

## SCDSB DAYS OF OBSERVANCE 2022-2023

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) Days of Observance 2022-2023 links directly to the [Simcoe County District School Board's Strategic Priorities](#) in the areas of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Well-being, Community and Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

The students and staff of the SCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith, tradition, heritage, culture and beliefs. The SCDSB Days of Observance 2022-2023 provides an overview of these notable dates and is designed as a reference tool for school staff.

Legend:

● = day of awareness/recognition

■ = holy day/holiday

◆ = heritage day

September 2022		
Date	Name	Type of day
September	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	●
September	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month	●
Sept. 1	Installation of Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Sikhism	■
Sept. 3	<b>Farvardegan (SC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
Sept. 5	Labour Day Canadian Holiday	■
Sept. 7	Birth Date of H.H. Sakya Trizin Buddhism	■
Sept. 7	Ukrainian Heritage Day	◆
Sept. 8	International Literacy Day	●
Sept. 9	Anant Chaturdashi Hinduism	■
Sept. 9	<b>Anant Chaturdashi/Kshamavani/Daslakshan Parva ends</b> Jainism	■
Sept. 10	World Suicide Prevention Day	●
Sept. 11	<b>Coptic New Year/Nayrouz (J)</b> Christianity	■
Sept. 12	Anniversary of the Tatsunokuchi Persecution Buddhism	■
Sept. 15	International Dot Day	●
Sept. 17	<b>Arba'een</b>	■

	Islam	
Sept. 19	Powley Day Indigenous World View	■
Sept. 21	Festival of Higan-e Buddhism	■
Sept. 21	International Day of Peace	●
Sept. 21	National Tree Day	●
Sept. 22	Eihei Dogen Kigen Memorial Buddhism	■
Sept. 22	<b>Harvestide/Mabon/Fall Equinox (may be observed Sept. 21-29)</b> Wicca	■
Sept. 23	Terry Fox National School Run Day	●
Sept. 25	Franco-Ontarian Day	◆
Sept. 25-27	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> Judaism	■
Sept. 26-30	National Reconciliation Week	●
Sept. 26	<b>Sharad Navratri begins</b> Hinduism	■
Sept. 28	Rowan's Law Day	●
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Indigenous World View	● ■
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day Canadian Observance/Indigenous World View	● ■

<b>October 2022</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of day</b>
October	Canadian Autism Awareness Month	●
October	Dyslexia Awareness Month	●
October	Hispanic Heritage Month	◆
October	Islamic Heritage Month	◆
October	Women's History Month	◆
Oct. 2	National Custodial Workers Recognition Day	●
Oct. 2	World Communion Day Christianity	■
Oct. 3	<b>Durga Ashtami</b> Hinduism	■
Oct. 4-5	<b>Yom Kippur</b> Judaism	■
Oct. 5	Bodhidharma Memorial Buddhism	■
Oct. 5	<b>Vijaya Dashmi/Dussehra</b> Hinduism	■
Oct. 5	World Teachers' Day	●
Oct. 9-11	<b>Sukkot</b> Judaism	■
Oct. 9 to Nov. 8	Kathina Buddhism	■
Oct. 10	Pavarana Buddhism	■
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day Canadian Holiday	■
Oct. 10	World Mental Health Day	●
Oct. 11	International Day of the Girl	●
Oct. 12	International Walk to School Day	●
Oct. 13	Nichiren Shonin Memorial Buddhism	■
Oct. 13	<b>Karva Chauth</b> Hinduism	■
Oct. 16	<b>Birth of the Báb</b> Bahá'í	■
Oct. 16-18	<b>Shemini Atzeret</b> Judaism	■
Oct. 16-18	<b>Simchat Torah</b> Judaism	■
Oct. 17	<b>Birth of the Bahá'u'lláh</b> Bahá'í	■

Oct. 17-21	National School Bus Safety Week	●
Oct. 18	Child Care Worker and ECE Appreciation Day	●
Oct. 19	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	●
Oct. 20	<b>Installation of the Guru Granth as Guru</b> Sikhism	■
Oct. 22	Milad-un-Nabi Islam	■
Oct. 23-29	Canadian Down Syndrome Week	●
Oct. 24	<b>New Year/Enlightenment day of Gautamswami</b> Jainism	■
Oct. 24	<b>Diwali/Deepavali</b> Hinduism	■
Oct. 24	<b>Diwali/Lord Mahavir Nirvana</b> Jainism	■
Oct. 24	<b>Bandi Chhor Divas</b> Sikhism	■
Oct. 25	<b>Vikram New Year</b> Hinduism	■
Oct. 27	Ontario Dress Purple Day – Association of Children’s Aid Societies	●
Oct. 29	Gyan Panchami Jainism	■
Oct. 31	<b>Samhain</b> Wicca	■

November 2022		
Date	Name	Type of day
November	Financial Literacy Month	●
November	Movember	●
November	Albanian Heritage Month	◆
November	Hindu Heritage Month	◆
Nov. 1	All Saints Day Christianity	■
Nov. 2	I Read Canadian Day	●
Nov. 5-11	Veteran's Week	◆
Nov. 6	Dev Diwali Jainism	■
Nov. 6-12	Treaties Recognition Week	◆
Nov. 7	Inuit Day Indigenous World View	■
Nov. 8	<b>Birth of Guru Nanak</b> Sikhism	■
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Canadian Observance	● ◆ ■
Nov. 13	World Kindness Day	●
Nov. 16	Louis Riel Day Indigenous World View	■
Nov. 20-26	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	●
Nov. 20	Trans Day of Remembrance	●
Nov. 20	National Child Day	◆
Nov. 24	<b>Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur</b> Sikhism	■
Nov. 25 to Dec. 10	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence	◆
Nov. 26	Day of the Covenant Bahá'í	■
Nov. 26	Holodomor Memorial Day	◆
Nov. 27	First Day of Advent Christianity	■
Nov. 28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá Bahá'í	■
Nov. 28	<b>Nativity Fast begins (40 days) (J)</b> Christianity	■

<b>December 2022</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of day</b>
Dec. 3	Maun Agiyaras Jainism	■
Dec. 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	◆
Dec. 7	Sanghamitta Day Buddhism	■
Dec. 8	Bodhi Day/Awakening Day Buddhism	■
Dec. 13	<b>Birthday of Imam Aga Khan</b> Islam	■
Dec. 18-26	Chanukah Judaism	■
Dec. 21	<b>Yule/Winter Solstice (may be observed Dec. 19-23)</b> Wicca	■
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Christianity	■
Dec. 25	<b>Christmas</b> Christianity	■
Dec. 26	<b>Zarathosht-no-diso (FC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
Dec. 26	Boxing Day Canadian Holiday	■
Dec. 26	Kwanzaa Afrocentric	■

January 2023		
Date	Name	Type of day
January	Tamil Heritage Month	◆
Jan. 1	Temple Day (Solar New Year) Buddhism	■
Jan. 1	<b>New Year's Day</b> Christianity	■
Jan. 1	New Year's Day Canadian Holiday	■
Jan. 5	<b>Birth of Guru Gobind Singh</b> Sikhism	■
Jan. 6	Epiphany Christianity	■
Jan. 7	<b>Christmas (J)</b> Christianity	■
Jan. 7-9	<b>Mahayana New Year</b> Buddhism	■
Jan. 10	Linji Memorial Buddhism	■
Jan. 13	Lohri Hinduism	■
Jan. 13	Maghi Sikhism	■
Jan. 14	<b>New Year's Day (J)</b> Christianity	■
Jan. 15	<b>Makar Sankranti</b> Hinduism	■
Jan. 19	Epiphany (J) Christianity	■
Jan. 22	<b>Lunar New Year/Maitreya Bodhisattva's Birthday</b> Buddhism	■
Jan. 25	Honen Shonin Memorial Buddhism	■
Jan. 25	<b>Vasant Panchami</b> Hinduism	■
Jan. 27	Family Literacy Day	●
Jan. 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	●
<b>TBD</b>	Bell Let's Talk	●

<b>February 2023</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of day</b>
February	Black History Month	◆
Feb. 1	Imbolc Wicca	■
Feb. 2	Groundhog Day	●
Feb. 5	Magha (Sangha Day) Buddhism	■
Feb. 15	<b>Nirvana Day</b> Buddhism	■
Feb. 15	Nirvana Day Jainism	■
Feb. 15	National Flag Day of Canada	●
Feb. 17	National Random Acts of Kindness Day	●
Feb. 18	<b>Maha Shivratri</b> Hinduism	■
Feb. 20	Family Day (ON) Provincial Holiday	■
Feb. 21	<b>Losar (Tibetan New Year)</b> Buddhism	■
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday Christianity	■
Feb. 22	Pink Shirt Day	●
Feb. 23	Isra'a and Mi'raj Islam	■
Feb. 26 to Mar. 1	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days) Bahá'í	■
Feb. 27	Clean Monday Christianity	■



<b>March 2023</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of day</b>
March	Bangladeshi Heritage Month	◆
March	Hellenic Heritage Month	◆
March 2-20	Bahá'í Fast Bahá'í	■
March 3	National Employee Appreciation Day	●
March 4	<b>Sikh New Year</b> Sikhism	■
March 6	Memorial of Shan-tao/Zendo Daishi Buddhism	■
March 6-7	Purim Judaism	■
March 7	<b>Holi</b> Hindusim	■
March 7	Mid-Sha'ban Islam	■
March 8	International Women's Day	◆
March 11	National COVID-19 Day of Observance	●
March 14	National Pi Day	●
March 17	Irish Heritage Day	◆
March 20	Festival of Higan-e Buddhism	■
March 20	<b>Ostara/Mabon/Lady Day/Spring Equinox</b> (may be observed March 19-22) Wicca	■
March 21	<b>Naw Ruz (New Year)</b> Bahá'í	■
March 21	<b>Eid-e-Navroz</b> Islam	■
March 21	<b>Navroze (New Year) (FC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day	●
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	●
March 22-31	<b>Chaitra/Chithirai (New Year)</b> Hinduism	■
March 22	<b>Hindu New Year</b> Hinduism	■
March 22	<b>Vasant Navratri begins</b> Hinduism	■
March 23	<b>Ramadan (fasting month)</b> Islam	■

March 23	National School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day	●
March 24	Earth Hour (in schools – official date is Saturday, March 25)	●
March 25-27	Hola Mohalla Sikhism	■
March 26	<b>Khordad Sal (FC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
March 26	Epilepsy Awareness Day	●
March 30	<b>Rama Navami</b> Hinduism	■
March 31	Trans Day of Visibility	●

<b>April 2023</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of day</b>
April	Sikh Heritage Month	◆
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day	●
April 4	<b>Mahavir Jayanti (Birthday)</b> Jainism	■
April 6-8	<b>Theravāda New Year</b> Buddhism	■
April 6-13	<b>Pesach (Passover)</b> Judaism	■
April 7	<b>Good Friday</b> Christianity	■
April 8	<b>Farvardegan (FC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
April 9	<b>Easter</b> Christianity	■
April 9	Vimy Ridge Day	◆
April 10	Easter Monday Christianity	■
April 12	International Day of Pink	●
April 13	<b>Vaisakhi</b> Sikhism	■
April 14	<b>Good Friday (J)</b> Christianity	■
April 14	Vaisakhi/Baisakhi Hinduism	■
April 16	<b>Easter (J)</b> Christianity	■
April 16-22	National Volunteer Week	●
April 17	Easter Monday (J) Christianity	■
April 17-18	Holocaust Memorial Day, Yom HaShoah	◆ ■
April 18	<b>Lailat-ul-Qadr</b> Islam	■
April 21	<b>First Day of Ridvan</b> Bahá'í	■
April 21	<b>Jumatul Widha</b> Islam	■
April 21	<b>Eid-ul-Fitr</b> Islam	■
April 22	Earth Day	●
April 23	<b>Zarathosht-no-diso (QC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
April 26	Administrative Professionals Day	●

April 28	National Day of Mourning (World Day for Safety and Health at Work)	●
April 28	Nichiren Foundation Day Buddhism	■
April 29	<b>Ninth Day of Ridvan</b> Bahá'í	■

<b>May 2023</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of day</b>
May	Asian Heritage Month	◆
May	Dutch Heritage Month	◆
May	Jewish Heritage Month	◆
May	South Asian Heritage Month	◆
May 1	Beltane Wicca	■
May 1	School Principals' Day	●
May 1	Music Monday	●
May 1-7	Children's Mental Health Week/Mental Health Awareness Week	●
May 1-7	Education Week / SCDSB Celebrates	●
May 2	<b>Twelfth Day of Ridvan</b> Bahá'í	■
May 5	Buddha's Birth Date Buddhism	■
May 5	<b>Wesak/Buddha Day</b> Buddhism	■
May 5	South Asian Arrival Day	◆
May 5	Red Dress Day	●
May 14	Mother's Day	●
May 15	International Day of Families	●
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	●
May 22	Victoria Day Canadian Holiday	■
May 23	<b>Zarathosht-no-diso (SC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
May 24	<b>Declaration of the Báb</b> Bahá'í	■
May 25-27	<b>Shavuot</b> Judaism	■
May 28	Pentecost Christianity	■
May 28- June 3	National AccessAbility Week	●
May 29	<b>Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh</b> Bahá'í	■

<b>June 2023</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of day</b>
June	Pride Month	●
June	Italian Heritage Month	◆
June	National Indigenous History Month	◆
June	Portuguese History and Heritage Month	◆
June 3	Poson Buddhism	■
June 4	Pentecost (J) Christianity	■
June 10	Portugal Day	◆
June 11	All Saints Day (J) Christianity	■
June 16	Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi Lodro Anniversary Buddhism	■
June 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sikhism	■
June 18	Father's Day	●
June 19	United Empire Loyalists' Day	◆
June 21	<b>National Indigenous Peoples Day</b> Indigenous World View	◆ ■
June 21	<b>Litha/Summer Solstice (may be observed June 19-23)</b> Wicca	■
June 24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	◆
June 27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day	◆
June 27	Waqfatu'Arafat Islam	■
June 28	<b>Eid-ul-Adha</b> Islam	■

July 2023		
Date	Name	Type of day
July 1	Canada Day	◆ ■
July 1-7	Canada History Week	◆
July 3	Asalha Puja Day (Dharma Day) Buddhism	■
July 3	Guru Purnima Hinduism and Jainism	■
July 6	Birth Date of H.H. Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso Buddhism	■
July 10	<b>Martyrdom of the Báb</b> Bahá'í	■
July 11	<b>Imamat Day</b> Islam	■
July 15	World Youth Skills Day	●
July 17	<b>Navroze (New Year) (QC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
July 19	New Year (Hijra) Islam	■
July 22	<b>Khordad Sal (QC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
July 26-27	Tishah B'av Judaism	■
July 28	<b>Ashura</b> Islam	■
July 30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	●

<b>August 2023</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of day</b>
Aug. 1	Emancipation Day	◆
Aug. 1	<b>Lughnasadh/Lammas</b> Wicca	■
Aug. 1	Civic Holiday (ON) Provincial Holiday	■
Aug. 2	Vassa (Rains Retreat) begins Buddhism	■
Aug. 4	<b>Farvardegan (QC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
Aug. 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	●
Aug. 12	International Youth Day	●
Aug. 16	<b>Navroze (New Year) (SC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
Aug. 21	<b>Khordad Sal (SC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
Aug. 30	Raksha Bandhan Hinduism	■