Grand Erie District School Board

Days of Significance Calendar 2017-18

September	October	November
September Haji: Wednesday, Aug. 30 — Monday, Sep. 4, 2017 Paris Fair: Thursday, Aug. 31 — Monday, Sep. 4, 2017 Eid-Al-Adha: evening Friday, Sep. 1 — evening Tuesday, Sep. 5, 2017 Hagersville Summer's End Festival: Saturday, Sep. 2, 2017 Labour Day: Monday, Sep. 4, 2017 First Day of School: Tuesday, Sep. 5, 2017 Kshamavani: Tuesday, Sep. 5, 2017 Melhi Fall Festival: Friday, Sep. 8 - Sunday, Sep. 10, 2017 Morld Suicide Prevention Day: Sunday, Sep. 10, 2017 Grandparents' Day: Sunday, Sep. 10, 2017 Grandparents' Day: Sunday, Sep. 10, 2017 Grandparents' Day: Sunday, Sep. 16 - Sunday, Sep. 16 - Sunday, Sep. 17, 2017 Lifelong Learning Week: tbd Langton Fair: Wednesday, Sep. 20, 2017 Navaratri: Wednesday, Sep. 20 - nightfall Friday, Sep. 22, 2017 First of Muharram/New Year: Thursday, Sep. 21, 2017 Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year): Thursday, Sep. 21 - Friday, Sep. 22, 2017 Ancaster Fair: Thursday, Sep. 24, 2017 Interpational Day of Peace.	 Child Abuse Prevention Month: Sunday, Oct. 1 – Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017 Women's History Month: Sunday, Oct. 31, 2017 National Seniors' Day: Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 World Communion: Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 Mental Illness Awareness Week: Sunday, Oct. 1 – Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show: Tuesday, Oct. 3 – Monday, Oct. 9, 2017 PA Day (Elementary and Secondary): Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017 Day of Red: Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017 Sukkot: Wednesday, Oct. 4 – Wednesday, Oct. 4 – Wednesday, Oct. 4 – Wednesday, Oct. 4 – Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017 Walk to School Day: Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017 Paris District HS Awards Assembly: Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017 School Council Orientation Session: Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017 World Teachers' Day: Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017 Paris District HS Commencement: Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017 Waterford DHS Commencement: Friday, Oct. 6, 2017 Dunnville SS Commencement: Friday, Oct. 6, 2017 Burford Fair: Friday, Oct. 6 Monday, Oct. 9, 2017 Waterford DHS Awards Assembly: Fri. Oct. 6, 2017 Fire Prevention Week: Sunday, Oct. 8 – Saturday, 	 All Saints Day: Wednesday Nov. 1, 2017 Holocaust Education Week: Thursday, Nov. 2 – Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 Pauline Johnson Commencement: Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017 North Park CVS Awards Assembly: Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017 Cayuga SS Commencement: Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 Cayuga SS Awards Assembly: tbd Delhi DSS Commencement: Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 Hagersville SS Commencement: Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 Birthday of Guru Nanak: Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 North Park CVS Commencement: Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 Treaties Recognition Week: Sunday, Nov. 5 – Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 Remembrance Day: Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 Remembrance Day: Saturday, Nov. 14, 2017 Remembrance Day: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017 Rock Your Mocs: Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017 Louis Riel Day: Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017 BCI Laurier Program Grade 8 Night: Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017 PA Day (Elementary and Secondary): Friday, Nov. 17, 2017 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week: Sunday, Nov. 19 - Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017 PJC SOAR Program Grade 8 Night: Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2017 PJC SOAR Program Grade 8 Night: Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2017 PJC SOAR Program Grade 8 Night: Tuesday, Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2017
Friday, Sep. 22, 2017 Ancaster Fair: Thursday, Sep. 21 – Sunday, Sep.	 Waterford DHS Awards Assembly: Fri. Oct. 6, 2017 Fire Prevention Week: 	Nov. 19 - Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017 PJC SOAR Program

- Donnybrook Fair:
 Saturday, Sep. 23 –
 Sunday, Sep. 24, 2017
- Houghton Fair: Thursday, Sep. 28, 2017
- Terry Fox Run: National School Day: Thursday, Sep. 28, 2017
- <u>Caledonia Fair:</u> Thursday, Sep. 28 – Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017
- Simcoe CS
 Commencement: Friday
 Sep. 29, 2017
- Yom Kippur: evening
 Friday Sep. 29 evening
 Saturday, Sep. 30, 2017
- Valley Heights SS
 Commencement: Friday,
 Sep. 29, 2017
- Ashura: evening Friday
 Sep. 29 evening
 Saturday, Sep. 30, 2017
- <u>Dasara:</u> Saturday, Sep. 30, 2017
- Orange Shirt Day: Saturday, Sep. 30, 2017
- GAINASO: A*
- Green Corn*

- United Way Campaign: tbd
- Valley Heights Awards <u>Assembly:</u> Wednesday Oct. 11, 2017
- International Day of the Girl: Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017
- Shemini Atzeret: evening Wednesday, Oct. 11 – evening Friday, Oct. 13, 2017
- Simchat Torah: evening Thursday, Oct. 12 – evening Friday, Oct. 13, 2017
- Friday the 13th: Friday, Oct. 13, 2017
- Pumpkinfest Waterford:
 Friday, Oct. 13 Sunday,
 Oct. 15, 2017
- Local Government Week: Sunday, Oct. 15 – Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017
- Waste Reduction Week: Monday, Oct. 16 – Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017
- School Bus Safety Week: Monday, Oct. 16 – Friday, Oct. 20, 2017
- National School Safety
 Week: Tuesday, Oct. 17 –
 Monday, Oct. 23, 2017
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017
- Global Dignity Day: Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017
- Persons Day: Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017
- Pauline Johnson Awards
 Assembly: Wednesday,
 Oct. 18, 2017
- Tollgate Tech. SC Commencement: Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017
- Tollgate Tech. SC Awards
 <u>Assembly:</u> Thursday, Oct.
 19, 2017
- <u>Diwali:</u> Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017
- Bandi Chhor Divas: Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017
- Jain New Year: Friday, Oct. 20, 2017
- Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji: Friday, October 20, 2017
- Birthday of the Bab: evening Friday, Oct. 20 – evening Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017

- Christmas Panorama, Simcoe: Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017 - Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2017
- <u>Christmas Fast:</u> Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017 - Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018
- Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad): evening, Thursday, Nov. 30 – evening, Friday, Dec. 1, 2017
- Accessibility Awareness
 Day: tbd
- Code of Handsome Lake (GAI HWIO)*
- End of Season & Hadowi (Fall Fest)*

December	BCIVS Commencement: Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh: evening Saturday, Oct. 21 – evening Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017 National School Library Day: Monday, Oct. 23, 2017 Dress Purple Day: Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017 Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day: Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 ESL Week: Sunday, Oct. 29 – Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 Halloween: Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2016 Samhain: evening Tuesday, Oct, 31 – evening Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017 Harvest Dance* Medicine Mask (HADOUI)* Feast of the Dead (OGIWE)* January	February
 International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 Advent Begins: Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 Hagersville SS Grade 8 Night: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 Cayuga SS Grade 8 Night: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 Dunnville SS Grade 8 Night: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 PDHS Grade 8 Night: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 PDHS Grade 8 Night: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 MPC Grade 8 Night: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 MCKinnon Park Grade 8 Night: Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017 Human Rights Day: Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 NPC French Immersion Program Grade 8 Night: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017 	 New Year's Day: Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 No:ia (New Years): Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 Mahayana New Year: Tues. Jan. 2, 2018 Twelfth Night: Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 Theophany: Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 Epiphany: Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 Feast of the Nativity: Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 Orthodox Christianity Christmas: Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 VHSS Grade 8 Night: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018 Makar Sankranti: Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, Jan. 15, 2018 EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment: Monday, Jan. 15 – Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 SCS Grade 8 Night: Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018 TTSC Grade 8 Night: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 PJ Grade 8 Night: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 PJ Grade 8 Night: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 	 Black History Month: Thursday, Feb. 1 – Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 Psychology Month: Thursday, Feb. 1 – Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 PA Day (Secondary): Thursday, Feb. 1 – Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 Imbolo: Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018 World Faith Harmony Week: Thursday, Feb. 1 – Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 Setsunbun-sai: Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 Random Acts of Kindness Week: Sunday, Feb. 11 - Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 Maha Shivratri: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018 Valentine's Day: Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018 Nirvana Day: Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 National Flag of Canada Day: Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 Chinese New Year: Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 Family Day: Monday, Feb. 19, 2018

- Hanukkah: sunset
 Tuesday, Dec. 12 –
 nightfall Wednesday, Dec.
 20, 2017
- Solstice: Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017
- Yule: Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017 – Monday, Jan. 1, 2018
- Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sabib: Monday, Dec. 25, 2017
- Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 25, 2016
- Christmas Break: Monday, Dec. 25, 2017 – Friday, Jan. 5, 2018
- Kwanzaa: Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 – Monday, Jan. 1, 2018
- <u>Death of Prophet</u>
 <u>Zarathustra:</u> Tuesday, Dec.
 26, 2017
- New Year's Eve: Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017
- Sun, Moon & Stars*

- BCI Grade 8 Night: Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018
- Week of Prayer for <u>Christian Unity:</u> Thursday, Jan. 18 – Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018
- World Religion Day: Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018
- DDSS Grade 8 Night: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018
- WDHS Grade 8 Night: Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018
- BCI French Immersion Program Grade 8 Night: Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018
- PA Day (Elementary): Monday, Jan. 22, 2018
- Bodhi Day: Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018
- Exams (Secondary):
 Thursday, Jan. 25 –
 Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018
- <u>Carnaval de Québec:</u>
 Friday, Jan. 26 Sunday,
 Feb. 11, 2018
- Family Literacy Day: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018
- Tu B'Shevat: evening
 Tuesday, Jan. 30 evening, Wednesday, Jan.
 31, 2018
- Mid Winter Ceremonies*GAINASO: A*

- Clean Monday/Great Fast: Monday, Feb. 19, 2018
- International Mother
 Language Day:
 Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018
- Pink Shirt Day: Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018
- <u>Purim (Jewish):</u> sunset
 Wednesday, Feb. 28 –
 nightfall Thursday, Mar. 1,
 2018
- Maple and All Tree Ceremony*
- Hadowi/Ohkiwe*

March April May

- Great Big Crunch: Thursday, Mar. 1, 2018
- Childhood Arthritis Month: Thursday, Mar. 1 – Saturday, Mar. 31, 2018
- Holi: evening Thursday, Mar. 1 – evening Friday, Mar. 2, 2018
- Ash Wednesday: Thursday, Mar. 1, 2018
- School Council Orientation Night: tbd
- 'Ala' 19-Day Fast: Friday, Mar. 2 – Tuesday, Mar. 20, 2018
- Hola Mohalla: Friday, Mar.
 2 Sunday, Mar. 4, 2018
- World Day of Prayer: Friday, Mar. 2, 2018
- National Social Work
 Week: Monday, Mar. 5 –
 Sunday, Mar. 11, 2018
- International Women's Day: Thursday, Mar. 8, 2018

- Easter: Sunday, Apr. 1, 2018
- Sikh Heritage Month:
 Sunday, Apr. 1 Monday,
 Apr., 30, 2018
- Easter Monday: Monday, Apr. 2, 2018
- World Autism Awareness
 Day: Monday, Apr. 2, 2018
- <u>Easter Tuesday:</u> Tuesday, Apr. 3, 2018
- Orthodox Holy Friday: Friday, Apr. 6, 2018
- Buddha Day (Wesak) <u>Buddhist:</u> Sunday, Apr. 8, 2018
- OSSLT: Tuesday, Apr. 10,
 2018
- International Day of Pink: Wednesday, Apr. 11, 2018
- Yom Hashoah: evening Wednesday, Apr. 11 -Thursday, Apr. 12, 2018
- Friday the 13th: Friday, Apr. 13, 2018

- Asian/Pacific Heritage
 Month: Tuesday, May 1 Thursday, May 31, 2018
- Speech and Hearing Month: Tuesday, May 1 -Thursday, May 31, 2018
- Mental Health Week: Monday, May 7 – Sunday, May 13, 2018
- Beltane: Tuesday, May 1, 2018
- Bike to School Day:
 Wednesday, May 9, 2018
- Education Week: Monday, May 7 – Friday, May 11, 2018
- Support Staff Appreciation <u>Day:</u> Wednesday, May 9, 2018
- Budget Review Meetings:
 tbd
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- Ascension (Western): Thursday, May 10, 2018

- March Break: Monday, Mar. 12 - Friday, Mar. 16, 2018
- Ugadi: Sunday, Mar. 18,
- Equinox: Tuesday, Mar. 20, 2018
- Naw-Ruz: evening Tuesday, Mar. 20 - evening Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2018
- Ostara: Tuesday, Mar. 20, 2018
- Now Ruz (New Year): Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2018
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination:

Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2018

- World Down Syndrome Day: Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2018
- Ram Navami: Sunday, Mar. 25, 2018
- Mahavira Jayanti: Thursday, Mar. 29, 2018
- Maundy Thursday: Thursday, Mar. 29, 2018
- Good Friday: Friday, Mar. 30, 2018
- Passover: sunset Friday, Mar. 30 – nightfall Saturday, Apr. 7, 2018
- Magha Puja Day: Saturday, Mar. 31, 2018
- Maple Syrup Harvest*

- PA Day (Elementary and Secondary): Friday, Apr. 13, 2018
- Baisakhi: Saturday, Apr. 14. 2018
- National Volunteer Week: Sunday, Apr. 15 -Saturday, Apr. 21, 2018
- Bite of Brant: tbd
- Youth Week: Friday, Apr. 20 - Saturday, May 5, 2018
- Ridvan: evening Friday, Apr. 20 - evening Wednesday, May 2, 2018
- Earth Day: Sunday, Apr. 22, 2018
- **Best Start Parent** Information Fair: tbd
- Administrative Professionals' Day: Wednesday, Apr. 25, 2018
- National Day of Mourning: Saturday, Apr. 28, 2018
- Theravada New Year: Monday, Apr. 30, 2018
- Thunder Ceremony*
- Medicine Mask (Hadoui)*
- Feast of the Dead (Ogiwe)*

- Yom Yerushalayim: evening, Saturday, May 12 - evening, Sunday, May 13, 2018
- Mother's Day: Sunday, May 13, 2018
- Ramadan Begins: Tuesday, May 15, 2018
- Ascension (Eastern): Thursday, May 17, 2018
- International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia: Thursday, May 17, 2018
- **Budget Review Meetings:** tbd
- Global Accessibility Awareness Day: Thursday, May 17, 2018
- Shavuot: sunset Saturday, May 19 - nightfall Monday, May 21, 2018
- Pentecost (Western): Sunday, May 20, 2018
- Whit Monday (Western): Monday, May 21, 2018
- Victoria Day: Monday, May 21, 2018
- EQAO Grade 3 and 6 Assessment: Tuesday, May 22 - Monday, June 4, 2018
- Aboriginal Awareness Week: Tuesday, May 22 -Saturday, May 26, 2018
- **Declaration of the Bab:** evening Wednesday, May 23 - evening Thursday, May 24, 2018
- National Access Awareness Week: Sunday, May 27 – Saturday, June 2, 2018
- Pentecost (Eastern): Sunday, May 27, 2018
- Whit Monday (Eastern): Monday, May 28, 2018
- Ascension of Baha'u'llah: evening Monday, May 28 – evening Tuesday, May 29, 2018
- Drying of the Sap of the Great Maple*
- Sun and Moon Dance*
- New Medicine/Seed Blessing Ceremony*
- Planting Conclusion Ceremony*

June July August Canada Day: Sunday, July Toronto Pride Month Lúghnasadh/Lammas: (LGBTQ): Friday, June 1 -Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018 1. 2018 Sunday, June 24, 2018

- National Aboriginal Month: Friday, June 1 – Saturday, June 30, 2018
- Grade 9 Math Assessment:
 Tuesday, June 5 –
 Monday, June 18, 2018
- PA Day (Elementary): Friday, June 8, 2018
- <u>Laylat al Qadr:</u> evening Sunday, June 10 – evening Monday, June 11, 2018
- <u>Eid-Ul-Fitr:</u> evening,
 Thursday, June 14 –
 evening, Friday, June 15,
 2018
- Ramadan Ends: Thursday, June 14, 2018
- Martyrdom of Guru Arjam <u>Dev Sahib:</u> Saturday, June 16, 2018
- Brantford Pride Flag Raising: tbd
- <u>Father's Day:</u> Sunday, June 17, 2018
- New Church Day: Tuesday, June 19, 2018
- World Refugee Day: Wednesday, June 20, 2018
- Solstice: Thursday, June 21, 2018
- National Aboriginal Day: Thursday, June 21, 2018
- Exams (Secondary):
 Friday, June 22 –
 Thursday, June 28, 2018
- <u>Litha:</u> Sunday, June 24, 2018
- Brant Area Special
 Education
- Commencement: tbd
 GELA Commencement:
- tbd

 PA Day (Flementary and
- PA Day (Elementary and <u>Secondary)</u>: Friday, June 29, 2018
- MPSS Commencement: tbd
- Planting/Strawberry Dance*
- Planting/Raspberry Dance*

- Martyrdom of the Bab: evening Monday, July 9 – evening Tuesday, July 10, 2018
- Tisha B'Av: sunset
 Saturday, July 21 –
 nightfall Sunday, July. 22,
 2018
- <u>Dharma Day (Asala):</u>
 Friday, July 27, 2018

- Civic Holiday: Monday, Aug. 6, 2018
- International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples: Wednesday, August 9, 2018
- Hajj: Sunday, Aug. 19 –
 Friday, Aug. 24, 2018
- Raksha Bandhan (Rakhri): Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018
- Dunnville Fair: tbd
- Janmashtami: Sunday, Sep. 2, 2018
- Paryushana-Parva: Friday, Sep. 7, 2018
- Big Green Corn Dance*
- Green Bean Corn Dance

*The cycle of Haudenosaunee Longhouse Ceremonies are days of significance for the Aboriginal population in Grand Erie District School Board.

Please accept our apologies for omissions of any group or important dates. We make all possible efforts to publish Grand Erie District School Board's Days of Significance according to a variety of sources. If there are any comments regarding the Days of Significance, please inform Kimberly Newhouse, via email: kimberly.newhouse@granderie.ca.