

**Multifaith DEI Calendar 2023-2024**  
**February 2024 Expanded**

***Black History Month:*** During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country. District resources for Black History Month are updated annually on the portal [here](#).

Date	Category	Day of Significance
February 10	Cultural	<b><a href="#">Lunar New Year</a></b> Also known as the Spring Festival, Chinese New Year, Tet for <a href="#">Vietnamese Canadians</a> , or Solnal for <a href="#">Korean Canadians</a> — LNY is celebrated in Canada and several other countries. It is one of the largest celebrations for Canada’s <a href="#">Chinese</a> population, it is also celebrated by Canadians from Vietnam, Korea and Southeast Asia. This year marks the year of the Dragon.
February 14	Faith-based Christianity	<b><a href="#">Ash Wednesday</a></b> In Western Christianity, the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter.
February 15	Faith-based Buddhism	<b><a href="#">Nirvana Day</a></b> Buddhists commemorate the death of Buddha and his entry into final or complete Nirvana. A solemn day for reflection on death and impermanence.
February 20	Anti-oppression	<b><a href="#">World Day of Social Justice</a></b> The day is an opportunity to remember that social justice is necessary for peace, security, and development around the world.
February 21	Anti-oppression	<b><a href="#">International Mother Language Day</a></b> A United Nations day that focuses on how languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion, and the Sustainable Development Goals’ focus on leaving no one behind.
February 24	Cultural	<b><a href="#">Lantern Festival</a></b> A Chinese celebration that marks the end of the Lunar New Year.
February 24	Faith-based	<b><a href="#">Magha Puja Day</a></b> A major holy day observed by most Buddhists on the first full moon day of the third lunar month. A day of prayers, chants, and offerings.
February 28	2SLGBTQIA+	<b><a href="#">Pink Shirt Day</a></b>

		A student created day in Canada to stand up to homophobic bullying. A video of co-founder of Pink Shirt Day can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
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