

Holy Days

The Lakehead District School Board community includes students and staff from diverse faith groups. This list 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.

JULY 2022

July 8 or 9 – Waqfatu’Arafat (Islam)

July 9 or 10 – Eid-ul-Adha ** (Islam)

July 10 – Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá’i)

July 11 – Imamat Day (Islam)

July 13 – Guru Purnima (Hinduism and Jainism)

July 15-17 – Jalsa Salana (Islam)

July 17 – Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva’s Enlightenment (Buddhism)

July 17 – Navroze (New Year) (Zoroastrianism)

July 22 – Khordad Sal (Zoroastrianism)

July 29 or 30 – New Year (Hijra) (Islam)

AUGUST 2022

August 1 - Lughnasadh/Lammas (Wicca)

August 4 – Farvadegan (Zoroastrianism)

August 7 – Tishah B’Av (Judaism)

August 7 or 8 – Ashura (Islam)

August 11 – Raksha Bandhan (Hinduism)

August 12 – Dharma Day/Ullambana (Buddhism)

August 16 – Navroze (Zoroastrianism)

August 18 – Sri Krishna Janmaashtami (Hinduism)

August 21 – Khordad Sal (Zoroastrianism)

August 24 – Paryushan Parva begins (Jainism)

August 28 – Installation of Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib (Sikhism)

August 30 – Ganesh/Vinayak Chauth (Hinduism)

August 31 – Samvatsari/Paryushan Parva ends/Daslakshan Parva begins (Jainism)

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 1 – Installation of Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib (Sikhism)

September 3 – Farvardegan (Zoroastrianism)

September 8 or 9 – Anant Chaturdashi (Hinduism and Jainism)

September 9 – Kshamavani/Daslakshan Parva ends (Jainism)

September 11 – Nayrouz (Christianity)

September 17 – Arbaeen (Islam)

September 22 – Harvestide/Fall Equinox (Wicca)

September 26 – Sharad Navratri begins (Hinduism)

September 26-27 – Rosh Hashanah * (Judaism)

OCTOBER 2022

October 2 – Durgaashtami (Hinduism)

October 4 – Vijaya Dashmi/Dassehra (Hinduism)

October 5 – Yom Kippur (Judaism)

October 8 or 14 – Milad-un-Nabi (Islam)

October 10 – Kathina Ceremony/Parvarana Day (Buddhism)

October 10-16 – Sukkot (Judaism)

October 12 – Karva Chauth (Hinduism)

October 14 - Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva's Pravrajya (Buddhism)

October 17-18 – Simchat Torah (Judaism)

October 20 – Installation of guru Granth as Guru (Sikhism)

October 24 – Diwali (Hinduism)

October 25 – Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikhism)

October 25 – Diwali/Lord Mahavir (Jainism)

October 25 – New Year (Hinduism)

October 27 – Birth of the Báb (Bahá'í)

October 29 – Gnan Panchami (Jainism)

NOVEMBER 2022

November 1 – All Saints Day (Christianity)

November 1 – Samhain (Wicca)

November 7 – Dev Diwali (Jainism)

November 8 – Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikhism)

November 24 – Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur (Sikhism)

November 26 – Day of the Covenant (Bahá'í)

November 26 – Installation of the Guru Granth as Guru (Sikhism)

November 27 – first Day of Advent (Christianity)

November 28 – Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur (Sikhism)

DECEMBER 2022

December 8 – Bodhi Day (Buddhism)

December 10 – Amitabha Buddha's Birthday (Buddhism)

December 13 – Birthday of Imam Aga Khan (Islam)

December 19-26 – Hanukkah (Judaism)

December 21 – Yule/Winter Solstice (Wicca)

December 25 – Christmas (Christianity)

December 29 – Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikhism)

December 30 – Sakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment (Buddhism)

JANUARY 2023

- January 1 – Temple Day (Buddhism)
- January 1 – New Year’s Day (Christianity)
- January 5 – Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikhism)
- January 6 – Epiphany (Christianity)
- January 9 – Seijin-no-hi (Shinto)
- January 10 – Linji Memorial (Buddhism)
- January 13 – Maghi (Hinduism)
- January 14 – Orthodox New Year (Christianity)
- January 14 – Makar Sankranti (Hinduism)
- January 19 – Epiphany (Christianity)
- January 25 – Honen Shonin Memorial (Buddhism)

FEBRUARY 2023

- February 2 – Imbolc (Wicca)
- February 6 – Tu B’Shevat (Judaism)
- February 7 – Mulk (Bahá’i)
- February 15 – Nehan-e (Nirvana Day) (Buddhism)
- February 16 – Laylat al Mi’rāj (Islam)
- February 18 – Mahashivratri (Hinduism)
- February 22 – Ash Wednesday (Christianity)
- February 26 – Ayyám-i-Há (Bahá’i)

MARCH 2023

- March 2-20 – 19 Day Fast Begins (Bahá’i)
- March 6 – Laylat al Bara’at (Islam)
- March 7 – Holi (Hinduism)
- March 7 – Purim (Judaism)

March 8 – Hola Mohalla (Sikhism)
March 14 – Sikh New Year's Day (Sikhism)
March 20 – Ostara (Wicca)
March 21 – Naw-Ruz (Bahá'í)
March 22 – Navvarsha (Hinduism)
March 23 – Ramadan (fasting month) (Islam) **
March 30 – Ramanavani (Hinduism)

APRIL 2023

April 3 – Palm Sunday (Christianity)
April 4 – Mahavirajayanti (Jainism)
April 6 – Theravāda New Year (Buddhism)
April 6-13 Pesah (Judaism)
April 7 – Good Friday (Christianity)
April 8 – Birth of Buddha (Buddhism)
April 9 – Easer (Christianity)
April 10 – Easter Monday (Christianity)
April 14 – Good Friday (Christianity)
April 14 – Vaisakhi (Sikhi/Hinduism)
April 14 – Jum'at al-Wada (Islam)
April 16 – Pascha (Orthodox Easter) (Christianity)
April 16 – Laylat al-Qadr (Islam)
April 18 – Yom HaShoah *
April 21 – First Day of Ridvan (Bahá'í)
April 21 – Īd al Fitr (Islam) **
April 28 – Jamál (Bahá'í)

MAY 2023

May 1 – Beltane (Wicca)

May 5 – Wesak (Buddhism)

May 9 – Lag Ba'Omer * (Judaism)

May 24 – Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í)

May 26 – Shavuot * (Judaism)

May 28 – Pentecost (Christianity)

May 29 – Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh

JUNE 2023

June 3 – Poson (Buddhism)

June 4 – Trinity Sunday (Christianity)

June 11 – All Saints Day (Christianity)

June 16 – Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji (Sikhi)

June 21 – Litha (Wicca)

June 28 – Day of Hajj (Islam)

June 29 – Īd al-Adhá (Islam)

JULY 2023

July 3 – Asalha Puja (Buddhism)

July 3 – Guru Purnima (Jainism)

July 10 – Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í)

July 19 – First of Muharram (Islam)

July 27 – Tisha B'Av * (Judaism)

July 28 – Āshūrā

AUGUST 2023

August 1 – Kamál (Bahá'í)

August 1 – Lammas (Wicca)

August 26 – Ksitigarbha Bodhisattva (Buddhism)

August 30 – Raksha Bandhan (Hinduism)

SEPTEMBER 2023

September 1 – First Parkash Guru Granth Sahib Ji

September 7 – Sri Krishna Jayanti (Hinduism)

September 12 – Paryushan Parva begins (Jainism)

September 16-17 – Rosh Hashanah * (Judaism)

September 25 – Yom Kippur * (Judaism)

September 26 – Mawlid al Nabīy (Islam)

September 28 – Anantachaturdasi (Jainism)

September 28 – Pavarana Day (Buddhism)

September 29 – Ksamavani/Dashalakshaniparva ends (Jainism)

September 30- Oct. 6 – Sukkot * (Judaism)