

Dates of Significance – April 2026

Autism Awareness Month: *A month to come together to increase understanding and awareness of autism and to help end the stigma and discrimination that some Autistic people experience.*

Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation, and Prevention Month: *A month to honour the memory of the victims of genocide and reflect on the root causes of these tragedies.*

Sikh Heritage Month: *A month to recognize and highlight the important contributions that Sikh communities have made and continue to make to Canada’s social, economic, political, and cultural heritage.*

Date	Category	Day of Significance
March 31 evening through April 1	Faith-based Hinduism	<u>Hanuman Jayanti</u> A Hindu religious festival that celebrates the birth of Hindu God Hanuman.
April 1-9	Faith-based Judaism	<u>Pesach or Passover</u> Holiday that commemorates the Jewish liberation and escape from Egypt.
April 2	Anti-Oppression Neurodiversity	<u>Autism Awareness Day</u> The United Nations has observed the day as a means to affirm and promote the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for autistic people on an equal basis with others.
April 3	Faith-based Christianity	<u>Good Friday</u> The Friday before Easter, the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
April 5	Faith-based Christianity	<u>Easter Sunday (Easter or Pascha)</u> The principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion.
April 6	Faith-based Christianity	<u>Easter Monday</u> The second day of Eastertide.
April 6	Faith-based Hinduism	<u>Ram Navami</u>

		A Hindu Spring festival that falls on the ninth day of the month Chaitra according to the Hindu calendar.
April 13-14	Faith-based Sikhism	Baisakhi or Vaisakhi A harvest festival celebrated in India, mainly by the Sikh community.
April 13-14	Faith-based Judaism Anti-oppression	Yom Hashoah <i>Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day</i> This annual day is designated by the State of Israel in remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust and is observed by Jewish communities worldwide.
April 14	2SLGBTQ+	International Day of Pink An opportunity to renew our commitment to diversity and inclusion by combatting all forms of discrimination that fuel bullying and violence, which many 2SLGBTQ+ youth continue to face.
April 14-20	Cultural	Bangla Heritage Week A week to celebrate the contributions and culture of the Bengali speaking people.
April 20-May 2	Faith-based Bahá'í	Festival of Ridván a twelve-day festival in the Bahá'í faith commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's declaration that he was a manifestation of god.

N.B. Schools and departments are encouraged to avoid scheduling any significant day and evening meetings/events on dates shown in **bold**.