



CULTURES CONNECTING

DIVERSITY CALENDAR

2026-2027



MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this calendar is to address and support the diversity of students, staff, and families in K-12 education settings and beyond. We recognize that by increasing our understanding of diverse cultures, group experiences, traditions, values and beliefs, we can enhance our relationships with one another and hence, create culturally responsive environments where everyone feels valued and respected.

HOW DATES WERE CHOSEN

Due to the extensive number of cultural holidays, dates for this calendar were determined by the following four criteria:

1. Might a student or staff member be absent as a result of this day?
2. Might a student or staff member be disengaged as a result of this day (e.g., hunger or a negative association with a particular day/date such as Thanksgiving, or a day of remembrance of a tragic event)?
3. Might a student, family, or staff member not be able to participate in a school activity during or after school as a result of this day? (e.g., Many of our students do not participate in Halloween or Valentine's Day. There are students, families, and staff who cannot participate in district/school events that are scheduled on the evening of an important religious day observed by the Jewish and Muslim communities).
4. Does the day provide an opportunity for a teachable moment regarding ethnic or cultural diversity that might not otherwise be discussed, particularly dates associated with a continued history of oppression, discrimination, or racism?



WORK IN PROGRESS

We ask for your patience in the event that we have missed important dates that apply to the four criteria above. This was an enormous task taken on by a handful of individuals of good will and intention. If you know of additional cultural holidays that meet the above criteria, or would like to offer suggestions for appropriate websites, books, or other resources that can be used to improve this calendar, please contact: Judy Lee at judy.lee@culturesconnecting.com.

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NOTES:

- Starred (*) holy days begin at sunset of the date listed and go to sunset of the following day.
- Caret (^) indicates work restrictions.
- Due to regional and cultural differences, the holidays listed may be celebrated on different dates by individuals of the same faith.
- Many of the holidays are based on actual sighting of the moon and therefore the date may vary.
- For more information on individual holidays, click the holiday title to view its hyperlink (many are linked to Wikipedia).
- Please note that some months have two pages.



AUGUST 2026

Intersectionality Awareness | National Black Philanthropy Month



SAT
1

Lughnasadh
(Lammas)

Neo-Pagan

SUN
9

International Day
of the World's
Indigenous
People

International



WED
12

International
Youth Day

International

THU-SUN
13-16

Obon

Japanese
Buddhist

WED
19

World
Humanitarian
Day

International

TUE-WED
25-06

Eid-e-Milad/
Mawlid al-
Nabi

Islam



WED
26

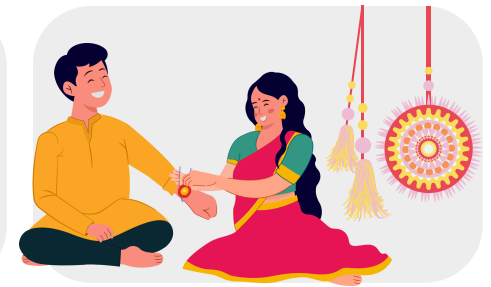
Women's
Equality
Day

United States

FRI
28

Raksha
Bandhan

Hindu



Notes:

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SEPTEMBER 2026

Hispanic, Latino, and Latinx Heritage Month



FRI
04

Krishna
Janmashtami

Hindu

MON
7

Labor
Day

United States
No School



FRI
11

Enkutatash
(New Year)

Ethiopian

FRI-SUN
11-13

Rosh Hashanah
(New Year)

Jewish

TUES
15

Central American¹
Independence Day

Central American



WED
16

Mexican
Independence
Day

Mexican

FRI
18

El Dieciocho/
Independence
Day

Chilean



Notes:

1. This day is celebrated in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

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SEPTEMBER 2026

Hispanic, Latino, and Latinx Heritage Month



SUN-MON
20-21

Yom
Kippur



Jewish

MON-SUN
21-27

International
Week of the
Deaf

International



TUE
22

Mabon

Neo-Pagan

WED
23

International
Day of Sign
Languages

International

FRI-FRI
25-02

Sukkot¹
(Feast of
Tabernacles)

Jewish



MON
21

International
Day of Peace

International

WED
30

National Day for
Truth and
Reconciliation/
Orange Shirt Day

Canadian



Notes:

1. Sukkot is from September 25 to October 2.

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OCTOBER 2026

LGBTQ+ History | National Disability Employment Awareness
Filipino American History | Global Diversity Awareness Month



FRI-FRI
25-02  Sukkot¹
(Feast of
Tabernacles)
Jewish

FRI-SAT
2-3  Shemini
Atzeret
Jewish

SAT-SUN
3-4  Simchat
Torah
Jewish



SUN
11 National
Coming Out
Day
United States

MON
12 Canadian
Thanksgiving
Canada

MON
12 Indigenous
Peoples' Day
United States

TUE
20 Dussehra/
Vijayadashami
Hindu

WED
28 National
Immigrants
Day
United States

SAT
31 Halloween²
United States

SAT-SUN
31-1 Samhain³
Neo-Pagan

SAT-MON
31-2 Día de los
Muertos
Mexican,
Latin American

Notes:

1. Sukkot is from September 25 to October 2.
 2. Be mindful of costumes. Read our blog about this [here](#).
 3. Samhain is from October 31 to November 1.
 4. Día de los Muertos is from October 31 to November 2 and is celebrated in Latin America including Guatemala, Ecuador, El Salvador.
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NOVEMBER 2026

Native American and Indigenous Heritage Month



SUN
1

All Saint's Day.

Anglican &
Roman Catholic

SUN
8

Bandi Chhor Divas

Sikh

MON-TUE
9-10

* ^
Birth of the Báb

Bahá'i

FRI-TUE
6-10

Diwali

Hindu, Jain,
Sikh, Buddhist

WED
11

* ^
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh

Bahá'i

WED
11

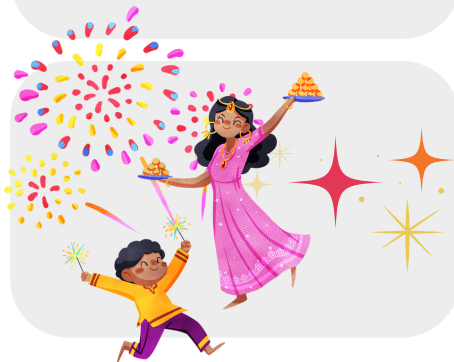
Veteran's Day.

United States
No School

TUE
24

Birthday of Guru Nanak

Sikh



THU
26

Thanksgiving Day.

United States
No School

THU
26

Day of Mourning

United States
No School

FRI
27

Native American Heritage Day.

United States

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DECEMBER 2026

Universal Human Rights Month



FRI-SAT 4-12  <u>Hanukkah</u> (Chanukah) Jewish	TUE 8 <u>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</u> Catholic	TUE 8 <u>Bodhi Day</u> (Rohatsu) Buddhist	
SAT 12 <u>Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> Mexican Catholic	WED-THU 16-24 <u>Simbang Gabi</u> Filipino Catholic	WED-THU 16-24 <u>Las Posadas</u> ¹ Latin American	MON 21 <u>Yaldā Night</u> Persian
	MON 21 <u>Winter Solstice/Yule</u> Neo-Pagan	FRI 25 <u>Christmas Day</u> Christian No School	SAT-FRI 26-1 <u>Kwanzaa</u> ² African American

Notes:

1. Las Posadas is celebrated in El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras on varying dates.

2. Kwanzaa is from December 26 to January 1.

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JANUARY 2027



FRI
1

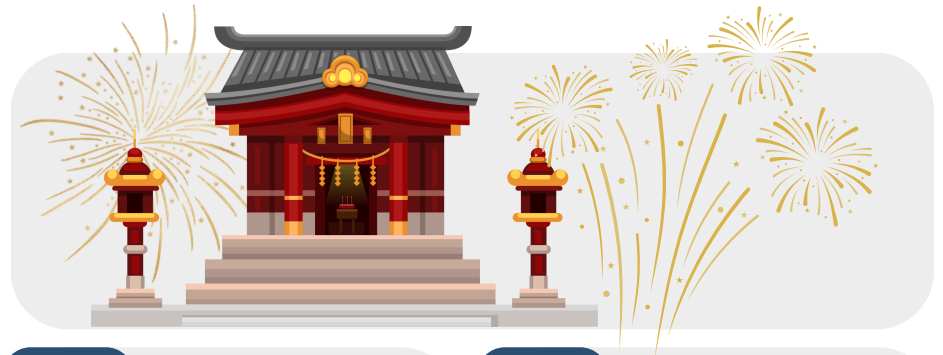
New Year's Day

International
No school

FRI
1

Gantan-sai

Shinto



WED
6

Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day/Epiphany)

Latin American
Christian

THU
7

Orthodox Christmas

Christian
Orthodox

FRI
15

Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh

Sikh

MON
18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

United States
No School

TUE
19

National Day of Racial Healing

United States

WED
27

Holocaust Remembrance Day

International



Notes:

^ Work restrictions.

FEBRUARY 2027

African American History Month



MON 1 <u>National Freedom Day</u> United States	MON 1 <u>Imbolc</u> Neo-Pagan	WED 3 <u>Setsubun-sai</u> Shinto	
SAT 6 <u>Lunar New Year/Tết</u> ¹ Asian	SUN-MON 7-8 <u>Ramadan</u> ² Islamic	WED-SAT 10-27 <u>Lenten Season</u> ³ Christian	SUN 14 <u>Valentine's Day</u> ⁴ International
MON 15 <u>President's Day</u> United States No School	FRI 19 <u>Day of Remembrance (Japanese Incarceration)</u> United States	SAT 20 <u>World Day of Justice</u> International	SUN 21 <u>Magha Puja Day</u> Buddhist

Notes:

1. Lunar New Year is celebrated in China, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, and Vietnam (Tết).
 2. Ramadan is from February 7 to March 8.
 3. Lenten Season is from February 10 to March 27.
 4. Be mindful that not all students observe this holiday.
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MARCH 2027

Women's History Month | Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



SUN-MON 7-8  <u>Ramadan</u>¹ Islamic	WED-SAT 10-27 <u>Lenten</u>² <u>Season</u> Christian	FRI 5 <u>Laylat</u> <u>al-Qadr</u> Islamic	رمضان RAMADAN كريم KAREEM 
SAT-SUN 6-7  <u>Maha</u> <u>Shivaratri</u> Hindu	MON 8 <u>International</u> <u>Women's Day</u> International	TUE-MAR 9-10  <u>Eid al-Fitr</u> (End of <u>Ramadan</u>) Islamic	WED 17 <u>St. Patrick's</u> <u>Day</u> Irish
	SAT 20 <u>Nowruz</u> (<u>Persian New</u> <u>Year</u>) Persian, Iranian	SAT 20 <u>Ostara</u> Neo-Pagan	SAT-SUN 20-21  <u>Naw-Rúz</u> (<u>Bahá'í</u> <u>New Year</u>) Bahá'í

Notes:

1. Ramadan is from February 7 to March 8.

2. Lenten Season is from February 10 to March 27.

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MARCH 2027

Women's History Month | Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



SUN 21 <u>Palm Sunday</u> Christian / Orthodox	SUN 21 <u>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</u> International	SUN-MON 21-22 <u>Holi</u> Hindu	
SUN-SUN 21-28 <u>Holy Week</u> Christian	MON-TUE 22-23 <u>Purim</u> Jewish	THU 25 <u>International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade</u> International	THU 25 <u>Maundy Thursday</u> Christian
	FRI 26 <u>Good Friday</u> Christian	SUN 28 <u>Easter</u> Christian	WED 31 <u>International Transgender Day of Visibility</u> International

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APRIL 2027

Autism Acceptance Month | Arab American Heritage
Celebrate Diversity Month



FRI
2

World Autism
Awareness
Day

International

TUE
6

National
Tartan Day

Scottish American

FRI
9

National Day
of Silence

United States



WED-THU
7-15

Chaitra
Navratri

Hindu



SUN-SAT
11-17

Black
Maternal
Health Week

United States

MON
12

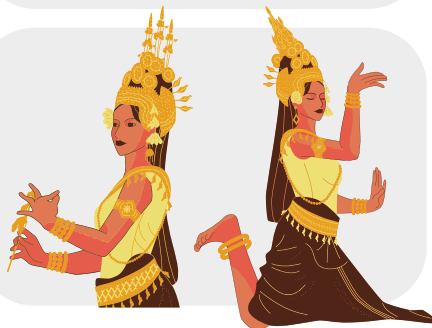
Theravada
New Year¹

South/
Southeast Asian

WED
14

Vaisakhi

Sikh



WED-FRI
14-16

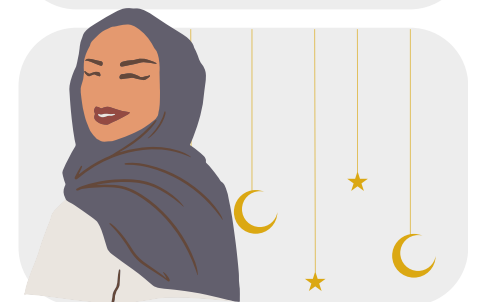
Cambodian
New Year

Cambodian

WED-FRI
14-16

Bun Pi Mai
(New Year)

Laotian



Notes:

1. Celebrated in Thailand, Burma, Laos, Cambodia, India, and Sri Lanka.

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APRIL 2027

Autism Acceptance Month | Arab American Heritage Month
Celebrate Diversity Month



THU
15

Rama Navami

Hindu

TUE-WED
20-21

First Day of Ridván *

Bahá'i

WED-THU
21-29

Passover (Pesach) * ^

Jewish



THU
22

Earth Day

International

SAT
22

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

Armenian

WED-THU
28-29

Ninth Day of Ridván *

Bahá'i

FRI
30

Orthodox Good Friday

Christian Orthodox

FRI
30

Día de los Niños¹

Latin American



Notes:

1. Día de los Niños is celebrated in many Latin American countries including Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, and Ecuador.

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MAY 2027

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



SAT
1 **Beltane** *

Neo-Pagan

SAT
1 **May Day**
(International Worker's Day)

International



SAT-SUN
1-2 **Twelfth Day**
of Ridván *

Bahá'i

SUN
2 **Orthodox**
Easter

Christian
Orthodox

MON-TUE
3-4 **Yom** *
HaSho'ah

Jewish

WED
5 **Cinco de**
Mayo

United States /
Mexican



WED
5 **National Day of**
Awareness for
Missing & Murdered
Indigenous Women,
Girls, & 2-Spirit

United States

SUN
9 **Mother's Day.**

United States

MON
10 **El Día**
de la Madre

Mexico, El Salvador
Guatemala

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MAY 2027

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



FRI-WED
14-19

Hajj

Islamic



SUN
16

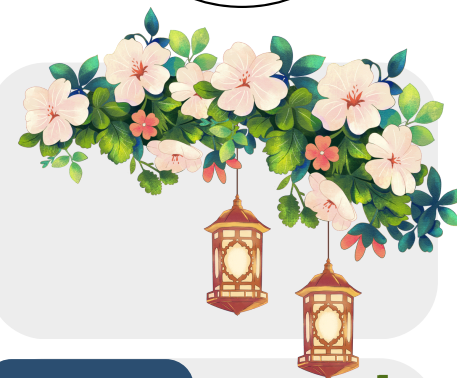
Pentecost

Christian

SUN-MON
16-17

Eid-ul-Adha
(Feast of
Sacrifice)

Islamic



THU
20

Buddha Day/
Visakha Puja/
Vesak

Buddhist

FRI
21

World Day
for Cultural
Diversity

International

SUN-MON
23-24

Declaration
of the Báb

Bahá'í



FRI-SAT
28-29

Ascension of
Bahá'u'lláh

Bahá'í



SUN
30

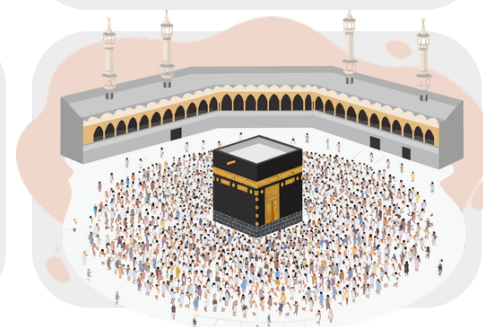
Haitian
Mother's
Day

Haitian

MON
31

Memorial Day

United States/
Mexican
No School



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JUNE 2027

**LGBTQ+ Pride Month | National Immigrant Heritage Month
Caribbean American Heritage Month**



SUN-SUN 6-4 <u>Muharram</u> (Al Hijrah New Year) ¹ Islamic	THU-SAT 10-12 <u>Shavuot</u> Jewish	SAT 12 <u>Philippine Independence Day</u> Filipino	
SAT 12 <u>Loving Day</u> United States	SUN 13 <u>Race Unity Day</u> Bahá'í / United States	SAT 19 <u>Juneteenth</u> United States	SUN 20 <u>World Refugee Day</u> International
	SUN 20 <u>Orthodox Pentecost</u> Christian Orthodox	MON 21 <u>Summer Solstice/Litha</u> Neo-Pagan	MON 28 <u>International LGBTQ+ Pride Day</u> International

Notes:

1. Muharram/Al-Hijra is from June 6 to July 4.

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JULY 2027

Disability Pride Month | BIPOC Mental Health Month



SUN-SUN

6-4

Muharram *
(Al Hijrah
New Year)¹

Islamic

THU

1

Dharma
Day/
Asala Puja

Buddhist

SAT

3

Black Hair
Independence
Day (Crown Day)

United States

SUN

4

Independence
Day

United States

SAT

10

Martyrdom ^
of the Báb

Bahá'í

WED

14

International
Non-Binary
People's Day

International

THU

22

17th of
Tammuz

Jewish



FRI

23

Birthday
of Haile
Selassie

Rastafarian

MON

26

National
Disability
Independence
Day

United States

WED-THU

28-29

Fiestas Patrias
Peruanas/
Independence
Day

Peru

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