

Multifaith DEI Calendar 2023-2024
February 2024 Expanded

Black History Month: During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country. District resources for Black History Month are updated annually on the portal [here](#).

Date	Category	Day of Significance
February 10	Cultural	<u>Lunar New Year</u> Also known as the Spring Festival, Chinese New Year, Tet for Vietnamese Canadians , or Solnal for Korean Canadians — LNY is celebrated in Canada and several other countries. It is one of the largest celebrations for Canada’s Chinese population, it is also celebrated by Canadians from Vietnam, Korea and Southeast Asia. This year marks the year of the Dragon.
February 14	Faith-based Christianity	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> In Western Christianity, the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter.
February 15	Faith-based Buddhism	<u>Nirvana Day</u> Buddhists commemorate the death of Buddha and his entry into final or complete Nirvana. A solemn day for reflection on death and impermanence.
February 20	Anti-oppression	<u>World Day of Social Justice</u> The day is an opportunity to remember that social justice is necessary for peace, security, and development around the world.
February 21	Anti-oppression	<u>International Mother Language Day</u> A United Nations day that focuses on how languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion, and the Sustainable Development Goals’ focus on leaving no one behind.
February 24	Cultural	<u>Lantern Festival</u> A Chinese celebration that marks the end of the Lunar New Year.
February 24	Faith-based	<u>Magha Puja Day</u> A major holy day observed by most Buddhists on the first full moon day of the third lunar month. A day of prayers, chants, and offerings.
February 28	2SLGBTQIA+	<u>Pink Shirt Day</u>

		A student created day in Canada to stand up to homophobic bullying. A video of co-founder of Pink Shirt Day can be found here .
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