Toronto District School Board

Days of Significance

January 2021 – December 2022

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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Heritage and Awareness Months

JANUARY	• Tamil Heritage Month
FEBRUARY	• African Heritage Month • Chinese Heritage Month (See also May, Asian Heritage Month)
MARCH	• Greek Heritage Month
APRIL	• Genocide Awareness Month • Latin American History Month (see also October Hispanic Heritage Month) • Sikh Heritage Month • World Autism Month
MAY	• Asian Heritage Month • Jewish Heritage Month • Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month • National Speech and Hearing Month
JUNE	• Italian Heritage Month • National Indigenous History Month • Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month • ABGLTTQQ2S – Gay Pride Month (Toronto) • Filipino Heritage Month
JULY	•
AUGUST	•
SEPTEMBER	•
OCTOBER	• Hispanic Heritage Month (City of Toronto) • Islamic Heritage Month • Somalian Heritage Month • International Walk to School Month • Women's History Month
NOVEMBER	• Hindu Heritage Month • Indigenous Education Month
DECEMBER	•

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JANUARY 2021			
Friday	01	Gantan-sai New Year	Buddhism/Shintoism
Friday	01	New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Government
Tuesday	05	Twelfth Night	Christianity
Wednesday	06	Baptism of Jesus – Epiphany	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Wednesday	06	Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Wednesday	07	Feast of the Nativity of Christ (Julian Calendar)	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox
Thursday	07	Orthodox Christmas Day (Julian Calendar)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
Wednesday	13	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism
Thursday	14	Maghi	Sikhism
Thursday	14	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism
Thursday	14	Orthodox New Year's Day (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Thursday to Sunday	14 - 17	Thai Pongal	Hinduism/Tamil
Saturday	16	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian
Sunday	17	World Religion Day	Baha'i
Monday	18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (in Canada)	USA Federal Holiday
Monday to Sunday	18 - 24	No Name Calling Week (Starts 3rd Monday in January)	GLSEN
Wednesday	20	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday[1]	Sikhism
Thursday	21	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox and Western
Sunday	24	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism
Saturday	27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations
Saturday	27	St. Sava Devine Day	Christianity – Serbian Orthodox
Sunday	28	Mahayana New Year (1st Full Moon)	Buddhism
Sunday	28	Tu B'Shevat*	Judaism

[1] Actual Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday: December 22, 1666 – Celebration of his birthday varies

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See Footnote	Ekadashi[2]	Jainism
See Footnote	Theravada Days of Mindfulness[3]	Buddhism

FEBRUARY 2021			
Monday to Sunday	01 - 07	Children's Mental Health Week	World Health Organization
Tuesday	02	Imbolc*	Wicca/Pagan
Tuesday	02	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity: Russian Orthodox
Wednesday	03	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Tuesday	02	Setsubun	Shintoism Japanese Buddhism
Saturday	06	Bob Marley Birthday Day	Rastafarian Holy Day & Toronto Municipal Government.
Saturday	06	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	World Health Organization
Monday to Sunday	08 - 14	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health & Rights
Thursday to Wednesday	11 - 17	Chinese Spring Festival	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism
Friday	12	Chinese New Year	Chinese National Holiday
Friday	12	Lunar New Year	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism
Friday to Sunday	12 - 14	Losar Tibetan New Year	Buddhism – Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan
Monday	15	Parinirvana Day - Buddha's Death	Buddhism – Various Sects
Monday	15	Family Day (Ontario)	Ontario Governent
Tuesday	16	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
Wednesday	17	Ash Wednesday (1st Day of Lent)	Christianity: Western
Saturday	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations
Sunday	21	International Mother Language Day	United Nations
Thursday to Sunday	25 - 28	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)*	Baha'i
Friday	26	Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival	Buddhism

[2] There are several Ekadashi Fasting Days Throughout the Year – (Consult a Jainism Website)
[3] There are several Buddhist Theravada Days of Mindfulness throughout the year – (Consult a Buddhist website)

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Friday	26	Purim*	Judaism

MARCH 2021			
Monday	08	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations
Thursday	11	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam
Thursday	11	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism
Saturday	13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology
Sunday	14	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism
Sunday	14	Sikh New Year	Sikhism
Sunday to 2nd Monday in April	14 - 12 April	Sha'ban* and Mid-Sha'ban*[4]	Islam
Monday	15	Clean Monday (First Day of Lent)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Saturday	20	Ohigan (Spring Equinox)	Japanese National Holiday
Saturday	20	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
Sunday	21	Eid-e-Navroz/Persian New Year (Date May Vary)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian
Sunday	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
Monday	22	World Water Day	United Nations
Thursday	25	Feast of the Annunciation	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Saturday	27	Memorial to Christ's Death	Jehovah's Witness
Sunday & Monday	28 - 29	Holi*	Hinduism
Sunday to 1st Sunday in April	28 - April 4	Pesach/Passover*	Judaism
Monday to Wednesday	29 - 31	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism
Wednesday	31	Guan Yin Birthday	Buddhism – Taiwanese
Not Celebrated in 2021		Prophet Asho Zarthosht Birthday	Zoroastrian

[4] Also known as Laylat al-Bara'at (the date of this Holy Day lies approx. in the middle of Sha'ban and is sometimes disputed)

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APRIL 2021			
Thursday	01	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival	Assyrian Diaspora
Friday	02	Good Friday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western
Friday	02	World Autism Awareness Day	International
Sunday	04	Easter Sunday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western
Monday	05	Easter Monday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Government
Wednesday	07	Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day (Rwanda)	Canadian Government
Wednesday	07	World Health Day	World Health Organization
Thursday	08	Vesak Day	Buddhism
Friday	09	International Day of Silence	GLSEN[5]
Friday	09	Yom HaShoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day)	Judaism
Monday	12	Hindu New Year	Hinduism
Tuesday to 2nd Tuesday in May	13 - May 11	Ramadan*	Islam
Wednesday	14	International Day of Pink (2nd Wed. in April)	Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed)
Wednesday	14	Mesha Sankranta – Solar New Year	Hinduism
Wednesday	14	Puthandu (Tamil New Year)	Hinduism/Tamil
Tuesday	20	First Day of Ridván*	Baha'i
Wednesday	21	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
Wednesday	21	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism
Thursday	22	Earth Day (International Mother Earth Day)	United Nations
Friday	23	Yonge Street Van Attack – Day of Remembrance[6]	Toronto District School Board
Saturday	24	Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day	Canadian Government
Sunday	25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity:- Eastern Orthodox & Western
Wednesday	28	Ninth Day of Ridván*	Baha'i

[5] GLSEN: Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network
[6] Remembrance will take place on the 23rd of April each year (or closest business day to this date)

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Wednesday	28	National Day of Mourning	Canadian Government
Friday	30	Orthodox Holy Friday (Julian Calendar)[7]	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox

MAY 2021			
Saturday	01	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Baha'i
Saturday	01	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan
Sunday	02	International Family Equality Day (1st Sun. in May)	Family Equality Council
Sunday	02	Orthodox Easter Sunday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Monday	03	Orthodox Easter Monday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Friday	07	Jumu'ahtul Wida*	Islam
Sunday	09	Laylat al-Qadr*	Islam
Thursday	13	Ascension Day	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox and Western
Thursday to Saturday	13 - 15	Eid al Fitr*	Islam
Friday	14	Akshaya Tritya	Hinduism
Saturday	15	International Day of Families	United Nations
Monday	17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	IDAHOTB
Monday & Tuesday	17 - 18	Shavuot*	Judaism
Sunday	23	Declaration of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
Sunday	23	Pentecost	Judaism/ Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Monday	24	Queen Victoria Day	Canadian Government Public Holiday
Friday	28	Ascension of Bahá'u'llah*	Baha'i
Monday	31	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization
Monday to Friday	31 - June 4th	Bike to School Week *NOTE: Event may be cancelled due to COVIID-19 pandemic concerns*	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)

[7] Orthodox Holy Friday, Easter and Easter Monday fall ***unusually*** late in 2021. This is due to

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JUNE 2021			
Tuesday	01	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
Saturday	05	World Environment Day	United Nations
Thursday	10	Ascension Day	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox and Western
Saturday	12	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada Recognition
Saturday	12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations
Wednesday	16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism
Thursday	17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	United Nations
Saturday	19	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	Sickle Cell Society
Sunday	20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
Monday	21	Litha/Summer Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
Monday	21	National Indigenous Persons Day (Canada)	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
Monday	21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union
Thursday	24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Thursday	24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture
Saturday	26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations
Saturday	26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations
Saturday	26	Saga Dawa – Tibetan Buddhist Enlightenment	Buddhism –Tibetan
Sunday	27	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association
Covid-19 issues may require festivities to be presented VIRTUALLY		Toronto Pride Festival[8]	Toronto Pride
SEPTEMBER 2020 – JUNE 2021 SCHOOL YEAR ENDS			

JULY 2021			
Thursday	01	Canada Day	Canadian Government
Friday	09	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Baha'i

[8] Consult Toronto Pride website

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Sunday	11	Imamat Day	Islam
Wednesday	14	Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism – Tibetan
Friday	16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
Sunday	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations
Sunday	18	Tishah B'av*	Judaism
Sunday to Thursday	18 - 22	Hajj	Islam
Monday	19	Waqf al Arafa*	Islam
Tuesday to Friday	20 - 23	Eid al Adha*	Islam
Friday	23	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie	Rastafarian Holy Day
Saturday	24	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism
Saturday	24	Asalha Puja Day (Dhamma Day)	Buddhism
To Be Announced		Jalsa Salana	Islam

AUGUST 2021			
Sunday	01	Lughnassadh/Lammas	Wicca/Pagan
Monday	02	Lord Simcoe Day/Founder's Day	Toronto Municipal Government
Monday	02	Terry Fox Day	Terry Fox Foundation
Friday	06	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox & Western
Monday	09	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations
Tuesday	10	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam
Thursday	12	International Youth Day	United Nations
Friday to Sunday	13 - 15	Obon Festival	Buddhism/Shintoism
Sunday	15	Feast of the Dormition Mother of God	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox
Tuesday	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian Holy Day
Thursday	19	Ashura*	Islam
Sunday	22	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism/Jainism

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Monday	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations
Monday	30	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism

SEPTEMBER 2021 – JUNE 2022 SCHOOL BEGINS			
SEPTEMBER 2021			
Wednesday	01	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
Saturday to Saturday	04 - 11	Paryushan Parva	Jainism
Monday	06	Labour Day	Canadian Government
Tuesday & Wednesday	07 - 08	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism
Wednesday	08	International Day for Literacy	United Nations
Wednesday	08	Nativity of Mary	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Saturday	11	Coptic New Year	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Saturday	11	Ethiopian New Year	Christianity: Rastafarian Eastern Orthodox
Saturday	11	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Tuesday	14	Elevation of the Cross	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox & Western
Wednesday	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations
Wednesday	15	Terry Fox Run	Terry Fox Foundation
Thursday	16	Yom Kippur*	Judaism
Sunday	19	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism
Sunday	19	Powley Day	First Nation, Métis
Tuesday	21	International Day of Peace	United Nations
Tuesday	21	Ohigan (Autumn Equinox)	Buddhism/Shintoism
Tuesday to Monday	21 – 27	Sukkot*	Judaism
Tuesday to 5th Wednesday	21 – 29	Mabon (Autumn Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
Saturday	25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario
Monday	27	Holy Cross Day	Christianity Eastern Orthodox

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Tuesday & Wednesday	28 - 29	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism
Wednesday	29	Simchat Torah*	Judaism
Thursday	30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nation, Métis, Inuit
Saturday	11	Ethiopian New Year	Christianity: Rastafarian Eastern Orthodox
To Be Announced		Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network Ally Week	GLSEN

OCTOBER 2021			
Friday	01	International Day for Older Persons	United Nations
Friday	01[9]	International Walk to School Day	Adopted by Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Saturday	02	Megregan	Zoroastrian
Monday	04	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada
Wednesday	06	TDSB Walk to School Day (1st Wednesday in Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Thursday to Thursday	07 - 14	Navratri	Hinduism
Sunday	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization
Monday	11	International Day of the Girl Child	United Nations
Monday	11	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government
Monday to Friday	11 – 15	Durga Puja	Hinduism
Monday to Sunday	11 – 17	Body Confidence Awareness Week (2nd Week Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Saturday	16	World Food Day	United Nations
Sunday	17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations
Monday to Friday	18 - 22	Week Without Violence (3rd week of October)	YMCA
Tuesday	19	Mawlid-al-Nabi (Prophet's Birthday)*	Islam
Wednesday	20	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru	Sikhism
Thursday	21	Kathina Festival/Pavāraná Day	Buddhism
Sunday	24	Karva Chauth*	Hinduism

[9] Closest Business Day to Official Date of 02 October 2021

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Wednesday	27	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism –Tibetan
To Be Announced		Jainism New Year (Enlightenment of Gautam Swami)	Jainism

NOVEMBER 2021			
Monday	01	All Saints Day	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Monday	01	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan
Monday to Friday	01 – 05	Treaty Week (First Week of November)	Ontario Government
Tuesday	02	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day
Thursday	04	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
Thursday	04	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism
Saturday	06	Birth of the Bá'b*	Bahá'i
Sunday	07	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh*	Bahá'i
Sunday	07	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada
Monday	08	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples – Veteran Affairs Canada
Tuesday	09	Gyana Panchami	Jainism
Thursday	11	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government
Sunday	14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization
Monday to Friday	15 - 19	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Ontario Government
Tuesday	16	Louis Riel Day	Métis Nation of Ontario
Friday	19	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib	Sikhism
Saturday	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate
Saturday	20	Universal Children's Day	United Nations
Sunday	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity :Eastern Orthodox & Western
Wednesday	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
Thursday	25	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i
Thursday	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations

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Saturday	27	National Holodomor Memorial Day[10]	Ukrainian Canadian Congress
Sunday to 4th Friday in December	28 - Dec 24	Advent	Christianity
Monday to 1st Monday in Dec.	29 - Dec 06	Hanukkah*	Judaism
To Be Announced		Lokasha Jayanti	Jainism

DECEMBER 2021			
Wednesday	01	World AIDS Day[11]	United Nations
Thursday	02	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations
Friday	03	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations
Monday	06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government
Friday	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations
Sunday	12	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan	Islam
Saturday	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations
Tuesday	21	Yule – Winter Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
Saturday	25	Christmas Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Government and Christianity
Sunday	26	Boxing Day	Canadian Government
Saturday to 1st Saturday in Jan.	26 - 01 Jan 2022	Kwanzaa (Google)	African Canadian/American Celebration
Saturday	26	Zarthosht Diso Death	Zoroastrian

JANUARY 2022			
Saturday	01	Gantan-sai Japanese New Year	Buddhism/Shintoism
Saturday	01	New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar) Public Holiday is on Monday, 03 January 2022	Canadian Government
Wednesday	05	Twelfth Night	Christianity
Thursday	06	Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Friday	07	Feast of the Nativity of Christ (Julien Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox

[10] Recognized on the 4th Saturday each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday
[11] AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

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Friday	07	Orthodox Christmas Day (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox:
Sunday	09	Baptism of Jesus	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Sunday 09 ***OR*** 5TH Saturday in Jan.	09 and/or 29	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday[12]	Sikhism
Thursday	13	Maghi	Sikhism
Thursday	13	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism
Thursday	13	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism
Friday	14	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism
Friday	14	Orthodox New Year's Day (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Friday to Monday	14 - 17	Thai Pongal	Hinduism/Tamil
Sunday	16	World Religion Day	Baha'i
Monday	17	Tu B'Shevat*	Judaism
Monday to Sunday	17 - 23	No Name Calling Week (Starts 3rd Monday in January)	GLSEN
Tuesday	18	Mahayana New Year (1st Full Moon)	Buddhism
Tuesday	18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (In Canada	USA Federal Holiday
Friday	21	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox and Western
Thursday	27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations
Thursday	27	St. Sava Devine Day	Christianity – Serbian Orthodox
Sunday	30	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian
See Footnote		Theravada Days of Mindfulness[13]	Buddhism

FEBRUARY 2022

Tuesday	01	Chinese New Year	Chinese National Holiday
Tuesday	01	Lunar New Year	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism
Tuesday to Monday	01 - 07	Children's Mental Health Week	World Health Organization

[12] Actual Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday: December 22, 1666 – Celebration of his birthday varies. There are two possible dates in January 2022.
[13] There are several Buddhist ***Theravada Days of Mindfulness*** throughout the year – (consult a Buddhist website for further information)

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Tuesday to Monday	01 - 07	Chinese Spring Festival	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism
Wednesday	02	Imbolc*	Wicca/Pagan
Wednesday	02	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Western and Orthodox Christianity
Wednesday	02	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Thursday	03	Setsubun	Shintoism Japanese Buddhism
Saturday	05	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
Sunday	06	Bob Marley Birthday Day	Rastafarian Holy Day & Toronto Municipal Govt.
Sunday	06	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	World Health Organization
Monday to Sunday	07 - 13	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
Tuesday	15	Parinirvana Day - Buddha's Death	Buddhism – Various Sects
Wednesday	16	Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival	Buddhism
Sunday	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations
Monday	21	Family Day (Ontario)	Ontario Government
Monday	21	International Mother Language Day	United Nations
To Be Announced		Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)*	Baha'i

MARCH 2022

Tuesday	01	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam
Tuesday	01	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism
Wednesday	02	Ash Wednesday – 1st Day of Lent	Christianity Western
Thursday	03	Losar Tibetan New Year	Buddhism – Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan
Thursday	03	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism
Friday to 1st Monday in April	04 - 01 April	Sha'ban* and Mid-Sha'ban*[14]	Islam
Monday	07	Clean Monday (First Day of Lent)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Tuesday	08	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations

[14] Also known as Laylat al-Bara'at (the date of this Holy Day lies approx. in the middle of Sha'ban and is sometimes disputed)

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Sunday	13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology
Monday	14	Sikh New Year	Sikhism
Thursday	17	Purim*	Judaism
Friday	18	Holi*	Hinduism
Friday to Sunday	18 - 20	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism
Sunday	20	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
Monday	21	Eid-e-Navroz/Persian New Year (Date May Vary)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian
Monday	21	Guan Yin Birthday	Buddhism – Taiwanese
Monday	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
Monday	21	Ohigan (Spring Equinox)	Japanese National Holiday
Tuesday	22	World Water Day	United Nations
Friday	25	Feast of the Annunciation	Christianity:Eastern Orthodox & Western
To Be Announced		Memorial to Christ's Death	Jehovah's Witness

APRIL 2022			
Friday	01	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival	Assyrian Diaspora
Friday and Saturday	01 - 02	Hindu New Year	Hinduism
Saturday	02	World Autism Awareness Day	International
Sunday to 1st Sunday in May	03 - May 01	Ramadan*	Islam
Thursday	07	Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day	Canadian Government
Thursday	07	World Health Day	World Health Organization
Friday	08	International Day of Silence	GLSEN
Sunday	10	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism
Wednesday	13	International Day of Pink (2nd Wed. in April)	Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed)
Thursday	14	Mesha Sankranta (Solar New Year)	Hinduism
Thursday	14	Puthandu (Tamil New Year)	Hinduism/Tamil

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Friday	15	Good Friday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western
Saturday to Friday	16 - 22	Pesach/Passover*	Judaism
Sunday	17	Easter Sunday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Govt. & Christianity: Western
Monday	18	Easter Monday (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Government
Thursday	21	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
Friday	22	First Day of Ridván*	Baha'i
Friday	22	Earth Day (International Mother Earth Day)	United Nations
Friday	22	Orthodox Holy Friday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Friday	22	Yonge Street Van Attack – Day of Remembrance[15]	Toronto District School Board
Sunday	24	Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day	Canadian Government
Sunday	24	Orthodox Easter Sunday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Monday	25	Orthodox Easter Monday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Monday	25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity:Eastern Orthodox & Western
Thursday	28	National Day of Mourning	Canadian Government
Thursday	28	Yom HaShoah* Holocaust Remembrance Day	Judaism
Friday	29	Laylat al-Qadr*	Islam
Saturday	30	Ninth Day of Ridván	Baha'i
To Be Announced		Jainism New Year (Enlightenment of Gautam Swami)	Jainism

MAY 2022			
Sunday	01	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan
Sunday	01	International Family Equality Day (1st Sun. in May)	Family Equality Council
Monday to Wednesday	02 - 04	Eid al Fitr*	Islam
Tuesday	03	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Baha'i
Tuesday	03	Akshaya Tritya	Hinduism

[15] Remembrance will take place on the 23rd of April each year (or closest business day to this date)

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Sunday	15	International Day of Families	United Nations
Sunday	15	Vesak Day	Buddhism
Tuesday	17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	IDAHOTB
Monday	23	Queen Victoria Day	Canadian Government Public Holiday
Tuesday	24	Declaration of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
Thursday	26	Ascension Day	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox and Western
Sunday	29	Ascension of Bahá'u'llah*	Baha'i
Monday to Friday	30 - 03 June	Bike to School Week	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Tuesday	31	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization
Does Not Occur 2022		Jumu'ahtul Wida*	Islam

JUNE 2022			
Thursday	02	Ascension Day	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox
Sunday	05	Pentecost	Judaism/ Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Sunday	05	World Environment Day	United Nations
Sunday & Monday	05 - 06	Shavuot*	Judaism
Sunday	12	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada Recognition
Sunday	12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations
Tuesday	14	Saga Dawa – Tibetan Buddhist Enlightenment	Buddhism –Tibetan
Thursday	16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism
Friday	17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	United Nations
Sunday	19	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	United Nations
Monday	20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
Tuesday	21	Litha/Summer Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
Tuesday	21	National Indigenous Persons Day in Canada	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
Tuesday	21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union

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Friday	24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Friday	24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture
Sunday	26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations
Sunday	26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations
Monday	27	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association
To Be Announced		Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
To Be Announced		Toronto Pride Festival	Toronto Pride

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JULY 2022

Friday	01	Canada Day	Canadian Government
Wednesday	06	Tishah B'av*	Judaism
Friday to Tuesday	08 – 12	Hajj*	Islam
Saturday	09	Waqf al Arafa*	Islam
Sunday	10	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
Sunday to Wednesday	10 – 13	Eid al Adha*	Islam
Monday	11	Imamat Day	Islam
Wednesday	13	Asalha Puja Day, Dhamma	Buddhism
Wednesday	13	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism
Saturday	16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Rastafarian Holy Day
Monday	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations
Saturday	23	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie	Rastafarian Holy Day
Saturday	30	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam
To Be Announced		Chokhor Ducchën Festival	Buddhism – Tibetan

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AUGUST 2022			
Monday	01	Lughnassadh/Lammas	Wicca/Pagan
Monday	01	Lord Simcoe Day/Founder's Day	Toronto Municipal Government
Monday	01	Terry Fox Day	Terry Fox Foundation
Saturday	06	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity - Eastern Orthodox and Western
Saturday to Monday	06 – 08	Jalsa Salana*	Islam
Monday	08	Ashura*	Islam
Tuesday	09	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations
Thursday	11	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism/Jainism
Friday	12	International Youth Day	United Nations
Saturday to Monday	13 – 15	Obon Festival	Buddhism/Shintoism
Monday	15	Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox
Wednesday	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian Holy Day
Friday	19	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
Sunday	21	Prophet Asho Zarthosht Birthday	Zoroastrian
Tuesday	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations
Tuesday to Last Wednesday in Aug.	23 - 31	Paryushan Parva	Jainism

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SEPTEMBER 2022			
Thursday	01	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib	Sikhism
Monday	05	Labour Day	Canadian Goverment
Thursday	08	International Day for Literacy	United Nations
Thursday	08	Nativity of Mary	Christianity: Easter Orthodox & Western
Friday	09	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism
Sunday	11	Coptic New Year	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox

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Sunday	11	Ethiopian New Year	Christianity: Rastafarian Eastern Orthodox
Sunday	11	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox & Western
Wednesday	14	Elevation of the Cross	Christianity – Eastern Orthodox & Western
Thursday	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations
Sunday	18	Terry Fox Run (2nd Sunday after Labour Day	Terry Fox Foundation
Monday	19	Powley Day	First Nations, Métis
Wednesday	21	International Day of Peace	United Nations
Wednesday to 5th Thursday in Sept.	21 - 29	Mabon (Autumn Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
Thursday	22	Ohigan (Autumn Equinox)	Buddhism/Shintoism
Monday to Tuesday	26 - 27	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism
Monday to 1st Tuesday in Oct.	26 – 04 Oct	Navratri	Hinduism
Friday	30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
Sunday	25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario
To Be Announced		Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network Ally Week	GLSEN[16]

OCTOBER 2022

Saturday	01	International Day for Older Persons	United Nations
Saturday to Wednesday	01 - 05	Durga Puja	Hinduism
Monday	03[17]	International Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Tuesday	04	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada
Wednesday	05	TDSB Walk to School Day (1st Wednesday in Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Wednesday	05	World Teachers' Day	United Nations
Wednesday	05	Yom Kippur*	Judaism
Saturday	08	Mawlid-al-Nabi* (Prophet's Birthday)	Islam

[16] GLSEN: Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network
[17] Closest business day to official date of 02 October 2022

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Monday	10	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government
Monday	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization
Monday to Friday	16 - 20	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Ontario Government
Monday to Sunday	10 - 16	Body Confidence Awareness Week (3rd Week Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Monday to Sunday	10 - 16	Sukkot*	Judaism
Tuesday	11	International Day of the Girl Child	United Nations
Wednesday & Thursday	12 - 13	Karva Chauth*	Hinduism
Sunday	16	World Food Day	United Nations
Monday	17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations
Monday & Tuesday	17 – 18	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism
Monday to Sunday	17 - 23	Week Without Violence (3rd week of October)	YMCA
Tuesday	18	Simchat Torah*	Judaism
Thursday	20	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru	Sikhism
Monday	24	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
Monday	24	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism
Wednesday	26	Birth of the Bá'b*	Bahá'i
Thursday	27	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh*	Bahá'i
Saturday	29	Gyana Panchami	Jainism
To Be Announced		Kathina Festival/Paváraná Day	Buddhism
To Be Announced		Megregan	Zoroastrian

NOVEMBER 2022

Tuesday	01	All Saints Day	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
Tuesday	01	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan
Tuesday to Sunday	01 – 06	Treaty Week (First Week of November)	Ontario Government
Wednesday	02	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day

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Monday	07	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada
Tuesday	08	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib	Sikhism
Tuesday	08	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples – Veteran Affairs Canada.
Friday	11	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government
Monday	14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization
Tuesday	15	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism
Wednesday	16	Louis Riel Day	Métis Association of Ontario
Sunday	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate
Sunday	20	Universal Children's Day	United Nations
Monday	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity :Eastern Orthodox & Western
Thursday	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
Friday	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations
Saturday	26	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i
Saturday	26	National Holodomor Memorial Day[18]	Ukrainian Canadian Congress
Sunday to 4th Saturday in Dec.	27 – Dec 24	Advent	Christianity
To Be Announced		Lokasha Jayanti	Jainism

DECEMBER 2022			
Thursday	01	World AIDS Day[19]	United Nations
Friday	02	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations
Saturday	03	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations
Tuesday	06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government
Thursday	08	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons Day	Christianity - Macedonian Orthodox
Saturday	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations

[18] Recognized on the 4th Saturday each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday, November 25th
[19] AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

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Tuesday	13	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan	Islam
Sunday	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations
Monday to Monday	19 – 26	Hanukkah*	Judiasm
Wednesday	21	Yule - Winter Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
Sunday	25	Christmas Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Canadian Government and Christianity
Monday	26	Boxing Day	Canadian Government
Monday to 1st Sunday in Jan.	26 – 01 Jan 2023	Kwanzaa (Google)	African Canadian/American Celebration
Monday	26	Zarthosht Diso Death	Zoroastrian
See Footnote		Ekadashi[20]	Jainism

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[20] There are several Ekadashi Fasting Days during the year – consult a Jainism Website

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