



# Cultures Connecting Diversity Calendar 2021-2022



## **Mission Statement:**

The purpose of this calendar is to address and support the diversity of students, staff, and families in K-12 education settings and beyond. We recognize that by increasing our understanding of diverse cultures, group experiences, traditions, values and beliefs, we can enhance our relationships with one another and hence, create culturally responsive environments where everyone feels valued and respected.

## **How Dates Were Chosen:**

Due to the extensive number of cultural holidays, dates for this calendar were determined by the following four criteria:

- 1) Might a student or staff member be absent as a result of this day?
- 2) Might a student or staff member be disengaged as a result of this day (e.g., hunger or a negative association with a particular day/date such as Thanksgiving, or a day of remembrance of a tragic event)?
- 3) Might a student, family, or staff member not be able to participate in a school activity during or after school as a result of this day? (e.g., Many of our students do not participate in Halloween or Valentine's Day. There are students, families, and staff who cannot participate in district/school events that are scheduled on the evening of an important religious day observed by the Jewish and Muslim communities).
- 4) Does the day provide an opportunity for a teachable moment regarding ethnic or cultural diversity that might not otherwise be discussed, particularly dates associated with a continued history of oppression, discrimination, or racism?

## **Work in Progress:**

We ask for your patience in the event that we have missed important dates that apply to the four criteria above. This was an enormous task taken on by a handful of individuals of good will and intention. If you know of additional cultural holidays that meet the above criteria, or would like to offer suggestions for appropriate websites, books, or other resources that can be used to improve this calendar, please contact: Kenzie Gandy at [kenzie.gandy@culturesconnecting.com](mailto:kenzie.gandy@culturesconnecting.com).

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#### **Notes:**

- Starred (\*) holy days begin at sunset of the date listed and go to sunset of the following day.
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## AUGUST 2021

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Aug. 1	<a href="#">Lughnasadh (Lammas)</a>	Neo-Pagan	
Aug. 9 - Sept. 6*	<a href="#">Al-Hijra / Muharram</a>	Islamic	
Aug. 10	<a href="#">Muharram (Al Hijrah New Year)</a>	Islamic	
Aug. 12	<a href="#">International Youth Day</a>	International	
Aug. 13 - 15	<a href="#">Obon</a>	Japanese Buddhist	
Aug. 22	<a href="#">Raksha Bandhan</a>	Hindu	
Aug. 29	<a href="#">Krishna Janmashtami</a>	Hindu	

## SEPTEMBER 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Sept. 6	<a href="#">Labor Day</a>		No school.
Sept. 6 - 8*^	<a href="#">Rosh Hashanah (New Year)</a>	Jewish	Rosh Hashanah kicks off several weeks of Jewish holidays in the fall. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the two most-observed Jewish Holidays, called the high holy days.
Sept. 11	<a href="#">Enkutatash (New Year)</a>	Ethiopian	
Sept. 15 - 16*	<a href="#">Yom Kippur</a>	Jewish	Day of fasting.
Sept. 16	<a href="#">Mexican Independence Day</a>	Mexican	
Sept. 20 - 27*^	<a href="#">Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)</a>	Jewish	
Sept. 21 - 29*	<a href="#">Mabon</a>	Neo-Pagan	
Sept. 27 - 29*^	<a href="#">Shemini Atzeret</a>	Jewish	
Sept. 28 - 29*^	<a href="#">Simchat Torah</a>	Jewish	

**OCTOBER 2021** Cultural Diversity Month | Coming Out Month | Disability Employment Awareness Month | Filipino American History Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Oct. 7 - 15*	<a href="#">Navaratri/Dassehra</a>	Hindu	
Oct. 11	<a href="#">National Coming Out Day</a>	LGBTQ+ and Allies	
Oct. 11	<a href="#">Indigenous People's Day</a>	United States	
Oct. 12	<a href="#">Día de la Raza</a>	Latinx, Mexican	
Oct. 15	<a href="#">Dashain</a>	Bhutan	
Oct. 18 - 19*	<a href="#">Mawlid-al-Nabi (birthday of Mohammad)</a>	Islamic	
Oct. 31	<a href="#">Halloween</a>	United States	Be mindful that not all families observe Halloween.
Oct. 31 - Nov. 1	<a href="#">Samhain</a>	Neo-Pagan	

**NOVEMBER 2021** Native American Heritage Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Nov. 1	<a href="#">All Saint's Day</a>	Anglican & Roman Catholic	
Nov. 1-2	<a href="#">Día de los Muertos</a>	Mexican	
Nov. 4^	<a href="#">Diwali</a>	Hindu, Jain, Sikh, Buddhist	
Nov. 6 - 7*^	<a href="#">Birth of the Báb</a>	Bahá'i	
Nov. 6 - 7*^	<a href="#">Birth of Bahá'u'lláh</a>	Bahá'i	
Nov. 11	<a href="#">Veteran's Day</a>	United States	
Nov. 19	<a href="#">Birthday of Guru Nanak</a>	Sikh	
Nov. 25	<a href="#">Thanksgiving Day</a>	United States	No school. <a href="http://americanindiansource.com/mourningday.html">http://americanindiansource.com/mourningday.html</a>
Nov. 28 - Dec. 6*	<a href="#">Hanukkah (Chanukah)</a>	Jewish	

## DECEMBER 2021

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Dec. 8	<a href="#">Feast of the Immaculate Conception</a>	Catholic	
Dec. 8	<a href="#">Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)</a>	Buddhist	
Dec. 12	<a href="#">Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe</a>	Mexican Catholic	
Dec. 16 - 24	<a href="#">Las Posadas</a>	Mexican	
Dec. 16 - 24	<a href="#">Simbang Gabi</a>	Filipino Catholic	
Dec. 21	<a href="#">Winter Solstice / Yule</a>	Neo-Pagan	
Dec. 25	<a href="#">Christmas Day</a>	Christian	No school.
Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	<a href="#">Kwanzaa</a>	African American	

## JANUARY 2022

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Jan. 1 <sup>^</sup>	<a href="#">Gantan-sai</a>	Shinto	
Jan. 1	<a href="#">New Year's Day</a>	International	No school.
Jan. 6	<a href="#">Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day/Epiphany)</a>	Mexican Christian	
Jan. 7	<a href="#">Orthodox Christmas</a>	Christian Orthodox	
Jan. 9 <sup>^</sup>	<a href="#">Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh</a>	Sikh	
Jan. 17	<a href="#">Martin Luther King Day</a>	United States	No school.
Jan. 27	<a href="#">Holocaust Remembrance Day</a>	International	

## FEBRUARY 2022 African American History Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Feb. 1	<a href="#">Tết</a>	Vietnam	
Feb. 1	<a href="#">Chinese New Year</a>	China	
Feb. 1 - 2	<a href="#">Imbolc</a>	Neo-Pagan	
Feb. 3	<a href="#">Setsubun-sai</a>	Shinto	

Feb. 14	<a href="#">Valentine's Day</a>	International	Be mindful that not all students observe this holiday.
Feb. 16	<a href="#">Magha Puja Day</a>	Buddhist	
Feb. 19	<a href="#">Day of Remembrance (Japanese Incarceration)</a>	United States	
Feb. 21	<a href="#">President's Day</a>		No school.

### MARCH 2022 Women's History Month | Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Mar. 1	<a href="#">Maha Shivaratri</a>	Hindu	
Mar. 2	<a href="#">Ash Wednesday</a>	Christian	
Mar. 2 - Apr. 14	<a href="#">Lenten Season</a>	Christian	
Mar. 16 - Mar. 17*	<a href="#">Purim</a>	Jewish	
Mar. 17	<a href="#">St. Patrick's Day</a>	Irish	
Mar. 17 - 18*	<a href="#">Holi</a>	Hindu	
Mar. 20	<a href="#">Ostara</a>	Neo-Pagan	
Mar. 21*	<a href="#">Naw Rúz</a>	Bahá'í / Persian / Kurdish / Zoroastrianism	
Mar. 21	<a href="#">International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</a>	International	
Mar. 21 - 22	<a href="#">Persian New Year (Nowruz)</a>	Iranian	
Mar. 31	<a href="#">César Chávez Day</a>	United States	
Mar. 31	<a href="#">International Transgender Day of Visibility</a>	International, LGBTQ+ and Allies	

### APRIL 2022 Autism Acceptance Month | Holocaust Remembrance Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Apr. 2	<a href="#">World Autism Awareness Day</a>	United States	
Apr. 2 - May 2*^	<a href="#">Ramadan</a>	Islamic	

Apr. 6	<a href="#">National Tartan Day</a>	Scottish American
Apr. 8	<a href="#">National Day of Silence</a>	LGBTQ+ and Allies
Apr. 10	<a href="#">Ramanavami</a>	Hindu
Apr. 10	<a href="#">Palm Sunday</a>	Christian / Orthodox
Apr. 10 - 16	<a href="#">Holy Week</a>	Christian
Apr. 14	<a href="#">Vaisakhi</a>	Sikh
Apr. 14	<a href="#">Maundy Thursday</a>	Christian
Apr. 14 - 16	<a href="#">Bun Pi Mai (New Year)</a>	Laotian
Apr. 14 - 16*	<a href="#">Cambodian New Year</a>	
Apr. 15	<a href="#">Good Friday</a>	Christian
Apr. 15 - 23*^	<a href="#">Passover (Pesach)</a>	Jewish
Apr. 17^	<a href="#">Easter</a>	Christian
Apr. 20 - 21*	<a href="#">First Day of Ridván</a>	Bahá'i
Apr. 22	<a href="#">Orthodox Good Friday</a>	Christian Orthodox
Apr. 24	<a href="#">Orthodox Easter</a>	Christian Orthodox
Apr. 27 - 28	<a href="#">Yom HaSho'ah</a>	Jewish
Apr. 27 - 28*	<a href="#">Ninth Day of Ridván</a>	Bahá'i
Apr. 29	<a href="#">Laylat al-Qadr</a>	Islamic
Apr. 30	<a href="#">Día de los Niños</a>	Mexican

## MAY 2022 Asian American and South Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
May 1*	<a href="#">Beltane</a>	Neo-Pagan	
May 1	<a href="#">May Day</a> <a href="#">(International Worker's Day)</a>	International	
May 1 - May 2*	<a href="#">Twelfth Day of Ridván</a>	Bahá'i	
May 2 - 3*^	<a href="#">Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)</a>	Islamic	
May 5	<a href="#">Cinco de Mayo</a>	United States / Mexican	

May 8	<a href="#">Buddha Day / Visakha Puja / Vesek</a>	Buddhist	
May 8	<a href="#">Mother's Day</a>		Mother's Day (always May 10 <sup>th</sup> in Mexico) is very important for Mexican Families.
May 24 - 25*	<a href="#">Declaration of the Báb</a>	Bahá'i	
May 28 - 29*	<a href="#">Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh</a>	Bahá'i	
May 30	<a href="#">Memorial Day</a>	United States / Mexican	No school.

## JUNE 2022 LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
June 1 - 30	<a href="#">Pride</a>	International, LGBTQ+ and Allies	
June 4 - 6*^	<a href="#">Shavuot</a>	Jewish	
June 5	<a href="#">Pentecost</a>	Christian	
June 9 - 13	<a href="#">Eid-ul-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)</a>	Islamic	
June 12	<a href="#">Loving Day</a>	United States	
June 12	<a href="#">Philippine Independence Day</a>	Filipino	
June 17	<a href="#">17th of Tammuz</a>	Jewish	
June 19	<a href="#">Juneteenth</a>	African American	
June 21	<a href="#">Summer Solstice/Litha</a>	Neo-Pagan	

## JULY 2022

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
July 4	<a href="#">Independence Day</a>		
July 7 - 12	<a href="#">Hajj</a>	Islamic	



July 13	<a href="#">Dharma Day</a>	Buddhist
July 23	<a href="#">Birthday of Haile Selassie</a>	Rastafarian
July 29 - 30	<a href="#">Muharram (Al Hijrah New Year)</a>	Islamic
July 30 – Aug. 28*	<a href="#">Al-Hijra / Muharram</a>	Islamic

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Aug. 12	<a href="#">International Youth Day</a>	International	
Aug. 13 - 15	<a href="#">Obon</a>	Japanese Buddhist	
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