

Dates of Significance – February 2026

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.

Date	Category	Day of Significance
February 1-7	Cultural	<u>World Interfaith Harmony Week</u> The World Interfaith Harmony Week provides a platform—one week in a year—when all interfaith groups and other groups of goodwill can show the world what a powerful movement they are. It is hoped that this initiative will provide a focal point from which all people of goodwill can recognize that the common values they hold far outweigh the differences they have, and thus provide a strong dosage of peace and harmony to their communities.
February 14	Anti-oppression	<u>Women’s Memorial March</u> Held in cities across Canada and the United States. The WMM started in 1992 in Vancouver, BC, following the murder of Indigenous woman Cheryl Ann Joe. The first Women’s Memorial March began as a small memorial for Joe, but grew to become an annual march to honour all missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.
February 15	Faith-based Buddhism	<u>Nirvana Day</u> Buddhists commemorate the death of Buddha and his entry into final or complete Nirvana. A solemn day for reflection on death and impermanence.
February 16	Cultural	<u>Family Day</u> Family Day was introduced in BC in 2013 to recognize the great contributions that families make to our lives, our communities and our province.
February 17	Cultural Faith-based Buddhism	<u>Lunar New Year</u> Also known as the Spring Festival, Chinese New Year, Tet for Vietnamese Canadians, or Solnal for Korean Canadians — LNY is celebrated in Canada and several other countries. It is one of the largest celebrations for Canada’s Chinese population, it is also celebrated by

		Canadians from Vietnam, Korea and Southeast Asia. This year marks the Year of the Snake.
February 17 – March 18	Faith-based Islam	Ramadan Ramadan is the ninth month of Islamic lunar calendar. Muslims consider this whole month a blessed month. They fast during the days of this month and make special prayers at night. People also give more charity and do extra righteous deeds. Information is posted on Richnet here on how schools can recognize and be considerate of colleagues, students, and families.
February 18	Faith-based Christianity	Ash Wednesday In Western Christianity, the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter.
February 20	Anti-oppression	World Day of Social Justice The day is an opportunity to remember that social justice is necessary for peace, security, and development around the world.
February 21	Anti-oppression	International Mother Language Day 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 25	Anti-oppression 2SLGBTQIA+ Rights	Pink Shirt Day A student created day in Canada to stand up to homophobic bullying. A video of co-founder of Pink Shirt Day can be found here .

N.B. Schools and departments are encouraged to avoid scheduling any significant day and evening meetings/events on dates shown in **bold**.