

## Multi-faith Calendar 2025–2026 School Year

Many students and their families celebrate holy days and days of significance in their faith. Students, families and community groups have told us how important it is for them to see themselves in our policies and practices as a Division. The multi-faith calendar is another step forward in making school a welcoming and inclusive place for every student.

Knowing the needs of their communities, school staff can use the calendar as a reference when planning school events, student exams and project deadlines.

### LEGEND:

- = Indicates a Holy Day of high significance for the stated religion. Schools will avoid scheduling certain events/activities on these days (e.g., scheduling exams, project completion dates).
- = Indicates that the Holy Day begins the evening prior to the listed date. School will avoid scheduling certain events/activities on these evenings (e.g., parent-teacher interviews, school performances). Days of significance in the Bahá'í, Jewish, Islamic, and Wiccan faiths begin at sunset on the evening prior to the date shown and end at sunset on the last day shown.
- +/- = Holy Day of high significance may shift by a few days before or after the indicated date due to the use of a purely lunar calendar instead of a solar or lunisolar calendar. The date provided can be used for planning and will be confirmed closer to the listed date. Days of significance in the Islamic/Hijri calendar are based on a lunar calendar.

| MONTH       | DATE  | DAY OF SIGNIFICANCE                                         | REFERENCE    |
|-------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| AUGUST 2025 | 1     | <a href="#">Lammas</a> ○                                    | Pagan/Wiccan |
|             | 3     | <a href="#">Tisha B'Av</a> ○                                | Judaism      |
|             | 9     | <a href="#">Raksha Bandhan</a>                              | Hinduism     |
|             | 16    | <a href="#">Sri Krishna Jayanti/Sri Krishna Janmashtami</a> | Hinduism     |
|             | 21-28 | <a href="#">Samvatsari Parva/Daslakshan Parva</a>           | Jainism      |

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|----------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SEPTEMBER 2025 | 5        | <a href="#">Mawlid-al-Nabī</a> ○           | Islam                          |
|                | 11       | <a href="#">Nayrouz</a> ○                  | Christianity (Coptic Orthodox) |
|                | 22       | <a href="#">Mabon</a> ○                    | Pagan/Wiccan                   |
|                | 22-Oct.2 | <a href="#">Sharad Navratri/Durga Puja</a> | Hinduism                       |
|                | 23-24    | <a href="#">Rosh Hashanah</a> ● ○          | Judaism                        |
|                | 30       | <a href="#">Durga Ashtami</a>              | Hinduism                       |

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| OCTOBER 2025 | 2        | <a href="#">Dassehra/ Vijaya Dashami/Dasara</a> •                    | Hinduism                 |
|              | 2        | <a href="#">Yom Kippur</a> • ◯                                       | Judaism                  |
|              | 7        | <a href="#">Pavarana</a>                                             | Buddhism (Theravada)     |
|              | 7-13     | <a href="#">Sukkot</a> ◯                                             | Judaism                  |
|              | 9        | <a href="#">Karwa Chauth</a>                                         | Hinduism                 |
|              | 14-15    | <a href="#">Shemini Atzerat/Simchat Torah</a> ◯                      | Judaism                  |
|              | 20       | <a href="#">Deepavali/Diwali/Bandi Chhor Divas</a> •                 | Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism |
|              | 20       | <a href="#">Installation of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji</a>             | Sikhism                  |
|              | 22       | <a href="#">Birth of Báb</a> • ◯                                     | Bahá'í                   |
|              | 22       | <a href="#">Gujarat New Year/Enlightenment day of Gautam Swami</a> ◯ | Hinduism, Jainism        |
|              | 22-23    | <a href="#">Bhai Tika</a>                                            | Hinduism                 |
|              | 23       | <a href="#">Birth of Bahá'u'lláh</a> • ◯                             | Bahá'í                   |
|              | 26       | <a href="#">Labh Panchami</a> •                                      | Hinduism/Jainism         |
|              | 31-Nov.1 | <a href="#">Samhain</a>                                              | Pagan/Wiccan             |

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| NOVEMBER 2025 | 5         | <a href="#">Guru Nanak Jayanti (Birth Date)</a> • | Sikhism                           |
|               | 15-Dec.24 | <a href="#">Nativity Fast</a>                     | Christianity (Julian Calendar)    |
|               | 20        | <a href="#">Sigd</a> ◯                            | Judaism                           |
|               | 24        | <a href="#">Guru Tegh Bahadur (Martyrdom)</a>     | Sikhism                           |
|               | 25        | <a href="#">Day of the Covenant</a> ◯             | Bahá'í                            |
|               | 27        | <a href="#">Ascension 'Abdu'l-Bahá</a> ◯          | Bahá'í                            |
|               | 30-Dec.24 | <a href="#">Advent</a>                            | Christianity (Gregorian Calendar) |

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| DECEMBER 2025 | 8    | <a href="#">Bodhi Day</a> | Buddhism (Mahayana) |

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|  | 15-22 | <a href="#">Hanukkah</a> • ○    | Judaism                                                |
|  | 21    | <a href="#">Winter Solstice</a> | Indigenous                                             |
|  | 21    | <a href="#">Yule</a> ○          | Pagan/Wiccan                                           |
|  | 25    | <a href="#">Christmas</a> • ○   | Christianity (Gregorian Calendar, New Julian Calendar) |

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| JANUARY 2026 | 1    | <a href="#">New Year</a>                                     | Christianity (Gregorian Calendar)                      |
|              | 3    | <a href="#">Mahayana New Year</a>                            | Buddhism (Mahayana)                                    |
|              | 6    | <a href="#">Epiphany</a>                                     | Christianity (Gregorian Calendar, New Julian Calendar) |
|              | 6    | <a href="#">Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti (Birth Date)</a>       | Sikhism                                                |
|              | 7    | <a href="#">Christmas</a> • ○                                | Christianity (Julian Calendar)                         |
|              | 13   | <a href="#">Maghi/Lohri</a>                                  | Sikhism                                                |
|              | 17   | <a href="#">New Year</a>                                     | Christianity (Julian Calendar)                         |
|              | 14   | <a href="#">Makar Sankranti (Start of Dhanu Sankranti)</a> • | Hinduism                                               |
|              | 19   | <a href="#">Epiphany</a>                                     | Christianity (Julian Calendar)                         |

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| FEBRUARY 2026 | 1         | <a href="#">Imbolc</a> ○                             | Pagan/Wiccan                      |
|               | 2         | <a href="#">Tu B'Shvat</a> ○                         | Judaism                           |
|               | 15        | <a href="#">Parinirvana/Nirvana Day</a> •            | Buddhism                          |
|               | 15        | <a href="#">Maha Shivaratri</a> • ○                  | Hinduism                          |
|               | 17        | <a href="#">Lunar New Year</a> (Losar) •             | Buddhism (Tibetan)                |
|               | 18-Apr.2  | <a href="#">Lent starting with Ash Wednesday</a>     | Christianity (Gregorian Calendar) |
|               | 18-Mar.21 | <a href="#">Ramadan</a> • ○ +/-                      | Islam                             |
|               | 22-Apr.2  | <a href="#">Lent starting with Clean/Pure Monday</a> | Christianity (Julian Calendar)    |
|               | 23        | <a href="#">Vasanta Panchami</a> •                   | Hinduism                          |
|               | 25-Mar.1  | <a href="#">Ayyám-i-Há</a> ○                         | Bahá'í                            |

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| MARCH 2026 | 2-20  | <a href="#">Bahá'í Fast</a>                    | Bahá'í        |
|            | 3     | <a href="#">Magha Puja Day</a> •               | Buddhism      |
|            | 3     | <a href="#">Purim</a> ○                        | Judaism       |
|            | 4     | <a href="#">Holi</a>                           | Hinduism      |
|            | 4     | <a href="#">Hola Mohalla</a>                   | Sikhism       |
|            | 20    | <a href="#">Naw Rúz</a> • ○                    | Bahá'í        |
|            | 20    | <a href="#">Ostara</a> ○                       | Pagan/Wiccan  |
|            | 12    | <a href="#">Laylat-al-Qadr</a> ○ +/-           | Islam (Shi'a) |
|            | 16    | <a href="#">Laylat-al-Qadr</a> ○ +/-           | Islam (Sunni) |
|            | 19-27 | <a href="#">Vasanta Navratri</a> •             | Hinduism      |
|            | 20    | <a href="#">Eid al-Fitr</a> • ○ +/-            | Islam         |
|            | 26    | <a href="#">Shri Ram Navami</a>                | Hinduism      |
|            | 30    | <a href="#">Mahavir Jayanti (Birth Date)</a> • | Jainism       |

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| APRIL 2026 | 2    | <a href="#">Theravada New Year</a>   | Buddhism (Theravada)              |
|            | 2    | <a href="#">Holy/Maundy Thursday</a> | Christianity (Gregorian Calendar) |
|            | 2-9  | <a href="#">Passover</a> • ○         | Judaism                           |
|            | 3    | <a href="#">Good Friday</a> •        | Christianity (Gregorian Calendar) |
|            | 5    | <a href="#">Easter</a> •             | Christianity (Gregorian Calendar) |
|            | 9    | <a href="#">Holy/Maundy Thursday</a> | Christianity (Julian Calendar)    |
|            | 10   | <a href="#">Good Friday</a> •        | Christianity (Julian Calendar)    |
|            | 12   | <a href="#">Pascha</a> •             | Christianity (Julian Calendar)    |
|            | 14   | <a href="#">Vaisakhi</a> •           | Sikhism                           |
|            | 21   | <a href="#">First day Ridván</a> • ○ | Bahá'í                            |
|            | 29   | <a href="#">Ninth of Ridván</a> • ○  | Bahá'í                            |

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| MAY 2026 | 1     | <a href="#">Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day</a> •       | Buddhism                          |
|          | 1     | <a href="#">Beltane</a> ○                      | Pagan/Wiccan                      |
|          | 2     | <a href="#">Twelfth of Ridván</a> • ○          | Bahá'í                            |
|          | 5     | <a href="#">Lag B'Omer</a> ○                   | Judaism                           |
|          | 22-23 | <a href="#">Shavuot</a> • ○                    | Judaism                           |
|          | 24    | <a href="#">The Declaration of The Báb</a> • ○ | Bahá'í                            |
|          | 24    | <a href="#">Pentecost</a>                      | Christianity (Gregorian Calendar) |
|          | 27-30 | <a href="#">Eid al-Adha</a> • ○ +/-            | Islam                             |
|          | 29    | <a href="#">Ascension Of Bahá'u'lláh</a> • ○   | Bahá'í                            |
|          | 31    | <a href="#">Pentecost</a>                      | Christianity (Julian Calendar)    |

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| JUNE 2026 | 16   | <a href="#">Guru Arjun Dev Ji (Martyrdom)</a>            | Sikhism      |
|           | 17   | <a href="#">Muharram</a> ○                               | Islam        |
|           | 21   | <a href="#">Litha</a> ○                                  | Pagan/Wiccan |
|           | 21   | <a href="#">National Indigenous Peoples Day/Solstice</a> | Indigenous   |

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| JULY 2026 | 10   | <a href="#">Martyrdom of Báb</a> • ○             | Bahá'í    |
|           | 23   | <a href="#">Tisha B'Av</a> ○                     | Judaism   |
|           | 29   | <a href="#">Asalha Puja/Theravada Dharma Day</a> | Buddhism  |

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| AUGUST 2026 | 1    | <a href="#">Lammas</a> ○       | Wiccan    |
|             | 28   | <a href="#">Raksha Bandhan</a> | Hinduism  |

**PROPOSED RELIGIONS AND DATES FOR INCLUSION:**

The religions included in this calendar represent the religions in Alberta with more than a thousand followers during the 2011 Canadian census. Other religions with large worldwide populations include Caodaism, Confucianism, Muism, Shintoism, Taoism, Traditional Spirituality (Indigenous) and Zoroastrianism. Over a million Albertans identified no religious affiliations in the 2011 census.

More recent information from [Statistic Canada 2019 Religions in Canada](#) and our [EPSB 2022-2023 Student Demographic Survey](#), supports the continued inclusion of the chosen religions.