

Richmond School District's 2023-24 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Calendar

September

- 10-16 Mennonite Heritage Week
- 15-17 **Rosh Hashana** ☞
- 19 Ganesh Chaturthi ☞
- 23 International Day of Sign Languages
- 24 **Kol Nidrei** ☞
- 24-25 **Yom Kippur** ☞
- 24-30 Gender Equality Week
- 24-30 Int'l Week of the Deaf People
- 26-27 **Mawlid-al-Nabi** ☞
- 29 Sukkot Begins ☞
- 30 **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day**



Sept 16-17 – Rosh Hashana

October

- German Heritage Month**
- Canadian Islamic History Month**
- Community Inclusion Month**
- Latin American Heritage Month**
- Women's History Month**
- 1 National Seniors Day
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl
- 6 Sukkot Ends ☞
- 7-8 Simchat Torah ☞
- 15-24 Navaratri ☞
- 18 Persons Day
- 19 Spirit Day
- 20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth ☞
- 24 **Dussehra** ☞
- 24 Youth Climate Action Day



Sept 30 – Orange Shirt Day

November

- 1 Musqueam Day
- 7 National Inuit Day
- 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- 12 **Diwali** ☞☞
- 12-18 Multiculturalism Week
- 16 International Day for Tolerance
- 16 Metis Day
- 20 World Child Day
- 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur ☞
- 25 Holodomor Memorial Day
- 27 **Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib** ☞



Oct 24 – Dussehra

December

- 2 International Day for Abolition of Slavery
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- 9 International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 7-15 **Hannukah** ☞
- 8 Bodhi Day ☞
- 21 Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)
- 24 **Christmas Eve** †
- 24 Quviasukvik Begins
- 25 **Christmas** †
- 26 Kwanzaa Begins

Nov 12 – Diwali



January

- Tamil Heritage Month**
- 1 Kwanzaa Ends
- 1 Ochetookeskaw - Kissing Day - Hand Shaking Day (Métis)
- 2 Mid Winter Ceremony
- 14 Maghi ☞
- 15 Black Excellence Day
- 17 Raoul Wallenberg Day
- 17 Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday/Prakash ☞
- 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
- 24 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
- 25 Mahayana New Year
- 27 Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia



Dec 25 – Christmas

February

- Black History Month**
- 10 Lunar New Year ☞
- 10 Moose Hide Campaign
- 14 Vasant Panchami ☞
- 14 Ash Wednesday †
- 14 National Day of Action to Honour Missing Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans and 2-Spirited
- 15 Nirvana Day ☞
- 20 World Day of Social Justice
- 21 Int'l Mother Language Day
- 24 Lantern Festival
- 24 Magha Puja Day ☞
- 28 Pink Shirt Day

March

- Irish Heritage Month**
- 1 Zero Discrimination Day
- 8 **Maha Shivaratri** ☞
- 8 International Women's Day
- 10 **Ramadan Begins (Ends April 9)** ☞
- 15 Int'l Day to Combat Islamophobia
- 19 Nowruz - Iranian (Persian) New Year
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 23-24 Purim ☞
- 25-27 Hola Mohalla ☞
- 25 **Holi** ☞
- 25 International Day of Remembrance of Slavery Victims and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- 29 **Good Friday** †
- 31 **Easter Sunday** †



Mar 10 – Ramadan

April

- Sikh Heritage Month**
- Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month**
- 1 Easter Monday †
- 9 Ramadan Ends ☞
- 9-17 Chaitra Navratri ☞
- 9 or 10 **Eid-al-Fitr Celebration** ☞
- 13 **Vaisakhi** ☞
- 14 International Day of Pink
- 14-20 Bangla Heritage Week
- 17 Ram Navami ☞
- 22-30 **Pesach** ☞
- 23 Hanuman Jayanti ☞



Apr 13 – Vaisakhi

May

- Asian Heritage Month**
- Canadian Jewish Heritage Month**
- 5 Cinco-de-Mayo
- 5 Dutch Heritage Day
- 5 Red Dress Day
- 5-6 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) ☞
- 10 Bear Witness Day
- 15 **Buddha's Birthday** ☞
- 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- 19-25 Anti-Racism Awareness Week
- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue Development
- 23 Anniversary of Komagata Maru
- 24 **Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja** ☞☞

June

- National Indigenous Heritage Month**
- Italian Heritage Month**
- Pride Season Begins**
- Filipino Heritage Month**
- Portuguese Heritage Month**
- 11-13 Shavuot ☞
- 14-19 The Hajj ☞
- 16 Guru Arjan Martyrdom ☞
- 17 Eid al-Adha
- 21 **National Indigenous People's Day**
- 23 National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
- 24 St. Jean-Baptiste Day
- 27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day



June – Pride Season Begins

July

- 1 Sant Teja Day
- 17 The Islamic New Year (Arabic New Year or Hijri New Year) ☞
- 18 Nelson Mandela Day
- 20-23 Métis Nation Day
- 22-26 Chinese Cultural Heritage Week

August

- 1 Emancipation Day
- 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- 12 International Youth Day
- 15 National Acadian Day
- 19 Birth of Lord Krishna – Janmashtami ☞

Legend

- ☞ Buddhism
- ☞ Islam
- † Christianity
- ☞ Judaism
- ☞ Hinduism
- ☞ Sikhism

Important Notes:

Exact dates of some holidays may vary slightly depending on the specific Faith calendar and the sighting of the moon.

Dates listed are the best predictable dates for those Faiths that follow a lunar calendar, including Judaism, Islam and Hinduism.

On dates shown in **bold italics**, schools are encouraged to avoid scheduling any school event that doesn't align with the EDI event taking place that day.