

Date	Religious, Spiritual or Worldview Tradition	Holiday/ Observance	Description of Holiday/ Observance
SEPTEMBER 2026			
September 9-16, 2026	Jainism	Paryushana-parva	The holiest period of the year for the ascetic Shvetambara sect. This eight-day period, concluding on Samvatsari, is a time of dedication to Jain ideals through fasting, worship of the Jina, and reading the life-story of Lord Mahavira from the Kalpasutra.
September 15, 2026	Hindu	Sri Krishna Jayanti (Janmashtami)	Celebrates the birth of Krishna, the eighth of the 10 incarnations of the Hindu God Vishnu. Krishna is considered the preserver of the universe and is one of Hinduism's most popular deities.
September 15, 2026	Hindu	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu festival dedicated to the Hindu deity Ganesha.
September 16, 2026	Jainism	Samvatsari	(Day of Forgiveness) The Shvetambara sect observes Samvatsari by introspection, confession and penance.
September 26, 2026	Jainism	Ksamavani	On Ksamavani, Jains ask forgiveness of others for wrongs committed during the previous year and likewise forgive those who caused them suffering.
September 30, 2026	Indigenous	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)	A day to recognize the impact and legacy of the Canadian Indian residential school system. Originally and still colloquially known as Orange Shirt Day. The orange shirt symbolizes resiliency

			and a way to honour those impacted by residential schools.
OCTOBER 2026			
October 1-31, 2027	Indigenous	Mi'kmaq History Month	The official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaw culture and heritage.
October 1-3, 2027	Judaism	Rosh Hashanah	New Year's Day in the Jewish Calendar and anniversary of the creation of the world. The first of the Ten Days of Awe (or Repentance).
October 4, 2027	Indigenous	National Day of Action for MMIWG2S+	A day to bring awareness and honour the families of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two spirit individuals.
October 10-11, 2027	Judaism	Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) is the year's holiest day and a day of fasting. To re-establish oneness with God and fellow human beings, Jewish people ask for forgiveness from, and grant forgiveness to, each other. They then confess their shortcomings, promise to do better in the year ahead, and seek forgiveness from God.
October 11-19, 2026	Hindu	Navaratri	A nine-night festival that honours the Mother Goddess in all her manifestations, including Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati. It is a festival characterized by worship and dance.
October 15-22, 2027	Judaism	Sukkot	Known as the feast of Tabernacles, Sukkot is an eight-day festival of thanksgiving and harvest that celebrates

			God's presence in all of creation. (The first two days are considered Holy Days.)
October 22-23, 2027	Judaism	Shmini Atzeret	A holy day that celebrates the end of Sukkot and the conclusion of the autumn harvest and the beginning of the rainy season in the Land of Israel.
October 23-24, 2027	Judaism	Simḥat Torah	A holy day that celebrates the completion of the yearly cycle of reading the Torah (Hebrew Bible) and marks the joyful beginning of the next Torah reading cycle.
NOVEMBER 2026			
November 7, 2027	Indigenous	International Inuit Day	A holiday that was created to celebrate Inuit and amplify their voices. Also known as
November 8, 2027	Indigenous	Indigenous Veterans Day	A memorial day observed in Canada in recognition of Indigenous contributions to military service, particularly in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.
November 8, 2026	Hindu, Sikh, Jainism	Diwali	A very popular festival known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali (Deepavali) is dedicated to the Goddesses Kali in Bengal and Lakshmi (the Goddess of Wealth) in the rest of India. Diwali is associated with a story about the destruction of evil by Lord Vishnu in one of his many manifestations.
November 10, 2026	Bahá'í	Birth of the Báb	The birth anniversary of The Báb (Herald of the new age for Bahá'ís).

November 11, 2026	Bahá'í	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	The anniversary of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh the founder of the Bahá'í faith.
November 26, 2026	Bahá'í	Day of the Covenant	This day celebrates the anniversary of the appointment of Abdu'l-Bahá, the son of Bahá'u'lláh, as the Centre of the Covenant.
DECEMBER 2026			
December 4-12, 2026	Judaism	Hanukkah	The Festival of Lights (and Feast of Dedication), commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee, religious freedom, and the rededication of the Holy Temple in 165 BCE.
JANUARY 2027			
January 13, 2027	Sikh	Maghi	Coming on the first day of the tenth month of the solar year, Maghi commemorates a battle in which forty Sikhs (the Forty Liberated Ones), led by a woman named Maathaa Bhaag Kaur, laid down their lives for their Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji.
January 15, 2027	Hindu	Makar Sankranti	A harvest festival that marks the increase of the sun twinned with the Punjab celebration Lohri, which marks the passing of the winter solstice.
January 22, 2027	Buddist	Mahāyāna New Year	Mahāyāna New Year is celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in January.
January 22, 2027	Judaism	Tu B'Shevat	One of four New Year's days, Tu B'Shevat (the 15th day of the month of Shevat) is the New Year's Day for Trees, and

			traditionally the first of the year for tithing fruit of trees. Nowadays, it is a day for environmental awareness and action such as tree planting. Special meals (Seders) include the seven fruits of the land (wheat and barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and [date] honey), each symbolizing a spiritual reality.
FEBRUARY 2027			
February 7, 2027	Buddist	Losar (Tibetan New Year)	Losar is celebrated for 15 days, with the main celebrations on the first three days.
February 8-March 8, 2027	Islam	Ramaḍān	Ramaḍān is the month of fasting (ending with 'Īd al-Fiṭr on March 19 at sunset) during which physically able Muslims do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset. It is a time of self-examination and religious devotion.
February 11, 2027	Hindu	Vasanta Panchami	A North Indian celebration, Vasanta Panchami is associated with Saraswati, the Goddess of Learning and with Lakshmi, Goddess of Wealth. Yellow clothes and yellow sweets, symbolizing both spirituality and the ripening of crops, are customary.
February 15, 2027	Buddist	Nehan-e (Nirvana Day)	Memorial of the historical Buddha passing away
February 21, 2027	Buddist	Magha Puja Day	Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of 1,250 enlightened disciples to hear the Buddha's core teachings. It is

			primarily observed through prayer, making offerings, and candlelight processions at local temples.
MARCH 2027			
March 6, 2027	Hindu	Maha Shivaratri	Dedicated to Shiva, one of the major deities to whom Hindus direct their devotion. The night before the feast, Hindus recite texts, sing, and tell stories in honour of this God whose dynamic cosmic dance creates, preserves, destroys, and recreates the world.
March 8, 2027	Islam	Eid al-Fitr	The “Festival of Breaking the Fast” marking the end of Ramadan. Observance begins at sunset of the previous day.
March 14, 2027	Sikh	Sikh New Year’s Day	The first day of the month of Chet in the Nanakshahi calendar.
March 22, 2027	Hindu	Holi	A religious spring festival celebrated by people throwing colourful powder and coloured water at each other. Holi is dedicated to Krishna or Kama.
March 22-23, 2027	Judaism	Purim	Celebrates victory over an oppressive ruler, as related in the Book of Esther, which is read at this time.
March 23-25, 2027	Sikh	Hola Mohalla	A three-day festival following Holi. The tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, started Hola Mohalla as a time for military preparedness exercises. Today, mock battles are followed by music competitions and festivities.
APRIL 2027			

April 12, 2027	Buddist	Theravāda New Year	New Year festival for Theravāda Buddhists celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April.
April 14, 2027	Sikh	Vaisakhi	Vaisakhi is important for Sikhs because on this day in 1699, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Guru, removed the clerical system from Sikhism. Thus he reaffirmed the direct connection between Sikhs and the Divine. Guru Gobind Singh Ji also created the Khalsa Panth, the Fellowship of the Pure. Khalsa brothers are given the name Singh (lion), and sisters are named Kaur (lioness or princess).
April 19, 2027	Jainism	Mahvir Jayanti	Celebrates the birth of Lord Mahavira (Great Hero), the 24th Tirthankara (and the last of this time cycle).
April 20-May 2, 2027	Bahá'í	Riḍván	The festival commemorates Bahá'u'lláh's public declaration of His mission to His family and closest followers.
April 21-29, 2027	Judaism	Pesach (Passover)	The festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days, the first two and last two days are observed as holy days. The evenings of the first and second days of Pesach begin with Seder meals (festive meals and the telling of the Passover story). The final day of Pesach marks the Israelites' crossing of the

			Reed Sea, as related in The Book of Exodus.
MAY 2027			
May 5, 2027	Indigenous	National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People (Red Dress Day)	The day is marked by people hanging red dresses from trees, windows, fences and balconies. Dangling limply on hangers without women to wear them, the dresses are visual of reminders of the thousands of missing Indigenous people in Canada.
May 16, 2027	Islam	Eid al-Adha	Also called the Festival of Sacrifice, this day is the concluding act of pilgrimage and is observed even when not on pilgrimage. As Abraham offered his son, Ishmael, to God, Muslims offer sheep, goats & camels. They distribute the meat to the poor. Observance begins at sunset of the previous day
May 20, 2027	Buddhist	Wesak – Buddha Day	The most important day of the year for Buddhists. Coming on the full moon, it commemorates the birth, awakening, and passing away (paranibbana) of the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama.
May 22, 2027	Bahá'í	Declaration of the Báb	The Declaration of The Báb commemorates the day in 1844 on which He announced His identity as The Báb, or Gate, the Herald of the new age.
May 29, 2027	Bahá'í	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh Marks the anniversary of the death of the founder of the Bahá'í faith.
JUNE 2027			

June 1-30, 2027	Indigenous	National Indigenous History Month	A month to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples across Canada.
June 4, 2027	Indigenous	Wolastoqey Treaty Day	A day to mark the 1726 signing of Mascarene's Treaty between British and the Wolastoqey chiefs.
June 10-12, 2027	Judaism	Shavuot	Celebrates receiving God's Torah on Mount Sinai and marks the conclusion of seven weeks of personal and communal introspection following Pesach.
June 13, 2027	Bahá'í	Race Unity Day	Celebrated annually on the second Sunday in June, Race Unity Day was established in 1957 by the Bahá'í National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States as a universal observance aimed at promoting racial harmony, understanding, and equality among all people.
June 21, 2027	Indigenous	National Indigenous People's Day	A day recognising and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across Canada.
JULY 2027			
July 1, 2027	Buddhist	Asalha Puja (Dhamma Day)	Commemorates the Buddha's first discourse, given to the five monks at the Deer Park at Sarnath, near Varanasi. The day is observed by donating offerings to temples and listening to sermons.

AUGUST 2027			
August 11-12, 2027	Judaism	Tish'a B'Av	The Ninth day of the month of Av, is a major fast day commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in ancient times.
August 26, 2027	Hindu	Sri Krishna Jayanti (Janmashtami)	Celebrates the birth anniv of Krishna, the eighth of the 10 incarnations of the Hindu God Vishnu. Krishna is considered the preserver of the universe and is one of Hinduism's most popular deities.

****Please Note:** This is not an exhaustive list of all religious and cultural observances, but is intended to augment those listed in the UNB calendar (i.e., Labour Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thanksgiving, etc.) with dates most commonly observed by our students**