islam
	5	World Environment Day (WED)	United Nations
	6	Ascension Day	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox
	9	Pentecost	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox and Western
	9-10	Shavuot*	Judaism
	12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations
	16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism
	17	Saga Dawa Festival	Buddhism - Tibetan
	17	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought	United Nations
	19	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	United Nations
	20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
	21	National Aboriginal Day (Canada)	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
	21	Litha/Summer Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
	21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union
	24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
	24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture
	26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations
	26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations
<b>September 2018 – June 2019 School Year Ends</b>			

<b>July 2019</b>	1	Canada Day	Canadian Government
	6	14 <sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama's Birthday	Buddhism - Tibetan
	6	Chokhor Duchen Festival	Buddhism - Tibetan
	5-7	Jalsa Salana (Canada)	Islam
	10	Martyrdom of the Bá'b	Baha'i
	11	Imamat Day	Islam

<sup>1</sup> Toronto Pride Parade will take place on 23 June 2019

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# Days of Significance

May 2019 - December 2020

	16	Asalha Puja Day (Dharma Day)	Buddhism
	16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
	16	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism
	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations
	23	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie	Rastafarian Holy Day

<b>Aug 2019</b>	1	Lughnassadh/Lammas	Wicca/Pagan
	5	Lord Simcoe Day/Founder's Day	Toronto Municipal Government
	6	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
	9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations
	10-14	Waqf al Arafa (Hajj)*	Islam
	11	Tishah B'av*	Judaism
	12	International Youth Day	United Nations
	13-15	Obon	Buddhism - Shinto
	15	Feast of the Dormition	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox
	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian Holy Day
	19	Transfiguration of Jesus	Christianity - Russian Orthodox
	12-15	Eid al Adha*	Islam
	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations
	15	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
	15	Ullumbana Ghost Festival	Buddhism/Taoism
	24	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
	27-Sep 3	Paryushan Parva	Jainism
	28	The Dormition of the Mother of God	Christianity - Russian Orthodox
	31	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam

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<b>Sept 2019</b>	1	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
	2-12	Daslakshan - Parva	Jainism
	2	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism
	2	Labour Day	Canadian Government
	3	Samvatsari Parva (Forgiveness Day)	Jainism
	8	International Literacy Day	United Nations
	10	Ashura*	Islam
	11	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (also memorialized 29 August by some Christian Orthodox Denominations)	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
	12	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism
	12	Coptic New Year	Christianity - Coptic Eastern Orthodox
	11	Ethiopian New Year	Rastafarian Holy Day
	14	Holy Cross Day (Feast of the Cross)	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations
	19	Powley Day	First Nation, Métis
	21	International Day of Peace	United Nations
	21	Mabon (Autumn Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
	21	Nativity of Mary	Christianity - Russian Orthodox
	23	Ohigan (Fall Equinox)	Japanese National Holiday
	23-27	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network Ally Week	GLSEN
	27	Elevation of the Holy Cross	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox
	27	Feast of the Cross	Christianity - Russian Orthodox
	29	Mahalaya (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	29-Oct 7	Navratri (Autumn)	Hinduism
	30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nation, Métis, Inuit
	30-Oct 1	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism

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<b>Oct 2019</b> Hispanic Heritage Month (City of Toronto) Islamic Heritage Month Somali Heritage Month Women's History Month	1	International Day of Older Persons	United Nations
	5	World Teachers' Day	United Nations
	3	Maha Panchami (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	4	Maha Sasthi (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	5	Maha Saptami (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	6	Maha Ashtami (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	7	Maha Nabami (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	8	Bijaya Dashami (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	9	Yom Kippur*	Judaism
	7-11	Body Confidence Awareness Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> Week Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
	9	International Walk to School Day	Highway Safety Research Centre (University of North Carolina, USA)
	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization
	14-18	Week Without Violence	YMCA
	11	International Day of the Girl	United Nations
	14	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government
	14-20	Sukkot*	Judaism
	16	World Food Day	United Nations
	17	International Day of the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations
	17	Karva Chauth	Hinduism
	20	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru	Sikhism
	21-22	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism
	22	Simchat Torah*	Judaism
	27	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
	27	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism
	27	Kathina Ceremony/Pavāranā Day	Buddhism
	28	New Year (Enlightenment of Gautamswami)	Jainism
	29	Birth of the Bá'b*	Bahá'i
	30	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh*	Bahá'i

<b>Nov 2019</b> Hindu Heritage Month	1	All Saints Day	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
	1	Gyana Panchami	Jainism
	1	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan
	2	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day
	10	Mawlid-al-Nabi*	Islam
	11	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government
	14	World Diabetes Day	United Nations
	16	Louis Riel Day (Toronto)	First Nations, Métis
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	<i>Lokasha Jayanti</i>	<i>Jainism</i>
	17-23	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Ontario Government
	19	Buddha's Descent from Tushita Heaven	Buddhism -Tibetan
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	<i>Maun Agiyaras (Ekadashi)</i>	<i>Jainism</i>
	20	Universal Children's Day	United Nations
	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn Ann Smith, US Trans Advocate
	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
	23	National Holodomor Memorial Day <sup>2</sup>	Ukrainian Canadian Congress
	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations
	26	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i

<sup>2</sup> Recognized on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each November – TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday

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# Days of Significance

May 2019 - December 2020

<b>Dec 2019</b>	1	World AIDS Day	United Nations
	2	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations
	1-24	Advent	Christianity
	3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations
	4	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity - Russian Orthodox
	6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government
	8	Bodhi Day (Buddha Enlightenment)	Buddhism
	8	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons Day	Christianity - Macedonian Orthodox
	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations
	23-30	Hanukkah*	Judaism
	13	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan	Islam
	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations
	21	Yule - Winter Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
	25	Christmas Day	Canadian Government and Christianity
	26	Zarathosht Diso Death	Zoroastrian
	26	Boxing Day	Canadian Government
	Dec 26-Jan 1	Kwanzaa	African Canadian and American Celebration

<b>Jan 2020</b>	1	Gantan-sai New Year	Buddhism - Shinto
<b>Tamil Heritage Month</b>	1	New Year's Day	Canadian Government
	5	Prakash Guru Gobind Singh Ji	Sikhism
	5	Twelfth Night	Christianity
	6	Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes	Christianity Eastern Orthodox and Western
	6-7	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism
	7	Ethiopian Christmas	Rastafarian Holy Day
	7	Feast of the Nativity/Orthodox Christmas	Christianity - Russian/Eastern Orthodox
	<b>See Footnote</b>	Theravada Days of Mindfulness <sup>3</sup>	Buddhism
	10	Mehergan <sup>4</sup>	Zoroastrian
	12	Baptism of Jesus	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
	14	New Year (Gregorian Calendar)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	14	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism
	15	Maghi	Sikhism
	15	Makar Sankranti	Hinduism
	15-18	Thai Pongal	Hinduism/Tamil
	19	Baptism of Jesus	Christianity - Coptic Orthodox
	19	World Religion Day	Baha'i
	20	Buddhist New Year	Buddhism - Mahayana
	21	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity - Ethiopian Orthodox
	21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	USA Federal Holiday
	20-24	No Name Calling Week	Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
	24-30	Chinese New Year (Spring Festival)	Chinese Cultural
	25	Chinese New Year	Buddhism
	26	St. Sava Devine Service	Christianity - Serbian Orthodox
	27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations
	29	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
	30	Jashn-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian

<b>Feb 2020</b>	1	Imbolc	Wicca/Pagan
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<sup>3</sup> There are several Buddhist **Days of Mindfulness** throughout the year – (consult a Buddhist website for further information)

<sup>4</sup> Mehergan is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Full Moon of the year.

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African Heritage Month	3	Setsubun	Buddhism - Shinto
Chinese Heritage Month See Also Asian Heritage (May)	6	Bob Marley Day	Jamaican Canadian Association
Black Queering Month	6	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	World Health Organization
	10-14	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
	15 (NOTE: Some observe this day on Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> )	Buddha's Death – (Nirvana Day)	Buddhism – Various Sects
	15	Meeting of Our Lord	Christianity - Russian Orthodox
	17	Family Day	Ontario Government
	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations
	21	International Mother Language Day	United Nations
	21	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism
	25-27	Losar New Year	Buddhism - Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan
	26	Ash Wednesday (1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Lent)	Christianity
	Feb 26-29	Ayyám-i-Há	Baha'i

March 2020	2	Clean Monday	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox
Greek Heritage Month	8	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations
	9-10	Holi*	Hinduism
	10-12	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism
	10	Purim*	Judaism
	12	Kuan Yin Birthday (Guan Yin)	Buddhism - Taiwanese
	13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology
	14	Sikh New Year	Sikhism
	20	Ohigan (Spring Equinox)	Japanese National Holiday
	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
	Does Not Occur in 2020	Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival	Buddhism
	20	Persian New Year (Eid-e-Navroz)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian
	21	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
	21-22	Persian New Year (National Holiday)	Iranian Government
	22	Isra'a Wal Miraj*	Islam
	22	World Water Day	United Nations
	24	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism
	25	Feast of the Annunciation	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox and Western
	21 April	Mid Sha'ban*	Islam
	25	Ugandi (New Year)	Hinduism
	26	Prophet Asho Zartosht's Birthday	Zoroastrian

April 2020	2	Sri Rama Navami	Hinduism
Genocide Awareness Month	7	Laudation of the Mother of God	Christianity - Russian Orthodox
Latin American History Month (see also October Hispanic Heritage Month)	7	Memorial to Christ's Death	Jehovah's Witness
	7	Rwanda (Tutsi) Genocide Memorial Day	Canadian Government
	7	World Health Day	World Health Organization
	8	International Day of Pink (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. in April)	Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed)
	9-16	Pesach/Passover*	Judaism
	10	Good Friday	Canadian Government Holiday and Christianity - Western
	12	Easter Sunday	Canadian Government Holiday and Christianity - Western
	13	Easter Monday	Canadian Government Holiday and

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	13	Vaisakhi	Sikhism
	14	Puthandu (Tamil New Year)	Buddhism/Taoism
	13	Solar New Year (Mesha Sankranta)	Hinduism
	15	Birthday of Guru Nanak (1 <sup>st</sup> Guru)	Sikhism
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	<i>International Day of Silence</i>	<i>Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN)</i>
	19	Easter (Pascha)	Christianity - Russian Orthodox
	21	Groundation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
	22	Earth Day (International Mother Earth Day)	United Nations
	23	Day of Remembrance – Toronto Van Attack <sup>5</sup>	Toronto District School Board
	24	Armenian Genocide Memorial Day	Canadian Government
	24 Apr – 23 May	Ramadan*	Islam
	17	Holy Friday	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox
	19	Easter (Pascha)	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox
	21	Yom HaShoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day)	Judaism
	25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity – East Orthodox and Western
	26	Akshaya Tritiya	Hinduism
	28	National Day of Mourning	Canadian Government
	30	Vaisakhi Puja: (Buddha's Birthday)	Buddhism

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Asian Heritage Month	1	Ridván (Holiday Ends: Holiday Begins 19 April '20)	Baha'i
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	29-30	Shavuot*	Judaism
	29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah*	Baha'i
	31	Pentacost	Judaism, Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
	31	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization

<b>June 2020</b>	1	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
Italian Heritage Month	<i>To Be Announced</i>	<i>Pride Festival</i>	<i>Toronto Pride</i>
National Indigenous History Month	5	World Environment Day (WED)	United Nations
Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month	12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations
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	17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	United Nations
	19	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	TDSB
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<sup>5</sup> This remembrance will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April each year (or closest weekday to this date)

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	24	Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism - Tibetan
	July 29-Aug 2	Waqf al Arafa (Hajj)*	Islam
	July 31-Aug 3	Eid al Adha*	Islam
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	9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations
	11	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
	12	International Youth Day	United Nations
	13-15	Obon Festival	Buddhism - Shinto
	15	The Dormition of the Mother of God	Christianity – Russian Orthodox
	15	Feast of the Dormition	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox
	16-23	Paryushan Parva	Jainism
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	19	The Transfiguration of Jesus	Christianity - Russian Orthodox
	20	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam
	22	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism
	Aug 23 – Sep 1	Daslakshan - Parva	Hinduism
	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations
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	11	Coptic New Year	Christianity - Coptic Eastern Orthodox
	11	Ethiopian New Year	Rastafarian Holy Day
	14	Holy Cross Day (Feast of the Cross)	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations
	17-25	Navratri (Autumn)	Hinduism
	19-20	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism
	19	Powley Day	First Nation, Métis
	21	International Day of Peace	United Nations
	21-29	Mabon (Autumn Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
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Hispanic Heritage Month (City of Toronto)	5	World Teachers' Day	United Nations
Islamic Heritage Month	3-9	Sukkot*	Judaism
Somali Heritage Month	4-10	Body Confidence Awareness Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> Week Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
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	28	Yom Kippur*	Judaism
	29	Mawlid-al-Nabi*	Islam

<b>Nov 2020</b>	1	All Saints Day	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
Hindu Heritage Month	1	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan
	2	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day
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	15-21	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Ontario Government
	19	Gyana Panchami	Jainism
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Maun Agiyaras (Ekadashi)	Jainism
	20	Universal Children's Day	United Nations

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# Days of Significance

May 2019 - December 2020

	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn Ann Smith, US Trans Advocate
	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity – Russian Orthodox
	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations
	26	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i
	28	National Holodomor Memorial Day <sup>6</sup>	Ukrainian Canadian Congress
	Nov 29-Dec 24	Advent	Christianity

<b>Dec 2020</b>	1	World AIDS Day	United Nations
	2	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations
	3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations
	6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government
	8	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons Day	Christianity - Macedonian Orthodox
	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations
	11-18	Hanukkah*	Judaism
	13	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan	Islam
	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations
	21	Yule - Winter Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
	25	Christmas Day	Canadian Government and Christianity
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Zarathosht Diso Death	Zoroastrian
	26	Boxing Day	Canadian Government
	Dec 26-Jan 1	Kwanzaa	African Canadian and American Celebration

<sup>6</sup> Recognized on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday

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