



# Days of Significance

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## *Heritage and Awareness Months*

<b>JANUARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tamil Heritage Month</li> </ul>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>African Heritage Month</li> <li>Chinese Heritage Month (See also May, Asian Heritage Month)</li> </ul>
<b>MARCH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greek Heritage Month</li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genocide Awareness Month</li> <li>Latin American History Month (see also October Hispanic Heritage Month)</li> <li>Sikh Heritage Month</li> <li>World Autism Month</li> </ul>
<b>MAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asian Heritage Month</li> <li>Jewish Heritage Month</li> <li>Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month</li> <li>National Speech and Hearing Month</li> </ul>
<b>JUNE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Italian Heritage Month</li> <li>National Indigenous History Month</li> <li>Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month</li> <li>ABGLTTQQ2S – Gay Pride Month</li> <li>Philippine Heritage Month</li> </ul>
<b>JULY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latin American Heritage Month</li> <li>Islamic Heritage Month</li> <li>Somalian Heritage Month</li> <li>Women’s History Month</li> </ul>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hindu Heritage Month</li> </ul>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>



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## September 2020 – June 2021 School Year Begins

<b>Sept 2020</b>	01	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism
	01	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
	07	Labour Day	Canadian Government
	08	International Day for Literacy	United Nations
	08	School Start	
	08	Nativity of Mary	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
	11	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (also memorialized 29 August by some Christian Orthodox Denominations)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
	11	Coptic New Year	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox
	11	Ethiopian New Year ( <b>Enkutatash</b> )	Rastafarian Holy Day
	14	Holy Cross Day (Feast and Elevation of the Cross)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations
	17-25	Navratri	Hinduism
	19-20	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism
	19	Powley Day	First Nation, Métis
	21	International Day of Peace	United Nations
	21 - 29	Mabon (Autumn Equinox on September 22)	Wicca/Pagan
	22	Ohigan (Autumn Equinox)	Buddhism/Shintoism
	25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network Ally Week	GLSEN
	30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nation, Métis, Inuit

<b>Oct 2020</b>	01	International Day of Older Persons	United Nations
	02	Megregan	Zoroastrian
	03 - 09	Sukkot*	Judaism
	05	World Teachers' Day	United Nations
	10-11	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism
	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization
	11	International Day of the Girl Child	United Nations
	11	Simchat Torah*	Judaism
	12	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government
	12 - 16	Week Without Violence (3 <sup>rd</sup> week of October)	YMCA



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	16	World Food Day	United Nations
	17	International Day of the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations
	18	Birth of the Bá'b*	Bahá'i
	19	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh*	Bahá'i
	20	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji <u>as Guru</u>	Sikhism
	22 - 26	Durga Puja Saptami	Hinduism
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Kathina Ceremony/Paváraná Day	Buddhism
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	New Year (Enlightenment of Gautamswami)	Jainism
	28	Yom Kippur*	Judaism
	29	Mawlid-al-Nabi*	Islam
	31	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan

<b>November 2020</b>	01	All Saints Day	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
	02	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day
	04	Karva Chauth	Hinduism
	07	Buddha's Descent from Tushita Heaven	Buddhism -Tibetan
	11	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government
	14	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
	14	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism
	14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Lokasha Jayanti	Jainism
	19	Gyan Panchami	Jainism
	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate
	20	Universal Children's Day	United Nations
	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity :Eastern Orthodox & Western
	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
	25	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i
	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations
	28	National Holodomor Memorial Day <sup>1</sup>	Ukrainian Canadian Congress
	29 - Dec 24	Advent	Christianity
	30	Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti Birthday	Sikhism



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<b>Dec 2020</b>	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Zarathosht Diso Death	Zoroastrian
	01	World AIDS Day	United Nations
	02	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations
	03	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations
	06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government
	08	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 - Jan 02	Yule - Winter Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
	25	Christmas Day	Canadian Government and Christianity
	26 - Jan 01	Kwanzaa	African Canadian and American Celebration
	25	Maun Ekadashi	Jainism
	26	Boxing Day	Canadian Government
<b>Jan 2021</b>		Theravada Days of Mindfulness	Buddhism
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian
	01	Gantan-sai New Year	Buddhism - Shinto
	01	New Year's Day	Canadian Government
	05	Twelfth Night	Christianity
	06	Baptism of Jesus	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
	06	Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
	07	Ethiopian Christmas	Rastafarian Holy Day
	07	Feast of the Nativity of Christ/Orthodox Christmas	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
	13	Maghi	Sikhism
	13	Punjabi Lohri (Celebrated on the 13 <sup>th</sup> in the Punjab)	Hinduism/Sikhism
	13 – 16	Thai Pongal	Hinduism/Tamil
	14	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism
	14	New Year (Eastern Orthodox)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
	17	World Religion Day	Baha'i
	18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	USA Federal Holiday



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	18 – 22	No Name Calling Week (Starts 3rd Monday in January)	GLSEN
	20	Bodhi Day (The Enlightenment of Buddha)	Buddhism
	20	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday	Sikhism
	22	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity: Ethiopian Orthodox
	24	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism
	27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations
	27	St. Sava Devine Day	Christianity - Serbian Orthodox
	28	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism

<b>Feb 2021</b>	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
	01	Imbolc	Wicca/Pagan
	02	Meeting of Our Lord	Christianity: Russian Orthodox
	03	Setsubun	Shinto Japanese Buddhism
	06	Bob Marley Birthday Day	Rastafarian Holy Day & Toronto Municipal Govt.
	06	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	World Health Organization
	11 - 17	Chinese Spring Festival	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism
	12	Chinese New Year	Chinese National Holiday
	12	Losar Tibetan New Year	Buddhism - Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan
	15	Buddha's Death – (Nirvana Day)	Buddhism – Various Sects
	15	Family Day and Louis Riel Day	
	16	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
	17	Ash Wednesday (1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Lent)	Christianity: Western
	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations
	21	International Mother Language Day	United Nations
	25 - 28	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)	Baha'i
	26	Purim*	Judaism
	27	Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival	Buddhism

<b>March 2021</b>	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Prophet Asho Zartosht Birthday	Zoroastrian
	08	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations
	11	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam
	11	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism



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	13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology
	14	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism
	15	Clean Monday (First Day of Lent)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
	15 – 12 April	Sha'ban* and Mid-Sha'ban*	Islam
	20	Ohigan (Spring Equinox)	Japanese National Holiday
	20	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
	21	Eid-e-Navroz/Persian New Year (Date May Vary)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian
	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
	22	World Water Day	United Nations
	25	Feast of the Annunciation	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
	27	Memorial to Christ's Death	Jehovah's Witness
	28 – April 4	Pesach/Passover*	Judaism
	28-29	Holi	Hinduism
	29	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism
	31	Guan Yin Birthday	Buddhism - Taiwanese

<b>April 2021</b>	<i>To Be Announced</i>	International Day of Silence	GLSEN
	01	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival	Assyrian Diaspora
	02	Good Friday	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western
	02	World Autism Day	International
	04	Easter Sunday	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western
	05	Easter Monday	Canadian Government
	07	International Day of Pink (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. in April)	Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed)
	07	Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day (Rwanda)	Canadian Government
	07	World Health Day	World Health Organization
	09	Yom HaShoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day)	Judaism
	12	Hindi New Year	Hinduism
	13	Solar New Year (Mesha Sankranta)	Hinduism
	13 – May 11	Ramadan*	Islam
	14	Puthandu (Tamil New Year)	Hinduism - Tamilese
	14	Vaisakhi	Buddhism/Sikhism
	20	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Ridván*	Baha'i
	21	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
	21	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism



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	22	Earth Day (International Mother Earth Day)	United Nations
	24	Armenian Genocide Memorial Day	Canadian Government
	25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
	28	9 <sup>th</sup> Day of Ridván	Baha'i
	28	National Day of Mourning	Canadian Government
	30	Holy Friday	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
<b>May 2021</b>	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Declaration of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
	01	12 <sup>th</sup> Day of Ridván	Baha'i
	01	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan
	02	Easter (Pascha)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
	02	International Family Equality Day (1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. in May)	Family Equality Council
	4 - 8	Children's Mental Week	
	07	Jumu'ah tul Wida*	Islam
	08	Laylat al-Qadr (Date May Vary)	Islam
	13	Ascension Day	Christianity: Western
	13 - 15	Eid al Fitr* (3 Day Holy Day)	Islam
	14	Akshaya Tritiya	Hinduism
	15	International Day of Families	United Nations
	17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	IDAHOTB
	17-18	Shavuot*	Judaism
	23	Pentecost	Judaism/ Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
	24	Queen Victoria Day	Canadian Government Public Holiday
	26	Vesak Day	Buddhism
	29	Ascension of Bahá'u'llah*	Baha'i
	31	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization

<b>June 2021</b>	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Pride Festival	Pride
	05	World Environment Day	United Nations
	10	Ascension Day	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox
	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	Sickle Cell Society
	20	Litha/Summer Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
	20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
	21	National Indigenous Persons Day (Canada)	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
	21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union
	24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & 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
	26	Saga Dawa – Tibetan Buddhist Enlightenment	Buddhism -Tibetan
	27	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association

## September 2020 - June 2021 School Year Ends

<b>July 2021</b>	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism - Tibetan
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Imamat Day	Islam
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Jalsa Salana *	Islam
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
	01	Canada Day	Canadian Government
	16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations
	18	Tishah B'av*	Judaism
	19	Waqf al Arafa (Hajj)*	Islam
	20 - 23	Eid al Adha*	Islam
	23	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie	Rastafarian Holy Day
	23 - 24	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism
	24	Asalha Puja Day (Dharma Day)	Buddhism

<b>Aug 2021</b>	01	Lammas	Wicca/Pagan
	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Paryushan Parva	Jainism
	06	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
	09	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations
	10	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam
	12	International Youth Day	United Nations





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	13 – 15	Obon Festival	Buddhism - Shinto
	15	Feast of the Dormition Mother of God (Date may vary from indicated)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian Holy Day
	19	Ashura*	Islam
	21	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations
	29	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism

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# CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION IN CANADA



MONTH	DATE	NAME/EXPLANATION
January	Last week	National Storytelling Week <a href="https://www.twinkl.ca/event/national-storytelling-week-2020">https://www.twinkl.ca/event/national-storytelling-week-2020</a>
February	Varies Varies	Moosehide Campaign <a href="https://www.moosehidecampaign.ca/">https://www.moosehidecampaign.ca/</a> Have a Heart
March	13(2019) 20(varies)	Formal apology by Justin Trudeau for treatment of Inuit @ TB sanitoriums Spring Equinox
April		
May	10	Bear Witness Day (aka: Spirit Bear's birthday - Jordin's Principle)
June	11(2008) 21(1996) 21 All month	Formal apology by Stephen Harper for Residential Schools National Indigenous Peoples Day (Canada) Summer Solstice National Indigenous History Month <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/services/culture/canadian-identity-society/indigenous-peoples-cultures/commemorative-days.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/services/culture/canadian-identity-society/indigenous-peoples-cultures/commemorative-days.html</a>
July		
August	9(1994)	UN International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples <a href="https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/">https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/</a>
September	23(varies) 30(2013)	Fall Equinox Orange Shirt Day <a href="http://www.orangeshirtday.org/">http://www.orangeshirtday.org/</a>
October	1 (1985) 4(2005)  Midmonth All month	Mi'kmaq 'Peace and Friendship Treaty' Day Sisters in Spirit <a href="https://www.nwac.ca/home/policy-areas/violence-prevention-and-safety/sisters-in-spirit/">https://www.nwac.ca/home/policy-areas/violence-prevention-and-safety/sisters-in-spirit/</a>  Red Shawl Campaign – recognize MMIWG Mi'kmaq History Month <a href="http://mikmaghistorymonth.ca/">http://mikmaghistorymonth.ca/</a>
November		
December	21	Winter Solstice

## Helpful Links

<https://fncaringsociety.com/what-you-can-do>