



# DIVERSITY CALENDAR

The Anti-Racism, Equity and Human Rights Services team is pleased to present our Diversity Calendar. The art has been created by our George Brown College Community artists who self-identify as members of our diverse community, including but not limited to indigenous, 2SLGBTQ2+, non-binary, deaf, racialized, persons with disabilities, and allies.

The images featured have been submitted from the December 2022 student call-out contest by The School of Design and The Office of Anti-Racism, Equity & Human Rights Services. The goal of these images is to reflect on how experiences connect to the calendar themes of social justice, intersections of identity, belonging in a diverse, intersectional, and inclusive community at George Brown College.

Did we miss something? Want to be featured in next year's calendar? E-mail us at [diversity@georgebrown.ca](mailto:diversity@georgebrown.ca).



MARIKA WOLFERT

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This photo represents the theme of Belonging. The taller of the two mushrooms fought to grow between these deck boards, despite the possibilities of being trampled or plucked away, drawing moisture into the wood and thus forcing it to give way for its roots to find footing. The taller mushroom grappled with other organisms also trying to find their place to flourish, creating an environment where the smaller mushroom could find its space to grow in the protection of its paragon. This photograph represents having someone who fought to find their place, someone to look up to who stands tall and strong where they are, who exudes a sense of belonging even if it is apparent that they haven't always been where they are now, someone who never folded in the face of difficulty or disadvantage. The taller mushroom portrays someone who knows the struggle of finding one's place in the world and who now stands as a role model to inspire others to follow in finding their unfettered sense of belonging, wherever that may be.

Tamil Heritage (Canada) Month

1	New Year's Day, Gantan-sai (Japanese New Year), Kwanzaa Ends
2	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi
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4	World Braille Day
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6	Feast of the Epiphany, Three Kings Day
7	Mahayana New Year, Orthodox Christmas Day Feast of the Nativity (Orthodox)
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9	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday
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13	Lohri, Maghi
14	Orthodox New Year's Day, Maghi
15	World Religion Day, Thai Pongal Begins, Makara Sankranti
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
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18	Thai Pongal Ends, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
19	Timkat
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22	Lunar New Year
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25	Saraswati Puja on Vasant Panchami, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends
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27	Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day
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29	Nat'l Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia
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**ABHAY JEET SINGH KALSI**

@childbeer

My goal for this painting was to communicate self love and acceptance for your own body—its shape and colour, which is something I found a lot of my friends being insecure about. I created this to connect with them and offer a safe space.

# FEBRUARY

Black History (Canada) and Black Queering Month

1	Saint Brigid's Day (Imbolc), World Interfaith Harmony Week
2	Candlemas
3	Setsubun
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5	Tu B'Shevat*
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11	Int'l Day of Women and Girls in Science
12	Canadian Sexual and Reproductive Health Day
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14	Pink Triangle Day, Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week
15	Nirvana Day
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18	Isra and Mi'raj*
19	Meatfare Sunday
20	Family Day, Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week, World Day of Social Justice
21	Int'l Mother Language Day
22	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
23	Pink Shirt Day
24	
25	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days) Begins*
26	Cheesefare Sunday
27	Clean Monday
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**PATRICIA MARINAY**

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Being an immigrant, I struggled a lot to find a place that would allow me to be myself and fit in. It was difficult and scary to experience at such a young age. Through this piece, I am able to show the many different people of all shapes and sizes that I was able to encounter coming to Canada.

## MARCH

Irish Heritage (Canada), Bangladeshi Heritage (Ontario), Developmental Disabilities Awareness, and Greek Heritage Month

1	St. David's Day, AIDS Zero Discrimination Day, Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days) Ends
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6	Magha Puja Day
7	Purim*
8	Int'l Women's Day, Holi
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10	Int'l Day of Women Judges
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13	Birthday of L. Ron Hubbard, Commonwealth Day
14	Sha'ban and Mid-Sha'ban*
15	Int'l Day to Combat Islamophobia
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17	St. Patrick's Day, Isra'a and Miraj*
18	Maha Shivaratri
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20	Nowruz Persian New Year, Ostara Day, Int'l Day of Happiness
21	Int'l Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, World Down Syndrome Day, Losar Tibetan New Year, Naw-Rúz New Year
22	Ramadan Begins**, Hindu New Year
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24	Int'l Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims
25	Int'l Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
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30	Rama Navami
31	Int'l Transgender Day of Visibility

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**POOJA PATEL**

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I felt super motivated while making this! My artwork reflects positive social messages. For example, Sense of freedom, justice, intersection of identity, belonging. I used rainbow colors to show happiness and positive energy for belonging. I also showed tiny toys helping each other to show brotherhood. You can feel the women's facial expression and her earring, giving sense of freedom.

# APRIL

Sikh Heritage, Genocide Awareness, Condemnation and Prevention, World Autism, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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2	Palm Sunday, World Autism Awareness Day, Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival
3	Int'l Day Against Victim Blaming
4	Mahavir Jayanti, Memorial of Jesus' Death
5	Passover Begins*
6	Nat'l Tartan Day, Mady Thursday, Lent ends, Hanuman Jayanti
7	Good Friday, Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day
8	Holy Saturday
9	Vimy Ridge Day, Easter Sunday
10	Easter Monday
11	
12	Int'l Day of Pink
13	Passover Ends
14	Int'l Day of Silence, Vaisakhi, Bengali New Year, Orthodox Good Friday, Mesha Sankranti (Solar New Year)**, Sinhalese and Tamil New Year
15	Orthodox Holy Saturday
16	Orthodox Easter Sunday
17	Orthodox Easter Monday, Laylat al-Qadr**
18	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)*
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20	Ramandan Ends, Ridvan Begins
21	Eid al-Fitr**, Grounation Day
22	Saka New Year (Nyepi)
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24	Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day
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28	Int'l Girls in ICT Day, Nat'l Day of Mournin, Ninth Day of Ridvá
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**ROSENI VIJAYAKUMARAN**

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This piece connects to the the intersecting identities of South Asian beauty, features and complexions. Each one of us are so unique and beautiful, yet we still face discrimination and judgement within our own communities. I coloured my characters green, blue, and orange to metaphorically show that our skin colours are all beautiful. But in general, our outer appearance doesn't define our true colours/characters from deep within.

## MAY

Asian Heritage, Jewish Heritage, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention, Dutch Heritage, South Asian Heritage, and Nat'l Mobility Awareness Month

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| 1  | Beltane  |
| 2  | Ridvan Ends  |
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| 5  | Vesak Day, Red Dress Day: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada  |
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| 7  | Int'l Family Equality Day  |
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| 9  | Lag B'Omer*  |
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| 14 | Mother's Day   |
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| 16 | Int'l Day of Living Together in Peace  |
| 17 | Int'l Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia  |
| 18 | Ascension Day  |
| 19 | Malcolm X Day  |
| 20 |  |
| 21 | World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development  |
| 22 | Harvey Milk Day, Victoria Day  |
| 23 |  |
| 24 | Declaration of the Bab*  |
| 25 | African Liberation Day, Shavuot Begins, Int'l Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories Begins |
| 26 | Saga Dawa (Buddha's Birthday)  |
| 27 | Shavuot Ends   |
| 28 | Pentecost Day, Nat'l AccessAbility Week  |
| 29 | Ascension of Baha'u'llah, Whit Monday  |
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**KENDRA LEGAULT**

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I believe that love is common ground that can bring people together across gender, sexuality, politics, nationality, and religion. And in my experience, falling in love exists beyond the boxes of gender and sexuality we put ourselves in.

## JUNE

Nat'l Indigenous History, Italian Heritage, Filipino Heritage, Portuguese Heritage, ALS Awareness, Pride, and Deafblind Awareness Month

1 Intergenerational Day

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4 Trinity Sunday, Int'l Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, Full Moon of Saka Dawa

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8 Corpus Christi

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12 World Day Against Child Labour, Loving Day

13 Int'l Albinism Awareness Day

14 World Blood Donor Day

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16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib

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18 Father's Day, Int'l Day for Countering Hate Speech

19 Int'l Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

20 World Refugee Day

21 Nat'l Indigenous Peoples Day, World Humanist Day

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23 Litha

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26 Int'l Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Hajj\*

27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day, Waqf al Arafah\*

28 Eid al Adha Begins\*\*

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**ROSENI VIJAYAKUMARAN**

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This piece with different types of eyes connects to the topic of identity, beauty and colonization. I've often seen people with brown eyes feeling that their eyes are considered less beautiful. The truth is all coloured eyes are gorgeous. Blue eyes are the ocean. Brown eyes are soil. Green eyes are leaves and grass. Hazel eyes are honey. The list goes on.

# JULY

## Disability Pride Month

1	Canada Day
2	Eid al Adha Ends
3	Asalha Puja
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9	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*
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11	Imamat Day*
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14	Int'l Non-Binary People's Day
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16	Disability Awareness Day
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18	Nelson Mandela Day, Muharram Begins
19	Al-Hijra New Year*
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21	Chokhor Ducchën Festival
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26	Tisha B'av*
27	Ashura*
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30	Int'l Day of Friendship, World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
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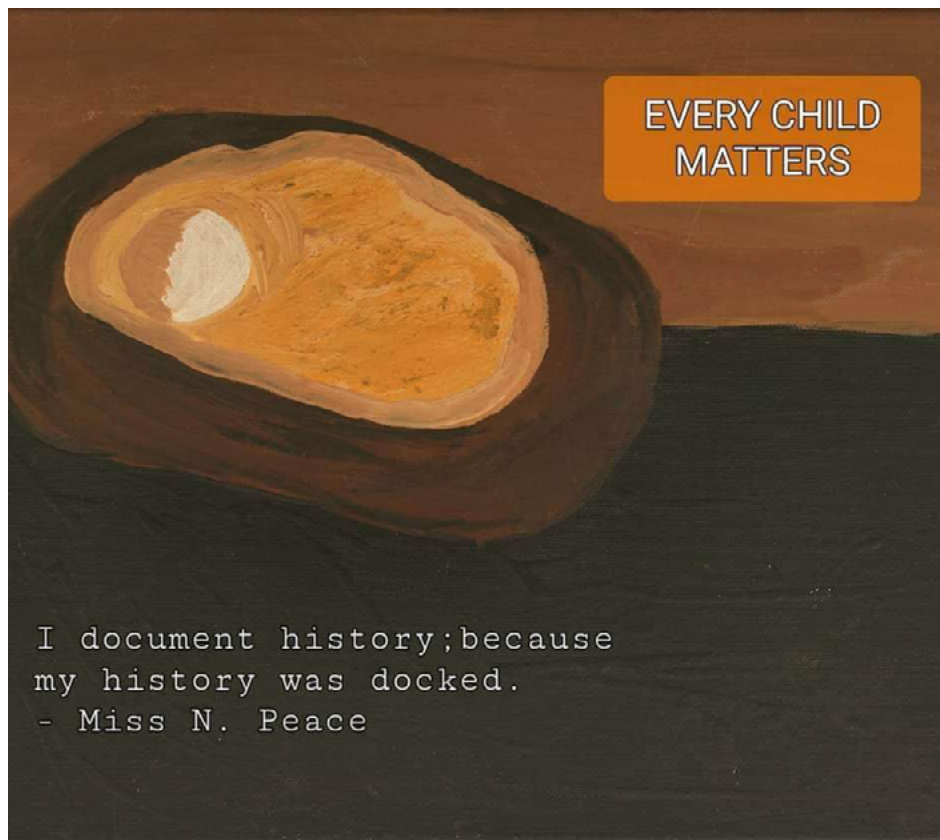
**ABHAY JEET SINGH KALSI**

@childbeer

This artwork is aimed to be open for interpretation, but I like to think of it as an illustration on individualism and developing your own personality, and being happy with yourself. I have struggled with finding my identity for long and wanted to create something that makes me feel warm and relatable.

# AUGUST

1	WHO World Breast Feeding Week, Emancipation Day, Lughnasadh
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9	Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous People
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12	Int'l Youth Day
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15	Assumption of Mary
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17	Muharram Ends
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21	Int'l Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism
22	Int'l Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
23	Int'l Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition
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30	Int'l Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, Raksha Bandhan
31	Int'l Day for People of African Descent



**MISS N. PEACE  
(DELIA SALTZMAN)**

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I prefer to be recognized by my stage name as it identifies me as a transracial intercountry reclaimed and rediscovered displaced Afro Indigenous Colombian adoptee and survivor of the 60s scoop. The painting (2010) is from a sketch of my daughter (2000) – we were both displaced and removed from our identity and culture as infants.

## SEPTEMBER

### Deaf Awareness Month

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4	Labour Day
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6	Krishna Janmashtami Begins
7	Krishna Janmashtami Ends
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10	World Suicide Prevention Day
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12	Coptic New Year, Ethiopian New Year
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15	Rosh Hashanah Begins, Int'l Day of Democracy
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17	Int'l Week of the Deaf, Rosh Hashanah Ends
18	Int'l Equal Pay Day
19	Ganesh Chaturthi Begins
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21	Int'l Day of Peace
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23	Int'l Day of Sign Languages, Celebrate Bisexuality Day
24	Dussehra (Dasera), Canadian Gender Equality Week
25	Yom Kippur*
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27	Eid Milad ul-Nabi*
28	Anant Chaturdashi Puja
29	Sukkot Begins
30	Orange Shirt Day: Nat'l Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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**ROSENI VIJAYAKUMARAN**

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This piece reflects body image and body dysmorphia. A lot of young women and men face low self-esteem issues while growing up in a time period of social media existing, judgement, and opinion of peers.

## OCTOBER

Learning Disabilities Awareness, Hispanic Heritage, Nat'l Disability Employment Awareness, German Heritage, Islamic History, Women's History, and Nat'l Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

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| 1  | Int'l Day of Older Persons                                     |
| 2  | Int'l Day of Non-Violence                                      |
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| 6  | Sukkot Ends, Shemini Atzeret Begins                            |
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| 8  | Shemini Atzeret Ends, Simchat Torah*                           |
| 9  | Thanksgiving   |
| 10 | WHO World Mental Health Day                                    |
| 11 | Int'l Day of the Girl Child, Nat'l Coming Out Day              |
| 12 |  |
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| 15 | Int'l Day of Rural Women                                       |
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| 17 | Int'l Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Birth of Bahá'u'lláh |
| 18 | Persons Day  |
| 19 |  |
| 20 | Spirit Day   |
| 21 |  |
| 22 |  |
| 23 | Body Confidence Awareness Week                                 |
| 24 | United Nations Day   |
| 25 | Yom Kippur*  |
| 26 | Intersex Awareness Day   |
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| 31 | Samhain  |

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**CHRISTINA KIM**

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This image reflects a sense of identity and belonging within the LGBTQIA+. As a queer person, I wanted to showcase a simple and sweet illustration of two women together, one woman is wearing a lesbian flag pin, and the other is wearing a bisexual flag pin.

# NOVEMBER

Hindu Heritage, Family Violence Prevention, Transgender Awareness, and Indigenous Education Month

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2	Day of the Dead
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8	Intersex Day of Remembrance, Indigenous Veterans Day
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11	Remembrance Day
12	Diwali, Bandi Chhor Divas
13	World Kindness Day
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16	Int'l Day for Tolerance
17	Int'l Students' Day
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20	Transgender Day of Remembrance
21	World Children's Day
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24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur
25	Int'l Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, Nat'l Holodomor Memorial Day
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27	Birth of Guru Nanak, Jainism New Year
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CATHY WONG

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I grew up in a westernized Chinese family-run restaurant in Canada. I've lost a lot of my cultural identity by trying to "fit in," but now I'm trying to reconnect with my culture through the food my family makes.

# DECEMBER

1	World AIDS Day
2	Int'l Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3	Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities, Advent Begins
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6	Nat'l Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
7	Hanukkah Begins
8	Bodhi Day
9	Int'l Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of Genocide
10	Human Rights Day
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12	Int'l Universal Health Coverage Day, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
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15	Hanukkah Ends
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18	Int'l Migrants Day
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20	Int'l Human Solidarity Day
21	Yule Begins
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24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day
26	Boxing Day, Kwanzaa Begins
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31	New Year's Eve

## **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?**

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