

HOLY DAYS

The Lakehead District School Board community includes students and staff from diverse faith groups. This list of holy days identifies some of the important holy days from various faiths. It is not an exhaustive list. Students and staff may need time for holy days and related observances.

* These holy days commence preceding the evening at sun set.

** Days of observance can vary by a day or so.

JANUARY 2021

January 1 - Feast of St. Basil (Orthodox Christianity), Temple Day (Solar New Year) (Buddism), Shogatsu/Gantan-Sai (Shinto)

January 2 - Bodhi Day (The Enlightenment of Buddha) (Buddhism)

January 5 - Birth of Sri Guru Gobind Singh (Sikhism), Twelfth Night (Christianity)

January 6 - Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes (Christianity)

January 7 - Ethiopian Christmas Day (Rastafari)

January 8 - Feast of the Nativity (Orthodox Christianity)

January 10 - Baptism of the Lord (Christianity)

January 11 - Seijin Shiki (Adults' Day, Shinto)

January 12 - Swami Vivekananda Jayanti (Hinduism)

January 13 - Punjabi Lohri (Hinduism)

January 14 - Maghi (Sikhism), Makar Sankranti /Pongal (Hinduism), New Year's Day (Orthodox Christianity)

January 18 - Feast of Sultan (Baha'i)

January 19 - Timkat (Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity)

January 20 - Bodhi Day (Buddhism)

January 24 - Tailang Swami Jayanti (Hinduism)

January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul (Christianity), Husen Shonin Memorial (Buddhism)

January 28 - Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)

January 31 - Birth of Guru Har Rai (Sikhism)

FEBRUARY 2021

February 2 - Imbolc (Wicca)

February 3 – Setsubun-sai (Buddhism - Shinto)

February 6 - Feast of Mulk (Bahá'i)

February 12 - Lunar New Year/Maitreya Bodhisattva's Birthday (Buddhism)

February 12 - 14 - Losar/Tibetan New Year (Tibetan)

February 14 - Valentine's Day (Catholicism)

February 15 - Parinirvana/Nirvana Day (Buddhism)

February 16 - Vasanta Panchami (Hinduism), Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday / Shrove Tuesday (International, Christianity)

February 17 - Ash Wednesday (Christianity)

February 21 - Triodion Begins (Orthodox Christianity)

February 24 - 28- Intercalary Days / Ayyam-i-Ha (Bahá'í),

February 25 - Fast of Esther (Judaism)

February 25 - 28 - Ayyam-i-Ha (Intercalary Days) (Bahá'í)

February 26 - *Purim (Judaism)

February 27 - Guru Ravidas Jayanti (Hinduism), Lantern Festival/Magha Puja Day (Buddhism)

February 29 - March 19 - Bahá'í Fast (Bahá'í)

MARCH 2021

March 3 - Joshi-no-Sekku Festival of the Dolls (Shinto)

March 4 - Birth of Taoist Lao-Tzu (Shinto)

March 8 - Maharishi Dayan and Saraswati Jayanti (Hinduism)

March 10 - Laylat al Mi'raj* (Islam)

March 11 - Mahashivaratri/Shiva Ratri (Hinduism)

March 12 - Hola Mohalla Sikh New Year's Day (Sikhism)

March 14 - Memorial of Shan-tao/Zendo Daishi (Buddhism), Sikh New Year's Day (Sikhism), Saka New Year (Balinese Hindu)

March 15 - Clean Monday (Orthodox Christianity)

March 15 - May 1 - Great Lent (Orthodox Christianity)

March 16 - Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva's Birthday (Buddhism),

March 16 - 20 - Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem Begins (Zoroastrian)

March 17 - Festival of Higan-e (Buddhism)

March 20 – Bahá & Naw Ruz (Bahá'í), Shunbun-no-hi (Shinto), Ostara (Wicca)

March 21 – Now Ruz (Fasli) (Zoroastrianism), Eid-e-Navroz* (Islam)

March 25 - Annunciation (Christianity)

March 26 – Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Fasli) (Zoroastrianism)

March 27 – Eve of Pesah (Judaism)

March 28 - Palm Sunday (Christianity), Laylat at Bara'at (Islam)

March 28 -29 - Holi (Hinduism), Nisfu Shaban* (Islam)

March 28 - April 4 - Pesah (Passover) (Judaism)

March 28 - April 5 - Ramayana (Hinduism)

March 29 - 31 - Hola Mohalla (Sikhism)

March 31 - Kuan Yin Birthday (Taiwanese)

APRIL 2021

April 1 – Holy Maundy Thursday (Christianity)

April 2 – Good Friday (Christianity), Holy Friday (Orthodox Christianity)

April 3 – Holy Saturday (Christianity), Seventh Day of Pesah (Judaism)

April 4 – Easter (Christianity), Eight (Last) Day of Pesah (Orthodox)(Judaism)

April 5 – Easter Monday (Christianity)

April 8 – Jalál (Bahá'í), Buddha's Birth Date (Buddhism), Yom HaShoah* (Judaism)

April 12 - May 11 – Ramadan* (fasting month) (Islam)

April 13 – Navvarsha (New Year's Day)(Hinduism), Ramayana Week Begins (Hinduism)

April 14 – Vaisakhi (Hinduism), Vaisakhi (Sikhism)

April 16 - 17 - Yom Ha'atzmaut*(Judaism)

April 18 - Parkash (Birth) of Guru Arjun Dev (Sikhism); Parkash of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikhism)

April 19 - Vasant Navratri Begins (Hinduism), Aymbil Ori Begins (Jainism)

April 20 - First Day of the Festival of Ridván (Bahá'í)

April 21 - Ramanavami (Hinduism), Groundation Day (Rastafari)

April 22 - Theravadin Buddhist New Year (Buddhism)

April 23 - Zarathosht-no-Diso (Zoroastrianism)

April 24 – Lazarus Saturday (Christianity)

April 25 – Palm Sunday (Christianity), Pesach Sheni (Judaism), Mahavir Jayanti Birthday (Jainism), World

April 26 - Theravada New Year (Buddhism), Holy Week begins (Christianity)

April 27 – Jamál (Bahá'í), Hanuman Jayanti (Hinduism), Aymbil Ori ends (Jainism)

April 28 - Nichiren Foundation Day (Buddism), Ninth Day of Ridván (Bahá'í)

April 29 – Holy Thursday (Christianity), Lag BaOmer (Judaism)

April 30 – Holy Friday (Christianity)

April 30 – May 4 - Ghambar Maidyozarem (Zoroastrianism)

MAY 2021

May 1 - Beltane (Wicca), Twelfth Day of Ridván (Bahá'í), Holy Saturday (Christianity), Shrimad Rajchandra Dehvilay (Jainism)

May 2 - Pascha (Orthodox Easter)

May 7 – Jum'at al-Wadá* (Islam), Laylat al-Qadr (Islam), Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti (Hinduism)

May 9 - Yom Yerushalayim (Judaism), Dianetics (Scientology), Lailat al-Qadr (Islamic)

May 13 - Ascension (Christianity), Eid al-Fitr* (Islam)

May 15 – Akshaya-tritiya (Jainism), Sanja Matsuri (Shinto)

May 16 – Azamat (Bahá'í)

May 17 - 18 – Shavuot*(Judaism)

May 23 - Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í), Pentecost (Christianity)

May 26 - Wesak/Visakha Puja/Buddha Day (Buddhism, Tibetan Buddhism)

May 28 - Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)

May 30 - Trinity Sunday (Christianity)

JUNE 2021

June 4 - Núr (Bahá'í)

June 10 – Ascension (Christianity)

June 13 - Race Unity Day (Bahá'í)

June 16 - Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji (Sikhism)

June 18 – Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi Lodro Anniversary (Buddhism)

June 20 – Pentecost (Christianity)

June 21 - Litha/Midsummer (Wicca)

June 23 – Rahmat (Bahá'í)

June 24 - Kabirdas Jayanti (Hinduism), Poson (Buddhism)

June 27 – All Saints Day (Christianity)

June 29 - July 4 - Ghambar Maidyoshem (Zoroastrianism)

JULY 2021

July 2-4 - Jalsa Salana* (Islam)

July 3 – Ghambar Maidyoshem ends (Zoroastrianism)

July 6 – Birth Date of H.H. Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso (Buddhism)

July 9 – Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í)

July 11 – Imamat Day* (Islam)

July 12 – Kalimát (Bahá'í)

July 17 – Navroze (New Year) (Zoroastrianism)

July 18 – Tis'a B'av* (Judaism)

July 19 – Day of Haji* (Islam)

July 20 – Id al-Adhá* (Islam)

July 23 – Guru Gurnima (Hinduism)(Jainism), Vassa (Rains Retreat) Begins (Buddhism), Aslha Puja (Dharma Day) (Buddhism)

July 24 – Guru Purnima (Jainism), Chaturmas Begins (Jainism)

July 30 – Oh-Harai-taisai (Shinto)

July 31 – Kamál (Bahá'í)

AUGUST 2021

August 1 – Lughnasadh/Lammas (Wicca)

August 6 – Transfiguration Day (Christianity)

August 8 – 17 - Fravardeghan Days (Shenshai) (Zoroastrianism)

August 10 – New Year – First of Muharram* (Hijra) (Islam)

August 15 – Assumption (Christianity)

August 18 –Nowruz (Shenshai) (Zoroastrianism)

August 19 – Asmá (Bahá'í), Transfiguration Day (Christianity), Ashura* (Islam),

August 22 – Raksha Bandhan (Hinduism)

August 24 – Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Shensai) (Zoroastrianism)

August 26 – Festival of Ksitigarbha (Jizo) Bodhisattva (Buddhism)

August 30 – Sri Krishna Jayanti (Hinduism)

SEPTEMBER 2021

September 1 – First Parkash (Sikhism)

September 4 - 11 – Paryushana Parva (Jainism)

September 6 – Birth date of H.H. Sakya Trizin (Buddhism), 'Izzat (Bahá'í)

September 6 -7 – Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)

September 10 – Ganesh Chaturthi (Hinduism)

September 11 – Samvatsari (Jainism)

September 11 – 20 – Dashalakshani-parva (Jainism)

September 12 – Anniversary of the Tatsunokuchi Persecution (Buddhism)

September 12 – 16 – Ghambar Pitishem (Zoroastrianism)

September 16 - Yom Kippur* (Judaism)

September 19 - Festival of Higan-e (Buddhism), Anant-chaturdasi (Jainism)

September 20 – Ksamavani (Jainism)

September 21 – Pitru Paksha (Hinduism),

September 21 – 27 - Sukkot* (Judaism)

September 22 – Eihei Dogen Kigen Memorial (Buddhism), Shúbun-no-hi (Shinto), Mabon (Wicca)

September 26 – Mashiyat (Bahá'í)

September 28 – Shmini Atzeret* (Judaism)

September 29 – Simhat Torah* (Judaism)

OCTOBER 2021

October 2 – Mehregan (Zoroastrianism)

October 3 – World Communion Day (Christianity)

October 5 – Bodhidharma Memorial (Buddhism)

October 7 – 14 – Navaratri (Hinduism)

October 12 – Sarawati Puja (Hinduism)

October 12 – 16 – Ghambar Ayathrem (Zoroastrianism)

October 12 – 20 - Aymbil Ori (Jainism)

October 13 – Nichiren Shonin Memorial (Buddhism)

October 15 – 'Ilm (Bahá'í), Dassehra (Hinduism)

October 18 – Mawlid al-Nabīy* (Islam)

October 19 – Pavarana (Buddhism)

October 20 – November 17 – Kathina (Buddhism)

October 20 – Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikhism)

October 21 – Atmasiddhi Rachna Divas (Jainism)

October 24 – Karwa Chauth (Hinduism)

October 31 – Samhain (Wicca), Halloween

NOVEMBER 2021

November 1 - All Saints Day (Christianity)

November 3 – Qudrat (Bahá'í)

November 4 - Diwali (Hinduism), Mahavira Nirvana & Diwali (Jainism),

November 7 - Buddha's Descent from Tushita Heaven (Buddhism-Tibetan), Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikhism)

November 5 – Vikram New Year (Hinduism), Jain New Year & Day of Enlightenment (Jainism)

November 6 – Birth of Báb (Bahá'í)

November 7 – Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)

November 9 – Jnana Panchmi (Jainism)

November 19 – Dev Diwali (Jainism), Birth date of Shrimad Rajchandra (Jainism), Birth date of Guru Nanak Dev Ji (Sikhism)

November 22 - Qawl (Baha'i)

November 24 - Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (Sikhism)

November 25 - Day of the Covenant (Bahá'í)

November 26 – Centenary of The Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha (Bahá'í)

November 28 - Advent Begins (Christianity), First Sunday of Advent (Christianity)

November 29 - December 6 - Hanukkah* (Judaism)

DECEMBER 2021

December 6 - St. Nicholas Day (Christianity)

December 8 – Bodhi/Róhatsu (Awakening) Day (Buddhism)

December 10 – Masá'il (Bahá'í)

December 14 – Maunajiyaras (Buddhism)

December 18 – Sanghamitta Day (Buddhism)

December 21 - Yule (Wicca), Tohji-taisai (Shinto)

December 25 – Christmas* (Christianity)

December 26 - Death of Prophet Zarathustra (Zoroastrianism)

December 30 - Sharaf (Baha'i)

December 31 – Ghambar Maidyarem Begins (Zoroastrianism)