

## 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.

### NOVEMBER 2020

November 1 - All Saints Day (Christianity), Samhain (Wicca)

November 2 - All Souls Day (Catholic Christianity)

November 4 - Karva Chauth (Hinduism)

November 7 - Buddha's Descent from Tushita Heaven (Buddhism-Tibetan)

November 14 - Diwali (Hinduism, Jainism), Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikhism)

November 22 - Qawl (Baha'i)

November 24 - Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (Sikhism), Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)

November 25 - Nativity Fast (until Jan. 6 - Orthodox Christianity)

November 26 - Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha (Baha'i)

November 28 - Advent Fast (Christmas Fast, Orthodox Christianity)

November 29 - First Sunday of Advent (Christianity)

November 30 - First Day of Advent (Orthodox Christianity), St. Andrew's Day (Christianity), Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji (Sikhism)

### DECEMBER 2020

December 6 - St. Nicholas Day (Christianity)

December 8 - Rohatsu/Awakening Day/Bodhi Day (Buddhism), Feast of Immaculate Conception (Christianity)

December 10 - Manu-agiyaras (Jainism)

December 10-18 - Hanukkah (Judaism)\*

December 13 - Birthday of Imam Aga Khan (Islam)\*

December 14 - Sanghamitta Day (Buddhism)

December 20-23 - Yule (Wicca)

December 21 - Shab-e-Yalda (Zoroastrianism), Martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singhs Eldest Two Sons (Sikhism)

December 25 - Christmas Day (Christianity)

December 26 - Death of Prophet Zarathustra (Zarathushti/ Fasli Zoroastrianism), Martyrdom Guru Gobind Singhs Youngest two sons (Sikhism),

December 30 - Sharaf (Baha'i)

### JANUARY 2021

January 1 - Feast of St. Basil (Orthodox Christianity), Temple Day (Solar New Year) (Buddhism), 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)