

Dates of Significance – JUNE 2026

National Indigenous Heritage Month A month to recognize the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada.

Italian Heritage Month A time to showcase the rich culture and heritage of Italian Canadians.

Pride Season Begins Pride Season is a unifying term that refers to the period between June and September when 2SLGBTQ+ communities and allies come together at different times throughout the summer to spotlight the resilience, talent, and contributions of 2SLGBTQ+ communities in many Canadian cities.

Filipino Heritage Month A time to showcase the rich culture and heritage of Filipino Canadians.

Portuguese Heritage Month A time to showcase the rich culture and heritage of Portuguese Canadians.

Date	Category	Day of Significance
June 16	Faith-based Islam	<u>Islamic New Year</u> The Islamic New Year, also known as the Hijri New Year, marks the start of the first month of the Islamic lunar calendar
June 18	Faith-based Sikhism	<u>Guru Arjan Martyrdom</u> A Sikh day of remembrance
June 21	Anti-Racism Indigenous	<u>National Indigenous Peoples Day</u> A day to recognize the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada.
June 23	Anti- Oppression	<u>National Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Terrorism</u> In memory of those who have lost their lives through acts of terror in Canada and around the world. The day was chosen to coincide with the anniversary of the Air India Flight 182 tragedy.
June 24	Faith-based Catholicism Cultural	<u>St. Jean-Baptiste Day</u> This day has roots in the Roman Catholic faith, but has shifted to be a day of celebrating French-Canadian heritage. In Canada, nearly 10 million people speak French. On Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day and the National Day of Quebec, Francophones across the country show their pride by celebrating their language and their traditions.

June 27	Anti-racism	<p><u>Canadian Multiculturalism Day</u></p> <p>A federally recognized day to discover and appreciate the wealth and diversity of Canadian society.</p>
June 27	Faith-based Islam	<p><u>Eid al-Adha</u></p> <p>Eid al-Adha is the Muslim holy day that honors the sacrifice Ibrahim (Abraham) was willing to make in obedience to God’s command. Muslims now celebrate this event by sharing a slaughtered animal in three parts: one part for themselves, one for their family, and the third part is given to the needy.</p>

N.B. Schools and departments are encouraged to avoid scheduling any significant day and evening meetings/events on dates shown in **bold**.