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Diversity Calendar

AUGUST 2020

| Date | Religion/Culture | Event |
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| Aug 1 st | Eastern Orthodox | Fast - honouring of the Holy Mother of Jesus. It is celebrated with a 14-day fast, in preparation for the celebration of the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary. During this time, Eastern Orthodox Christians refrain from eating red meat, poultry, dairy products including eggs, fish, oil and wine. |
| Aug 3 rd | Hinduism | Raksha Bandhan – A Hindu festival celebrating relationship between siblings. The celebration date is based on the lunar calendar, during a full moon, in the Hindu month of Shravana |
| Aug 11 th | Hinduism | Krishna Jayanthi – This day, celebrates the birth of the Hindu God, Krishna. The celebration date is based on the lunar calendar, during a full moon, in the Hindu month of Shravana. The day is celebrated by fasting, then preparing an elaborate feast, singing at attending night vigil at the Krishna temple. |
| Aug 13 th to 15 th | Buddism – Celebrated in Japan, China and Vietman | Obon Day - All three countries celebrate this period with variation in traditions and customs. The celebrations are in honour of their ancestors, for which families gather together to visit ancestral graves. The day is also celebrated in Japan with a dance called Bon Odori. The dates are based on the lunar calendar and vary dependent upon location. |
| Aug 15 th | Eastern Orthodox, Christianity | Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary/Dormition of the Theotokos – Celebrating the departure of Mary to heaven. |

Above are the main multicultural celebrations for the month of August in 2020. There may be other celebrations, that have not been included on this calendar.