

SEPTEMBER 2023

September 04 – Labour Day

The first Monday in September has been a holiday in Canada since 1894, originally the result of worker groups parading for better working conditions. Today, Labour Day is a day of rest that celebrates the unofficial end to summer and start of a new school year.

September 10 – Grandparents Day

This Sunday celebrates grandparents, reminding us to honour their guidance and strength, being such important figures in the lives of so many across the world.

September 15 to 17 – Rosh Hashanah

Also known as Jewish New Year, this is one of Judaism's holiest days meaning "head of the year". This holiday is a two-day celebration that begins on the first day of Tishrei, the 7th month of the ecclesiastical year or the Hebrew calendar, and the beginning of the civil year. Rosh Hashanah customs include the sounding of shofar, attending synagogue services, and enjoying festive meals.

September 21 – International Day of Peace

Established by the United Nations, World Peace Day is a global day to commit to Peace above all differences and strengthening the ideals of peace across the globe. The theme of 2020 is "Shaping Peace Together".

September 23 – Autumnal Equinox

The astronomical start of the fall season in the Northern hemisphere. The word "equinox" comes from Latin *aequus*, meaning "equal," and *nox*, "night." On the equinox, day and night are roughly equal in length.

September 24 to 25 – Yom Kippur

Another one of Judaism's holiest days, Yom Kippur marks the conclusion of the 10 Days of Awe, a period of repentance that follows Rosh Hashanah. Traditionally, the holiday is observed with a 25-hour fast, prayer, and a special religious service.



September 30 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

Each year on the 30th of September, we spend time remembering the lost children of residential schools and to honour past and present survivors, their families, and their communities. You may also hear of "Orange Shirt Day", first observed in 2013, which is part of an effort to promote awareness of the residential school system and the multi-generational impact it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century.

Important Fact:

As of March 9th, 2023, British Columbia is officially the first province that has passed legislation to make September 30th a statutory holiday for all, making strides towards more awareness and time for commemoration.