

Dates to Note:

December 10-Human Rights Day - theme "All Human, All Equal"

[CCDI Resources](#)

United Nations Declaration of Human Rights [75th anniversary](#)

December 16 to December 24 – Las Posadas

December 7 to December 15 – Hanukkah

[Jewish Educator Portal](#)

December 22 – Winter Solstice/Yule

December 25 – Christmas

December 26 to January 1 – Kwanzaa

[Kwanzaa101](#) - Free Zoom session on Dec 8th from Pickering Community Centre

STF - [Lil Shadd: A Story of Ujima - Resources](#)

Other Local Events!

Dec 22nd - Killer Water documentary at Landmark!

Jan 24th - An evening at the MacEwan Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity

News:

UCP AGM Resolutions

- Funding ties cut for public organizations that have EDI policies - this means that they are actively seeking to eliminate policy that protects and affirms diverse communities
- Concerning that the 'parental rights' had strong voices at the AGM looking for similar policies that SK has recently implemented
- Interestingly, they noted that as a party they struggle with engaging younger demographics. Important that we as educators engage in non-partisan civics education that includes bias and critical thinking education so students can filter through messages from all parties trying to gain support.

Yves-Francois Blanchet "Is Christmas Racist"?

- Question raised in the House of Commons in relation to the Canadian Human Rights Commission report on religious intolerance that identified concerns about non-Christian holidays not being recognized as stat holidays and needing to take time off.
- Facetious use of serious term illustrates that we have a long way to go in ensuring that religious practices are protected and affirmed, and is really disappointing from a political leader. It's a prime example of micro-aggression and code-switching expectations in a system of systemic racism and colonialism.

Gaza-Israel-West Bank Conflict

[Resources for navigating the complex content](#)

[Educate Against Hate](#) - The approach they take is “solutions not sides” which is a great way to refocus and has important conflict resolution skills for students.

Other conflicts? What happened to Ukraine?

[Great article](#) with lots of food for thought about why the news media has virtually dropped all coverage of the Ukraine/Russia war

***Conspiracy Theories**

<https://www.commonsense.org/education/articles/why-are-conspiracy-theories-so-appealing>

Hilariously interesting for kids- [The Conspiracy Test](#)

Logical Fallacies instruction and resources - yourlogicalfallacyis.com