

**Cultural Dates of Observance**

This calendar identifies some of the important days of religious, cultural or commemorative significance. It is not, however, intended to be a complete listing.

This is a living document that we are continuously adding to.

If you know of any other key cultural dates of observance, please let us know by emailing [tara.madden@para-ab.ca](mailto:tara.madden@para-ab.ca)

\*Dates that are in green change from year to year.

**JANUARY 2022**

January: New Year’s Day

January 27 - International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

January 29 - National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

**FEBRUARY 2022**

Black History Month

February 1 - Lunar New Year

February 20 - World Day of Social Justice

February 21 - Family Day

February 23 - Pink Shirt Day

**MARCH 2022**

Women’s History Month

March 8 - International Women’s Day

March 21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 21 - 28 - Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination

March 17 - Holi (Festival of Colours)

March 31 – Transgender day of visibility

Spring Equinox

**APRIL 2022**

April 2 - Ramadan starts (lasts ~29-30 days)

April 15 - first day of Passover

April 17 - Equality Day - Celebrate the anniversary of Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms that provides for equality.

April 17 - Easter Sunday

April 22 - Earth Day

April 27 - Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

**MAY 2022**

Asian Heritage Month

May 2 - Eid-ul-Fitr

May 17 - International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

May 21 – International Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Diversity

**JUNE 2022**

Indigenous History Month

Pride Month

June 4 - Shavuot

June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples’ Day

June 21 - Summer Solstice

June 20 - World Refugee Day

**JULY 2022**

July 1 – Canada Day

July 9 - Eid-ul-Adha

**AUGUST 2022**

August 1 – Emancipation Day

August 9 - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

September 10 - World suicide prevention day

September 10 - Mid-Autumn Festival

September 16 - Yom Kippur

September 2 - Fall Equinox

September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day

**OCTOBER 2022**

Islamic Heritage Month

October 4 – National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

October 10 - World Mental Health Day

October 10 – Thanksgiving

October 24 - Diwali (Indian Festival of Lights)

October 31 – Halloween

**NOVEMBER 2021**

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 14 - Rock your Mocs Day

November 16 - Louis Riel Day

November 20 – Trans Day of Remembrance

November 28 - start of Hanukkah

**DECEMBER 2021**

December 6 - Last day of Hannukkah

St. Nicholas Day

December 6 - National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

December 21 - Winter Solstice

December 25 - Christmas

December 26 - Kwanzaa

December 26 - Boxing Day