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				1	2	3
4	Labour Day - (Canadian Holiday)	UGDSB First Day of School		International Literacy Day Nativity of Virgin Mary - Christian	International FASD Awareness Day Anant Chaturdashi-Jainism	World Suicide Prevention Day (UN)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nayrouz (Coptic New Year)- Christian Orthodox						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Powley Day (Indigenous) - Métis	International Week of the Deaf			International Day of Peace		
			*Ohigan (Autumn Equinox) - Shinotism/Buddhism			
			*Mabon (Autumn Equinox) - Wiccan/Pagan			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Franco-Ontarian Day			Rowan's Law Day		National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day - Indigenous	
	*Rosh Hashanah - Judaism		*Mabon (Autumn Equinox) - Wiccan/Pagan			
	*Sharad Navratri - Hinduism (to October 5)					

**OHIGAN BUDDHISM/SHINTOISM**

In Japanese Buddhist belief, the land of the afterlife is west. This time of year when the sun sets directly west, is a time that is symbolic of life's transitions. At this time people visit the graves of their ancestors, clean up and care for their gravesites, and leave flowers. This is also the time when the flowers called Higanbana bloom. These flowers are known as Ghost Flowers or Dead Flowers because they bloom around some graveyards in Japan during this time.

**OHIGAN ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR (SEPT AND OCT)/ JUDAISM**

Rosh Hashanah is the celebration of Jewish New Year and is the first event within High Holidays, a ten day period that ends with Yom Kippur - the holiest day of the Jewish year. Rosh Hashanah is a time for reflection and learning and there is a focus on asking God for forgiveness for wrongs throughout the year. The celebration can include prayer services held in a synagogue, blowing an instrument named the shofar, giving to those in need - tzedakah, and celebrating with traditional foods. Yom Kippur marks the end of the 10 Days of Awe during the High Holidays. During this time, according to traditional teachings, God decides upon the fate of his people. The holiday is observed with a 25-hour fast and religious services.

# 10 OCT 2022

- CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
- CANADIAN AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
- WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
- RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH
- LEARNING DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH
- INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH
- HISPANIC OR LATIN AMERICA HERITAGE MONTH
- ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH

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Mehregan-Zoroastrian		St. Francis Day-Catholic/Christian	World Teachers' Day  *Vijaya Dashmi/-Dussehra - Hinduism  *Yom Kippur - Judaism	World Cerebral Palsy Day		*Mawlid-al-Nabi (Prophet's Birthday) -Islamic
	*Durga Ashtami-Hinduism	*Sharad Navratri-Hinduism				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Kathina Festival/Pavāra Day -Buddhism	Thanksgiving Day  World Mental Health Day (WHO)	International Day of the Girl	International Walk to School Day			
		*Sukkot - Judaism				
			*Karca Chauth - Hinduism			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
World Food Day (UN)	*Simchat Torah - Judaism  International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)	Gurgadi of the Holy Scripture of Guru Granth Sahib Ji - Sikhism  Feast of St. Luke, Apostle and Evangelist-Christian		Installation of The Guru Granth Sahib - Sikhism		
	*Shemini Atzeret - Judaism		National School Bus Safety Week			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Bandi Chhor Divas - Sikhism  *Diwali/Deepavali - Hinduism/Sikhism	*Diwali/Lord Mahavir Nirvana - Janism	*Birth of the Báb - Bahá'í	*Birth of Báha'u'lláh - Bahá'í  Dress Purple Day - (Children's Rights)		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	All Hallows Eve - Christian	<b>WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY</b>		The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health. The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide. The theme for 2021 is 'Mental Health in an Unequal World'.		
30	31	<b>LATIN AMERICA HERITAGE MONTH (UN)</b>		Ontario is home to more than 400,000 first-, second- and third-generation Canadians of Hispanic origin and today the Hispanic community is one of the fastest growing in Ontario (Bill 28, Hispanic Heritage Month Act, 2015). Hispanic or Latin America Heritage Month is an opportunity for Canadians to recognize the valuable contribution of members of the Latin American community to this country's social, economic, political and cultural fabric.		

**DIWALI HINDUISM**

Diwali or Deepavali is the Hindu festival of lights. Diwali symbolizes the human urge to move toward the light and is celebrated with gift exchanges, fireworks, and festive meals. Many people decorate their homes, shops and public places with lights and lamps so Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, can find her way to them. During this time the legends of Rama and Sita are also celebrated.



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HINDU HERITAGE MONTH  
FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		All Saints Day - Christian <b>*Samhain</b> - Wiccan/Pagan	All Souls Day - Catholic Christian National Stress Awareness Day	Take Our Kids to Work Day		
		1	2	3	4	5
		<b>*Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib - Sikhism</b> Indigenous Veterans Day			Remembrance Day	
Veteran's Week						
Treaties Recognition Week						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	World Diabetes Day		Louis Riel Day - Metis			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Universal Children's Day (UN) Transgender Day of Remembrance				Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur - Sikhism	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (UN)	<b>*Day of the Covenant - Bahá'í</b>
Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<b>*Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá - Bahá'í</b> Nativity Fast Begins - Orthodox Christian	Giving Tuesday	St. Andrews Day - Christian			
Advent - Christian (to December 24)						
27	28	29	30			

**BIRTH OF GURU NANAK DEV NAHIB SIKHISM**

Guru Nanak was one of the greatest religious innovators of all time and the founder of Sikh religion. His date of birth is celebrated usually in November but changes with the lunar calendar.



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				World AIDS Day (UN)	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (UN)	International Day of Persons with Disabilities (UN)
				Advent - Christian		
				1	2	3
		Saint Nicholas Day - Christian		Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) - Buddhism		International Human Rights Day (UN)
				Immaculate Conception of Mary - Catholic Christian		
		Advent - Christian				
		National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Feast Day - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Catholic Christian	*Birthday of Imam Aga Khan - Islam				
	Advent - Christian					
					Posadas Navideñas - Hispanic Christian	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
International Migrants Day (UN)			Yule - Winter Solstice Wicca/Pagan/Christian			
			Advent - Christian			
			Posadas Navideñas - Hispanic Christian			
			*Hanukkah - Judaism			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
*Christmas (Christianity and Canadian Holiday) - Christianity	Boxing Day (Canadian Holiday)	Zarathosht-no-Diso - Zoroastrianism				New Years Eve
*Hanukkah - Judaism						
	*Kwanzaa - Celebration of African Culture					(to January 1)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### KWANZAA AFRICAN DIASPORA

Kwanzaa is the African-American celebration of life held in North America and in other nations of the African diaspora. The celebration honors African heritage and culture and recognizes the first harvests. Of most importance during Kwanzaa are: ingathering, reverence, commemoration, recommitment, and celebration. Kwanzaa is observed from December 26 to January 1. The celebration includes a feast and gift-giving.

### CHRISTMAS CHRISTIANITY

Christmas is a holy day commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ who Christians believe to be the Son of God.

### YULE WINTER SOLSTICE WICCAN/PAGAN

Yule is the longest night and the shortest day of the year. Some Wiccans consider Yule to be either the year's beginning or the end. This is the time to celebrate the return of the light. Yule is the solar turning of the tides, and the newborn Sun offers a fresh start and, literally, a new day. It's a time of renewal and hope.

### HANUKKAH JUDAISM

Hanukkah or Chanukah is a Jewish festival of lights commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. It is celebrated with traditional foods and games and by lighting one candle on the Hanukkah - eight stemmed candelabrum each day.

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New Year's Day Gantan-sai (New Year's) - Shintoism/Buddhism				*Birth of Guru Gobind Singh - Sikhism  Twelfth Night - Christian	Epiphany/ Dia de los Reyes - Christian	Christmas/Feast of the Nativity - Christianity Orthodox  Mahayana New Year (First Full Moon) - Buddhism
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Baptism of Jesus - Christian					Maghi - Sikhism	Punjabi Lohri - Hinduism/Sikhism  New Year's Day - Orthodox Christian (Julian Calendar)
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Makar Sankranti - Hinduism  World Religion Day - Bahá'í	Martin Luther King Day Jr. Day					
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Lunar New Year - Buddhism/ Confucian/Daoism				Vasant Panchami- Vasant Panchami	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust (UN)  Family Literacy Day	
*Chinese New Year - Spring Festival - Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism						
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia						
(to February 5)						
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

**EPIPHANY  
CHRISTIANITY**

Epiphany, also Theophany, Little Christmas, or Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ through baptism. In many Protestant church traditions, this is celebrated from January 6 until Ash Wednesday while other traditions such as those held by the Roman Catholic Church celebrate Epiphany in one day.

**WORLD RELIGION DAY  
BAHÁ'Í**

World Religion Day is an observance celebrated worldwide on the third Sunday in January each year. Though initiated in the United States, World Religion Day has come to be celebrated internationally. The day emphasizes and celebrates unity in human community within religions, faces, and nations.

**LUNAR NEW YEAR -  
CHINESE, DOAIST  
AND BUDDHIST  
NEW YEAR**

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival in modern China, is celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar and is one of several Lunar New Years in Asia. The event lasts 15 days to a month. The celebrations focus on wishing wealth, happiness, success and health to those around you. Those celebrating will often share gifts of cash, colourful items of meaning, fruit and food and spend time visiting friends and family. In Buddhism and countries such as Thailand, Burma, Sri Lanka, and Cambodia the New Year's celebration also includes offering prayer in monasteries and temples.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD  
APPRECIATION MONTH

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			Imbolc -Wiccan/Neo-Pagan			World Cancer Day (WHO)
			*Chinese New Year - Spring Festival - Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism			
			1	2	3	4
Black Mental Health Day						
*Tu B'Shevat - Judaism						
		Children's Mental Health Week-WHO				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		St. Valentine's Day - Christian	Pariniravana Day -Buddhism		Random Act of Kindness Day	
			National Flag of Canada Day		*Lailat al Miraj - Islam	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	World Social Justice Day (UN)	International Mother Language Day (UN)	Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day			
	Family Day	Losar Tibetan New Year - Buddhist	Ash Wednesday			
		Shrove Tuesday - Christian				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days) - Bahá'í (to March 1)						
26	27	28				

**BLACK HERITAGE  
MONTH**

Black Heritage Month in Canada recognizes and celebrates the history, legacy of and current major contributions to North America by African descendants, including politics and policy, religion, music, sports, architecture and humanitarian work.



NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH  
BANGLADESHI HERITAGE MONTH  
IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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			Losar Tibetan New Year -Buddhist Saka New Year (Nyepi) -Hinduism			
				*Month of Fasting - Day Fast - Bahá'í		
			1	2	3	4
	Black Mental Health Day - Buddhism	Magha Puja Day	International Women's Day (UN) Holi -Hinduism			
			Holla Mohalla - Sikhism			
			*Month of Fasting - Day Fast - Bahá'í			
	*Purim - Judaism					
		*Laylat al-Bara'ah - Hinduism				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sikh New Year -Sikhism				◀ Laylat al-Bara'ah -Islam	Holi -Hinduism St. Patrick's Day	
				*Month of Fasting - Day Fast - Bahá'í		
				Holla Mohalla-Sikhism		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Ostara (Spring Equinox) -Wiccan/Pagan Journée internationale de la francophonie- International Francophonie Day	*Naw-Ruz (New Year) - Bahá'í World Down Syndrome Day International Day For The Elimination of Discrimination	World Water Day (UN) Saka New Year (Nyepi) - Balinese	National School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day		
			Chaitra Navrati - Hinduism			
	*Navroz/Nowrus (New Year) - Bahá'í		*Ramadan (Month of Fasting) - Islam			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness Khordad Sal - Zoroastrian				Shri Ram Navami - Hinduism		
			Chaitra Navrati - Hinduism			
			*Ramadan (Month of Fasting) - Islam (to April 20)			
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**NAW RUZ - NEW YEAR  
BAHA'I, ZOROASTRIAN,  
PERSIAN AND OTHERS**

Naw Ruz is the Baha'i New Year which takes place on vernal equinox or the first day of spring. It is the first day of the Bahá'í calendar year celebrating new life, renewal and change. This event also marks the end of a 19 day fast and is one of the 9 Holy days of Baha'i. Students and staff may be absent for these Holy days. This New Year is also celebrated with variation by others.

**HOLI  
HINDUISM**

Holi is an important spring festival for Hindus, a national holiday in India and Nepal and celebrated as the "festival of love" by others. To many Hindus and some non-Hindus, it is a joyous cultural event full of colour, respect, and love for close ones. Colour plays an important part in this celebration as vibrant colours are said to bring positivity into our lives. Holi is celebrated at the end of winter, on the last full moon day of the Hindu luni-solar calendar month marking the spring, making the date vary with the lunar cycle.

**RAMADAN**

Ramadan occurs in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is observed by Muslims worldwide commemorating the first revelation of the Quran to Muhammad. Ramadan is a time for prayer, self-examination and fasting. Fasting happens during the daylight hours, only eating before sunrise or after sunset, in special situations related to age and health there are variations to fasting. Eid al-ul Fitr marks the end of Ramadan.

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World Autism Awareness Day Palm Sunday -Christian		Lord's Evening Meal -Jehovah's Witness Christian School Librarian Day (USA) *Mahavir Jayanti - Jainism			World Health Day (WHO) Good Friday - Christian/Orthodox Good Friday - Christian	
				Theravada New Year-Buddhism		
				*Pesach (Passover)-Judaism		
*Ramadan (Month of Fasting) - Islam						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Easter -Christian	Easter Monday (Canadian Holiday)		International Day of Pink	Jumatul Widha - Islam	International Day of Silence (2nd or 3rd Friday of April) Vaisakhi - Sikhism/Hinduism Sikh New Year - Sikhism	
				*Pesach (Passover)-Judaism		
*Ramadan (Month of Fasting) - Islam						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome Day (wear bluejeans) Pascha (Easter) - Christian Orthodox	*Laylat al-Qadr - Islam *Yom HaShoah - Judaism					Earth Day
				*Eid-ul-Fitr - Islam		
National Volunteer Week						
				*Ridvan Begins - Bahá'í		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				*Ridvan Begins - Bahá'í		
			Administrative Professionals Day		World Day for Safety and Health at Work (National Day for Mourning)	
				*Ninth Day of Ridvan - Bahá'í		
						*Ridvan Begins - Bahá'í (to May 2)
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

**VAISAKHI/BAISAKHI  
SIKHISM/HINDUISM**

Vaisakhi, also known as Baisakhi is a festival in Sikh and Hindu religions having distinct significance for each culture. In Sikh understanding, this date marks the founding of the Sikh community. It is also celebrated as the New Year and Harvest Festival by some. For Hindus, the day is marked by going to temple to pay respect and seek blessings.

**PESACH (PASSOVER)  
JUDAISM**

Pesach or Passover is one of the most commonly observed Jewish Holidays even by non-observant Jews. Pesach is a biblically derived Jewish holiday commemorating liberation by God from slavery in ancient Egypt and the freedom as a nation under the leadership of Moses.

**EASTER/GOOD FRIDAY  
CHRISTIAN**

Easter is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.

**EID-UL-FITR  
ISLAM**

Eid ul-Fitr is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. The date of this event changes with the lunar calendar. Eid lasts 3 days and kickstarts the month of Shawwal which involves feasting to end the period of fasting.

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ASIAN/SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH  
JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH  
DUTCH HERITAGE MONTH  
BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

LEGEND

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	Beltane - Wiccan/Pagan School Principals' Day	Twelfth Day of Ridván - Bahá'í			Visakha Puja Buddha Day - Buddhism Cinco de Mayo National Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit People	
	Education Week					
	*Ridvan Begins - Bahá'í				Education Support Staff Appreciation Day	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			National Receptionist Day			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	International Day of Families (UN)		International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	*Ascension of Jesus Day - Christian (Mennonite)		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Victoria Day (Canadian Holiday)	*Declaration of the Báb - Bahá'í		*Ascension Day (Eastern Orthodox) - Christian	Buddha's Birthday - Buddhism	
	*Akshaya Tritiya - Hinduism					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
World Hunger Day (UN) Pentecost - Judaism/Christian	*Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh - Bahá'í		World No Tobacco Day (WHO)			
National AccessAbility Week					(to June 3)	
28	29	30	31			

**DECLARATION OF THE BÁB\*  
BAHÁ'Í**

The Báb was born Siyyid Ali-Muhammad on October 20, 1918, in Shiraz, Iran. He was the founder of Bábism, and one of the central figures of the Bahá'í Faith. In 1844, at the age of twenty-four, he claimed to be a messenger of God and took the name "Báb," which means "gate" or "door" in Arabic to emphasize his role as the portal through which the revelation of God would enter. Baha'is celebrate the Declaration of the Báb by gathering together and sharing prayers, stories, and reflections. It is one of the nine holy days in the Bahá'í Faith.

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH  
PORTUGUESE HERITAGE MONTH  
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH  
PRIDE MONTH

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				National AccessAbility Week		
				1	2	3
	World Environment Day					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	World Day Against Child Labour (UN)				Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji -Sikhism	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day (UN)	World Refugee Day (UN)	*National Indigenous Peoples Day  *Litha (Summer Solstice) -Wiccan/Pagan		National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Canadian Multiculturalism Day				
	*Shavuot-Judaism		*Eid al Adha - Islam			
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY\***

National Canada's Indigenous People's Day is a day recognising and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Indigenous peoples in Canada.

**PRIDE MONTH**

In 1995 Canada's supreme court finally considered sexual orientation a prohibited ground of discrimination in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. LGBTQ+ members who faced, hate, exclusion, and often lived in fear for their lives long fought for these rights and believed in a better future. Thanks to the LGBTQ+ folks and allies who persevered, today we celebrate Pride month! Pride is the promotion of dignity, equity and increased visibility for 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples. It is a celebration of life, rights, dignity, equity and difference.

**LITHA, SUMMER SOLSTICE, MIDSUMMER WICCAN/PAGAN**

Litha is the longest day and the shortest night of the year. Light triumphs, but will now begin to fade into darkness as autumn approaches. The crops are planted and growing. The woods and forests have reached their peak fullness. This is the time of abundance for wildlife, including people! The holiday is joyous.

**EID-UL-ADHA ISLAM**

Eid al-Adha takes place after the Arafat, the most important day in Hajj ritual. Also called the "Sacrifice Feast" or Greater Eid, it is the second most important festival in the Muslim calendar. Eid al-Adha celebrates the sacrifice of Isma'il by his father Ibrahim in obedience to Allah.



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						Canada Day 1
2	Asalha Puja Day - Buddhism 3	4	5	6	7	8
Nunavut Day 9	*Martyrdom of the Báb - Bahá'í 10	Imamat Day - Islam 11	12	13	14	15
16	17	Nelson Mandela International Day (UN) 18	*Ali-Hijra New Year - Islam 19	20	21	22
23	Pioneer Day - Mormon Christian 24	25	*Tishah B'av* - Judaism 26	*Ashura - Islam 27	28	29
30	31					



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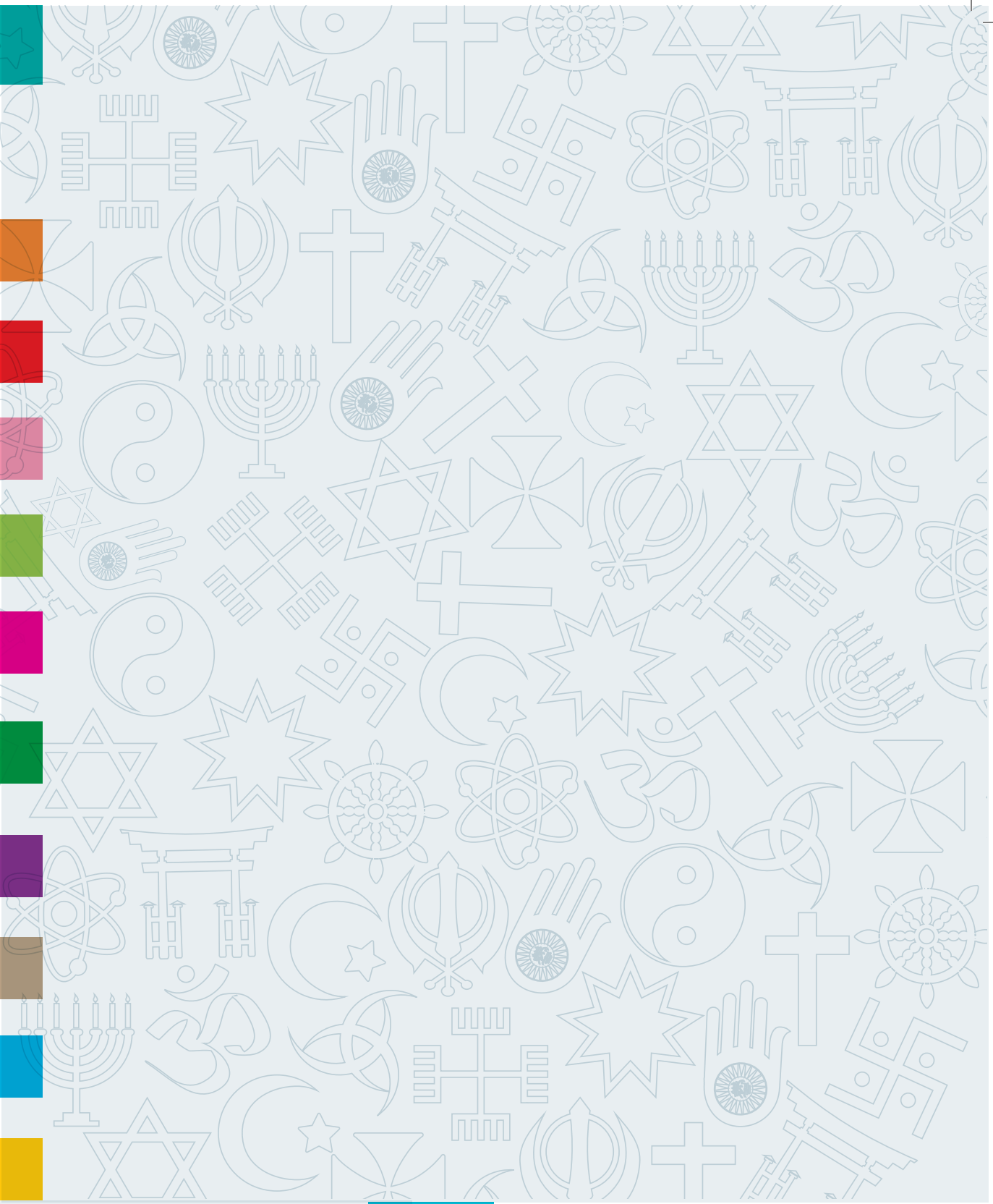
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		Lughnassadh/ Lammas -Wiccan/Pagan  Emancipation Day - Afro-Canadian  1	2	3	4	5
6	Civic Holiday Canada 7	8	International Day of the World's Indigenous People (UN) 9	10	11	International Youth Day (UN) 12
						World Humanitarian Day (UN) 19
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	Raksha Bandhan -Hinduism/Jainism 30	31		

**INTERNATIONAL DAY  
OF THE WORLD'S  
INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLE (UN)**

August 9th marks the day of the first meeting, in 1982, of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. There are an estimated 476 million indigenous peoples in the world living across 90 countries. They make up less than 5% of the world's population, but account for 15% of the poorest. Indigenous peoples are the holders of a vast diversity of unique cultures, traditions, languages and knowledge systems. They have a special relationship with their lands and hold diverse concepts of development based on their own worldviews and priorities.



As an educational community we have a responsibility to identify and describe racism and oppression and then work to dismantle it. The Upper Grand District School Board is committed to disrupting systemic racism and anti-oppression in all of its forms. We will implement ongoing mandatory anti-racism and anti-oppression training for all staff, review our protocols and policies including our hiring practices, and be fully transparent and accountable to all Upper Grand students, staff, families, and stakeholders in an ongoing manner.

In addition, the UGSDB is committed to ensuring that our policies and procedures promote a safe and inclusive school climate for all of our students and staff.

This calendar should support anti-racism and anti-oppression initiatives and actions by identifying some of the important days of celebration, commemoration and observance for students, staff and their families and community members this year. It is NOT a complete list of all days of importance. Please note that some Holy days are impacted by the lunar calendar which means that their calendar date from time of publication may change.

Specifically, this calendar should support your consideration of events, assessment and curriculum content. Schools are to consider that some dates are not ideal for celebrations, events, major projects or due dates, and that students and staff may be absent from school in support of their beliefs and practices. This calendar is also a tool for planning celebrations and curriculum content in connection with dates of importance.

Recognizing system racism and oppression is fundamental. This resource can be used to support a shift where schools and work spaces de-center white, colonial days of importance and include those of many of our staff, students and communities.

Please find some brief descriptions of celebrations, commemorations and observances within the calendar. Staff and students are encouraged to find further and more robust information using reliable resources and by establishing and supporting local relationships.

# CALENDAR

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**2022  
2023**

Thank you to the staff, students, families and community partners who have contributed to this calendar and its contents, as well as those who have provided editing and feedback.

For additional information, please see <https://www.ugdsb.ca/schools/safe-equitable-and-inclusive-schools/equity-and-inclusive-education/>



# NOTES

