

Dates of Significance – April 2025

Autism Awareness Month: A month to come together to increase understanding and awareness of autism and to help end the stigma and discrimination that some Autistic people experience.

Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation, and Prevention Month: A month to honour the memory of the victims of genocide and reflect on the root causes of these tragedies.

Sikh Heritage Month: A month to recognize and highlight the important contributions that Sikh communities have made and continue to make to Canada’s social, economic, political, and cultural heritage.

Date	Category	Day of Significance
April 2	Anti-Oppression Neurodiversity	<u>Autism Awareness Day</u> The United Nations has observed the day as a means to affirm and promote the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for autistic people on an equal basis with others.
April 6	Faith-based Hinduism	<u>Ram Navami</u> A Hindu Spring festival that falls on the ninth day of the month Chaitra according to the Hindu calendar.
April 12	Faith-based Hinduism	<u>Hanuman Jayanti</u> A Hindu religious festival that celebrates the birth of Hindu God Hanuman.
April 12-20	Faith-based Judaism	<u>Pesach or Passover</u> Holiday that commemorates the Jewish liberation and escape from Egypt.
April 13	Faith-based Sikhism	<u>Baisakhi or Vaisakhi</u> A harvest festival celebrated in India, mainly by the Sikh community.
April 14	2SLGBTQ+	<u>International Day of Pink</u> An opportunity to renew our commitment to diversity and inclusion by combatting all forms of discrimination that fuel bullying and violence, which many 2SLGBTQ+ youth continue to face.
April 14-20	Cultural	<u>Bangla Heritage Week</u>

		A week to celebrate the contributions and culture of the Bengali speaking people.
April 18	Faith-based Christianity	<u>Good Friday</u> The Friday before Easter, the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
April 20	Faith-based Christianity	<u>Easter Sunday (Easter or Pascha)</u> The principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion.
April 20-May 2	Faith-based Bahá'í	<u>Festival of Ridván</u> a twelve-day festival in the Bahá'í faith commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's declaration that he was a manifestation of god.
April 21	Faith-based Christianity	<u>Easter Monday</u> The second day of Eastertide.
April 23-24	Faith-based Judaism Anti-oppression	<u>Yom Hashoah</u> <i>Day of (Remembrance of) the Holocaust and the Heroism</i> This annual day of remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust is observed by Jewish communities worldwide.

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