

## Days of Significance 2019-20

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

Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year): Friday, August 30 – Saturday, August 31

Hagersville Summer's End Festival: Saturday, August 31

## September

Lifelong Learning Month

Paris Fair: Thursday, August 29 – Monday, September 2

First of Muharram/New Year: Sunday, September 1

Delhi Fall Festival: Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 8

Grandparents' Day: Sunday, September 8

Ashura: Monday, September 9 – Tuesday, September 10

Kshamavani: Thursday, September 12

Langton Fair: Wednesday, September 18

Ancaster Fair: Thursday, September 19 – Sunday, September 22

International Day of Peace: Saturday, September 21

Donnybrook Fair: Saturday, September 21 – Sunday, September 22

St. George AppleFest: Saturday, September 21 – Sunday, September 22

Mabon: Saturday, September 21 – Sunday, September 29

Autumn Equinox: Monday, September 23

Houghton Fair: Thursday, September 26

Caledonia Fair: Thursday, September 26 – Sunday, September 29

Rosh Hashanah: Sunday, September 29 – Tuesday, October 1

Navaratri: Sunday, September 29 – Monday, October 7

GAINASO: A\*

Green Corn\*

## October

Women's History Month

National Senior's Day: Tuesday, October 1

Walk to School Day: Wednesday, October 2

Day of Red: Friday, October 4

World Teachers' Day: Saturday, October 5

World Communion: Sunday, October 6

Fire Prevention Week: Sunday, October 6 – Saturday, October 12

Mental Illness Awareness Week: Sunday, October 6 – Saturday, October 12

Dasara: Tuesday, October 8

Yom Kippur: Tuesday, October 8 – Wednesday, October 9

Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show: Tuesday, October 8 – Monday, October 14

World Mental Health Day: Thursday, October 10

International Day of the Girl: Friday, October 11

Burford Fair: Friday, October 11 - Monday, October 14

Sukkot: Sunday, October 13 – Sunday, October 20

United Way Campaign: Tuesday, October 15 – Thursday, October 31

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: Thursday, October 17

National School Safety Week: Thursday, October 17 – Wednesday, October 23  
Persons Day: Friday, October 18  
Waterford Pumpkinfest: Friday, October 18 – Sunday, October 20  
Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji: Sunday, October 20  
Shemini Atzeret: Sunday, October 20 – Tuesday, October 22  
Simchat Torah: Monday, October 21 – Tuesday, October 22  
Waste Reduction Week: Monday, October 21 – Sunday, October 27  
Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day: Thursday, October 24  
Bandi Chhor Divas: Sunday, October 27  
Diwali: Sunday, October 27  
National School Library Day: Monday, October 28  
Birthday of the Bab: Monday, October 28 – Tuesday, October 29  
Jain New Year: Tuesday, October 29  
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh: Tuesday, October 29 – Wednesday, October 30  
Samhain: Thursday, October 31 – Friday, November 1  
Harvest Dance\*  
Medicine Mask (HADOUI)\*  
Feast of the Dead (OGIWE)\*

### November

All Saints Day: Friday, November 1  
Holocaust Education Week: Sunday, November 3 – Sunday, November 10  
National Inuit Day: Thursday, November 7  
Indigenous Veterans' Day: Friday, November 8  
Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad): Saturday, November 9 – Sunday, November 10  
Birthday of Guru Nanak: Tuesday, November 12  
Rock Your Mocs: Tuesday, November 12 – Sunday, November 17  
World Diabetes Day: Thursday, November 14  
Louis Riel Day: Saturday, November 16  
Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week: Sunday, November 17 – Saturday, November 23  
Holodomor Memorial Day: Saturday, November 23  
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji: Sunday, November 24  
Christmas Fast: Thursday, November 28 – Monday, January 6  
Code of Handsome Lake (GAI HWIO)\*  
End of Season & Hadowi (Fall Fest)\*

### December

Advent: Sunday, December 1 – Tuesday, December 24  
Simcoe Christmas Panorama: Sunday, December 1 – Sunday, January 5  
International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Tuesday, December 3  
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women: Friday, December 6  
Human Rights Day: Tuesday, December 10  
Winter Solstice: Sunday, December 22  
Hanukkah: Sunday, December 22 – Monday, December 30  
Yule: Sunday, December 22 – Thursday, January 2  
Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25

Death of Prophet Zarathustra: Thursday, December 26  
Kwanzaa: Thursday, December 26 – Wednesday, January 1  
New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31  
Sun, Moon & Stars\*

## January

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1  
No:ia (New Years): Wednesday, January 1  
Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sabib: Thursday, January 2  
Bodhi Day: Thursday, January 2  
Twelfth Night: Sunday, January 5  
Epiphany: Monday, January 6  
Theophany: Monday, January 6  
Feast of the Nativity: Tuesday, January 7  
Orthodox Christianity Christmas: Tuesday, January 7  
Mahayana New Year: Friday, January 10  
Makar Sankranti: Wednesday, January 15  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Saturday, January 18 – Saturday, January 25  
World Religion Day: Sunday, January 19  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, January 20  
Chinese New Year: Saturday, January 25  
Family Literacy Day: Monday, January 27  
International Holocaust Remembrance Day: Monday, January 27  
Mid Winter Ceremonies\*  
GAINASO: A\*

## February

Psychology Month  
Imbolc: Saturday, February 1  
World Faith Harmony Week: Saturday, February 1 – Friday, February 7  
Setsunbun-sai: Monday, February 3  
Carnaval de Québec: Friday, February 7 – Sunday, February 16  
Tu B'Shevat: Sunday, February 9 – Monday, February 10  
Have a Heart Day: Friday, February 14  
Valentine's Day: Friday, February 14  
National Flag of Canada Day: Saturday, February 15  
Nirvana Day: Saturday, February 15  
Random Acts of Kindness Week: Sunday, February 16 – Sunday, February 23  
Magha Puja Day: Sunday, February 9 – Monday, February 10  
International Mother Language Day: Friday, February 21  
Maha Shivratri: Friday, February 21  
Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 26  
Maple and All Tree Ceremony\*  
Hadowi/Ohkiwe\*

## March

Childhood Arthritis Month

'Ala' 19-Day Fast: Sunday, March 1 – Thursday, March 19

National Social Work Week: Monday, March 2 – Sunday, March 8

World Day of Prayer: Friday, March 6

International Women's Day: Sunday, March 8

Holi: Monday, March 9 – Tuesday, March 10

Purim (Jewish): Monday, March 9 – Tuesday, March 10

Hola Mohalla: Tuesday, March 10 – Thursday, March 12

Clean Monday/Great Fast: Monday, March 2

Ostara: Thursday, March 19

Naw-Ruz: Thursday, March 19 – Friday, March 20

Now Ruz (New Year): Friday, March 20

Spring Equinox: Friday, March 20

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: Saturday, March 21

World Down Syndrome Day: Saturday, March 21

Ugadi: Wednesday, March 25

Maple Syrup Harvest\*

## April

Sikh Heritage Month

Ram Navami: Thursday, April 2

World Autism Awareness Day: Thursday, April 2

Mahavira Jayanti: Monday, April 6

Theravada New Year: Tuesday, April 7

Passover: Wednesday, April 8 – Thursday, April 16

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 9

Easter: Sunday, April 12

Baisakhi: Monday, April 13

Easter Tuesday: Tuesday, April 14

Bite of Brant: Wednesday, April 15 – Thursday, April 16

Orthodox Holy Friday: Friday, April 17

National Volunteer Week: Sunday, April 19 – Saturday, April 25

Ridvan: Sunday, April 19 – Friday, May 1

Yom Hashoah: Monday, April 20 – Tuesday, April 21

Administrative Professionals' Day: Wednesday, April 22

Ramadan Begins: Thursday, April 23

National Day of Mourning: Tuesday, April 28

Thunder Ceremony\*

Medicine Mask (Hadoui)\*

Feast of the Dead (Ogiwe)\*

## May

Asian/Pacific Heritage Month

Speech and Hearing Month

Beltane: Friday, May 1

Youth Week: Friday, May 1 – Thursday, May 7  
Bike to School Day: Wednesday, May 6  
Support Staff Appreciation Day: Wednesday, May 6  
Buddha Day (Wesak) – Buddhist: Thursday, May 7  
Bear Witness Day: Sunday, May 10  
Mother's Day: Sunday, May 10  
International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia: Sun, May 17  
Laylat Al Qadr: Tuesday, May 19  
Ascension (Western): Thursday, May 21  
Global Accessibility Awareness Day: Thursday, May 21  
Yom Yerushalayim: Thursday, May 21 – Friday, May 22  
Declaration of the Bab: Friday, May 22 – Saturday, May 23  
Ramadan Ends: Saturday, May 23  
Eid-UI-Fitr: Saturday, May 23 – Sunday, May 24  
Bread and Cheese: Sunday, May 25  
Ascension (Eastern): Thursday, May 28  
Ascension of Baha'u'llah: Thursday, May 28  
Shavuot: Thursday, May 28 – Saturday, May 30  
Pentecost (Western): Sunday, May 31  
National Access Awareness Week: Sunday, May 31 – Saturday, June 6  
Drying of the Sap of the Great Maple\*  
Sun and Moon Dance\*  
New Medicine/Seed Blessing Ceremony\*  
Planting Conclusion Ceremony\*

### May/June

Plant a Heart Garden

### June

National Indigenous History Month  
Toronto Pride Month  
Whit Monday (Western): Monday, June 1  
Tom Longboat Day: Thursday, June 4  
Pentecost (Eastern): Sunday, June 7 – Tuesday, June 9  
Whit Monday (Eastern): Monday, June 8  
Martyrdom of Guru Arjam Dev Sahib: Tuesday, June 16  
New Church Day: Friday, June 19  
Summer Solstice: Saturday, June 20  
World Refugee Day: Saturday, June 20  
Father's Day: Sunday, June 21  
Litha: Wednesday, June 24  
Planting/Strawberry Dance\*  
Planting/Raspberry Dance\*

### July

Dharma Day (Asala): Sunday, July 7

Martyrdom of the Bab: Wednesday, July 8 – Thursday, July 9  
Hajj: Tuesday, July 28 – Sunday, August 2  
Tisha B'Av: Wednesday, July 29 – Thursday, July 30  
Eid-UI-Adha: Thursday, July 30 – Monday, August 3

### August

Lúghnasadh/Lammas: Saturday, August 1  
Raksha Bandhan (Rahkri): Monday, August 3  
International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples: Sunday, August 9  
Janmashtami: Tuesday, August 11  
Paryushana-Parva: Sunday, August 16  
Big Green Corn Dance\*  
Green Bean Corn Dance\*

Please accept our apologies for omissions or 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](mailto:kimberly.newhouse@granderie.ca)