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# CALENDAR LEGEND

At JA Nova Scotia, we believe that recognizing and respecting the many identities, traditions, and experiences that shape our communities is an important part of building belonging. In that spirit, we are transitioning from individual social posts to this diversity calendar to acknowledge religious observances, cultural celebrations, and meaningful dates across Nova Scotia.

This calendar reflects our commitment to inclusivity, diversity, equality, and accessibility. While we have made every effort to ensure it is thoughtful and representative, we know there may be dates or celebrations we have missed. We welcome feedback from our community and encourage you to share any additions or updates with us.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL HOLIDAYS/COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY

CULTURAL HOLIDAY



# JULY

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Canada Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Nunavut Day	10 Martyrdom of the Báb	11 Festival of South Asia
12 Orangemen's Day	13	14	15	16 Muharram / Islamic New Year*	17 Muharram / Islamic New Year*	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Ashura Pioneer Day	25 St. James the Great Day
26	27	28 Commemoration of the Great Upheaval	29 Asalha Puja Day (Dharma Day) Guru Purnima	30	31	



# AUGUST

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Emancipation Day
2	3 Civic Holiday Benjamin Dooley Day / Natal Day New Brunswick Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Feast of the Assumption National Acadian Day (Fête nationale des Acadiens)
16	17 Discovery Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Hungry Ghost Festival (Zhongyuan)	28	29
30	31					



# SEPTEMBER

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Krishna Janmashtami	4 Krishna Janmashtami	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 Paryushana Begins	9	10	11 Rosh Hashanah	12 Rosh Hashanah
13 Rosh Hashanah	14 Ganesh Chaturthi Hindi Diwas	15	16	17	18	19
20 Yom Kippur	21 Yom Kippur	22	23	24	25 Sukkot (First Days) Franco-Ontarian / Franco-Canadian Flag Day	26
27	28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day National Day for Truth and Reconciliation			



# OCTOBER

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Canadian Islamic History Month Mi'kmaq History Month	German Heritage Month	Latin American Heritage Month	2SLGBTQIA+ History Month	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 World Mental Health Day
11 Navratri Begins	12 Thanksgiving	13	14	15	16	17
18 Chinese Moon Festival (Chung Yeung)	19 Maha Navami	20 Dussehra (Vijayadashami)	21	22	23	24 Abhidhamma Day
25	26	27 Prakash Purab (Guru Ram Das Ji)	28	29	30	31 Halloween



# NOVEMBER

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All saints day	2 All Souls' Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Diwali (Deepavali) / Bandi Chhor Divas National Aboriginal Veterans Day	9 Govardhan Puja	10	11 Remembrance Day Bhai Dooj	12	13 Chhath Puja	14 Chhath Puja
15 Chhath Puja	16 Chhath Puja	17	18	19	20 Transgender Day of Remembrance	21
22	23	24 Guru Nanak Dev Ji Jayanti (Gurpurab) Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day	25	26	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent	30					



# DECEMBER

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Winter Solstice / Soyal	22 Dongzhi Festival	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31		



# JANUARY

2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>New Years Day</b> Feast of Mary, Mother of God Le Jour de l'An (Traditional family gatherings) Tamil Heritage Month (Start)	2
3	4	5 Lailat al Miraj (The Prophet's Ascension)	6 Epiphany / Three Kings Day	7 Orthodox Christmas	8	9
10	11 Sir John A. Macdonald Day	12	13 Maghi / Lohri (Harvest Festival)	14 Orthodox new year Thai Pongal (Tamil Harvest Festival)	15 Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Makar Sankranti / Pongal	16
17	18 Pausha Putrada Ekadashi	19	20	21 Lincoln Alexander Day	22 Mahayana New Year (First Full Moon) Thaipusam	23 Lailat al Bara'ah (Night of Emancipation)
24	25	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29 National Day of Remembrance (Quebec City Mosque)	30
31 Birthday of Guru Har Rai						



# FEBRUARY

2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>African Heritage Month</i>	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 Lunar New Year
7	8 Ramadan Begins	9 Shrove Tuesday	10 Ash Wednesday	11 Vasant Panchami	12	13
14 Have a Heart Day	15 Family Day Louis Riel Day Heritage day Islander Day	16	17	18	19	20 Chötrul Düchen
21 Magha Puja Intl. Mother Language Day	22	23	24 Pink Shirt Day	25	26	27
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# MARCH

2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 St. David's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Ramadan ends	10 Eid ul Fitr	11	12	13
14	15 Shri Ramakrishna Jayanti day	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Nowruz (Persian/South Asian New Year) Two-Spirit Celebration Day Spring Equinox International Day of the Francophonie
21 Palm Sunday	22 Holi (Festival of Colours)	23	24	25 Holy Thursday	26 Good friday	27
28 Easter sunday	29 Easter Monday	30	31 National Indigenous Languages Day International Transgender Day of Visibility			



# APRIL

2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 National Tartan Day	7	8	9 Vimy Ridge Day	10
11	12	13	14 Vaisakhi	15 Rama Navami	16	17
18	19	20	21 Passover (Pesach) Begins	22	23 St. George's Day	24 Armenian Genocide Memorial Day
25 Palm Sunday (Orthodox)	26 St. George's Day (Observed)	27	28	29 Holy Thursday (Orthodox)	30 Good Friday (Orthodox)	



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mental Health Awareness Month						1
2 Guru Arjan Dev Birthday	3	4	5 Red Dress Day (National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2S+) Dutch Heritage Day	6	7	8
9 Akshaya Tritiya Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 Moose Hide Campaign Day	14	15
16 Eid ul adha (16-20) Pentecost (Whitsunday)	17 International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia	18	19	20 Buddha Day (Vesak)	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity	22
23 Guru Amar Das Birthday	24 Victoria Day (Fête de la Reine) National Patriots' Day (Journée nationale des patriotes) Eid al-Ghadir	25	26	27	28	29
30 National Accessibility Week (Begins)	31					

MAY  
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# JUNE

2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Indigenous History Month Pride Month	Italian, Filipino, and Portuguese Heritage Months	1	2	3	4 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	5
6 Islamic New Year (Start of Muharram)	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Fasting of Ashura	16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22	23 National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism National Indigenous Peoples Day	24 Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day (Quebec's National Holiday) Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25	26
27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day	28	29 Feast of Saints Peter and Paul	30			