2024 Nonprofit Fundraising Calendar

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Or maybe you're looking for a proven lead magnet to engage new subscribers and legions of fans?

Whatever your goal, there's no better way to get your message in front of thousands of engaged nonprofit organizations than the upcoming *2024 Nonprofit Fundraising & Marketing Calendar.*

Since 2014, nonprofit professionals have come to know and trust the *Fundraising & Marketing Calendar* (found at <u>thefundraisingcalendar.com</u>) where they'll get tips on growing individual giving, telling their best stories, donor stewardship, trusted nonprofit companies, online giving, and more. The Calendar also highlights our sector's top conferences.

"I always refer to "The Grow Report" for expert advice and guidance. There's a lot of differing opinions out there but Pamela's is the one I trust most."

Now you can be a part of the Fundraising & Marketing Calendar.

Time and time again, fundraisers have informed us that the Calendar plays a critical role in their planning throughout the year. With the rise of various software companies marketing to nonprofits, having a trusted, personal connection by your side benefits your brand. And, because our 2024 Calendar will be offered in both online PDF format and print format, your message gains enduring *multichannel* exposure throughout 2024 in a way that internet marketing does not.

"We're in for 2023, wouldn't miss it!" Josh Meyer, VP, Demand Generation. Bloomerang

The Fundraising Calendar is a fun and affordable way to get your brand out there (and no travel required). Sponsorships are filling up fast! Read on to see the options available to you.

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 - *Keep Your GivingTuesday Donors Coming Back*
 - Your Step-by-Step Guide to Writing Your Best Direct Mail Appeal
 - Easy Tools to Create Your Fundraising Board
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You'll also receive:

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 - · Growing Your Nonprofit's General Operating Support
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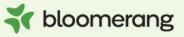
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For more information, please contact Pamela Grow at pamelagrow@gmail.com

About Pamela

Pamela Grow is the founder of *Basics & More™ Fundraising*, providing comprehensive training to thousands of nonprofit organizations worldwide. She's also the author of *Simple Development Systems: Successful Fundraising for the One-Person Shop* and the founder of Thefundraisingcalendar.com



A pioneer in creating online training for nonprofit professionals, Pam developed the first online nonprofit storytelling class in 2010, as well as the first online nonprofit stewardship training. Partnering with Chris Davenport of the *Nonprofit Storytelling Conference*, she created the landmark program, *100 Donors in 90 Days*, and *The Donor Retention Project*. In 2016/2017, Pam developed the curriculum, branding, systems, and launch for the Veritus Group's *Major Gift Academy*, the preeminent online training for nonprofit major gift officers.

Pamela was recently named one of the *Top 30 Nonprofit IT Influencers Worth a Follow* by BizTech magazine. She was named one of the *50 Most Influential Fundraisers* by UK's Civil Society magazine, and she was named one of the Top 25 Fundraising Experts by NonprofitFundraising.com. She's

been featured by the Chronicle of Philanthropy, and the Foundation Center.

Her weekly newsletter, *The Grow Report*, reaches over 35,000 nonprofit professionals.



anuary 2023

These times we find ourselves living through have been described as "surreal," "unsettling," and, yeah, my personal favorite. A "RAGING DUMPSTER FIRE."

But in the midst of all this muck, here's what I do know: you matter. Your mission matters.

And now the future's not holding any promises. We keep hearing noise about a major recession, and you want to be prepared.

What will be important going forward is, no, not Al. No, not relentlessly texting donors who never signed up to hear from you in the first place. No, not the latest new "trick" in that free webinar you signed up for and forgot to attend.

It will be your focus on your plan, your donors, and your systems.

January marks a new beginning for your nonprofit. And there's no better time than now to get a firm handle on a concrete rinse-and-repeat systems for revenue. It's possible!

QUOTE/TIP FROM READER:

'l've increased stewardship and added a few different touch-points this year. My favorite thing I've added this year was a personalized thank you video to donors"

> Stephanie King **Development Officer** she/her/hers

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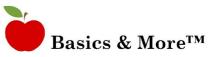
QUOTE:

"I raise up my voice - not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard... We cannot succeed when half of us are held back."

Malala Yousafzai

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Download the FREE Essential Guide to Nonprofit Fundraising Decades of road-tested tricks & tips for nonprofits of any size

THIS MONTH ...

How are you showing your donors what their gift is doing? No, they don't want to know how many programs you have or how they operate.

Your supporters want to know what is their impact. What is the difference they're making...through you?

Getting the impact part right in your Ask/Thank/Report systems will build real partnerships. The kind that leads to genuine change.

And decades of research has shown that the lowly print donor newsletter is one of the best ways to accomplish exactly that. You see, donor newsletters have a "sticky" quality that emails can't touch.

SURPRISE SURPRISE! Donor newsletters done according to our easy formula can raise as much as an appeal. That's not even counting the long-term value from legacy gifts.

February is the month to sketch out your newsletter plan for the year. It's hard for the small shop development staffer to keep up and hold tight to this aspect of your fundraising. You've got so many balls in the air. But for the sake of your future you must.

FEBRUARY 2023

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March 2023

THIS MONTH ...

In all of the craziness of our collective world over the past three years, a major discovery in fundraising occurred.

Shout it from the rooftops. Monthly giving is important!

Starting and growing your organization's monthly giving program plays a key role in our Basics & More "Lifetime Donor Attraction" model.

Donors appreciate the ease and convenience of monthly support. Nonprofits appreciate the reliable monthly revenue. And monthly giving donor retention rates, your best indicator of your fundraising success, hover at 90% and up.

A robust monthly giving program leads to a major uptick in legacy giving too.

Now, moving forward from a tough year into what will most assuredly be a tough economy, monthly giving is more important than ever.

You don't need a program name dreamed up by Ogilvy. You don't have to have a splashy landing page or a celebrity endorsing your monthly giving program.

You just need to get it started. And work it. Regularly. Make monthly giving a priority going forward and don't let anything stop you.

QUOTE:

"Being in the habit of saying "Thank you," of making sure that people receive attention so they know you value them, of not presuming that people will always be there--this is a good habit, regardless...make sure to give virtual and actual high-fives to those who rock and rock hard."

– Sarah Wendell

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The Tools You Need To Win Grant Awards!



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- ★ Monthly Giving Intensive
- Direct Mail Masterclass



THE FUNDAMENTALS WORK!

"It might not be very creative, but we have been making a point to spend time each week (usually on Fridays) to thank each donor and volunteer for their gifts to time, treasure, and talent."

Laurie Curtin

MARCH 2023

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April 2023

QUOTE:

"That's the funny thing about America--the blessed thing. As many people as there are to hold you back, there are angels whose humanity makes up for all the others. I've had my share of angels."

- Abraham Verghese

THIS MONTH

We place a lot of our focus in the nonprofit sector on donor retention and lifetime donor value. With good reason. Donors who make a second gift, and then a fourth, become your monthly donors and your legacy donors.

They become your partners.

But filling the pipeline is also a critical component of your fundraising success systems. You need to be adding new prospects regularly.

Are they coming in by way of a direct mail acquisition campaign? Perhaps they're coming in the door by way of that helpful resource you're offering for download on your website. Or your board members might be

regularly hosting small "friendraising" events.

While there are many ways to bring new prospects into your organization, you'll want to focus in on just one to two. Make an investment. Make a commitment. Your stewardship and follow-up processes need to be solidly in place for it to be worth your while.

How is your nonprofit bringing in new donors?

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TIPS FROM OUR READERS

"All our fundraisers were cancelled... We quickly focused on increasing membership and added major perks, the most popular being one-hour private visits for members and up to four friends. We then asked our members to recruit friends and family to join. It was an easy sell and we quickly doubled our membership. We also heavily marketed "micro-weddings" (weddings between 2-10 persons) and managed to have at least one couple per weekend get married in The Gardens. Between micro-weddings and membership we are staying afloat this year!

Our public outreach has included strengthening our BLM statement/mission. We have provided Family Memberships to our local public grade school (the most diverse school in Seattle, 56% free lunch program) for families that might not otherwise be able to visit Dunn Gardens. We are also working with other nonprofits to offer them a peaceful place to socially distance for staff meetings."

> Carolyn Cox **Executive Director**

APRIL 2023

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THIS MONTH ...

This little mistake that could be costing you millions...

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You work hard on growing your fundraising, on developing your relationships with your donors, on planning that next big gala, on tweaking your website, and writing your thank you letters. But chances are good that you're missing out on one opportunity that could be costing you millions — and saving your organization at times of crisis.

As I speak daily with nonprofit organizations, one of my first questions is always "do you have a planned giving program?" Nine out of ten times the answer is no.

Individual giving accounts for nearly 70% of all charitable giving in the US - and of that, bequest giving accounts for 9%.

So what's the number one reason your donors aren't adding your charity to their wills?

"It never occurred to me."

Without a focused legacy giving program, you're depriving your donors of the opportunity to leave something behind...to know that their life mattered.

Plant the seed. If you don't already have one, this month develop your organization's legacy giving tagline. Don't stress over it. Just do it. Remember, it goes on everyone's signature line, on your website, and in every donor communication.

QUOTE:

Everyone must leave something behind when he dies . . . Something your hand touched some way so your soul has somewhere to go when you die . . . It doesn't matter what you do, so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away."

— Ray Bradbury

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TIPS FROM OUR READERS

"We had a new donor give us \$10,000 early on during the pandemic. Fast forward, now we are working on a plan with him to build a legacy gift."

> Bridgett Brown Development Coordinator

MAY 2023

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7 WORLD LAUGHTER DAY	8 BUDDHA DAY	9 NATIONAL TEACHER'S DAY	10 WORLD LUPUS DAY	11 National eat what You want Day	12 NATIONAL PROVIDER DAY	13 WoRLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY WORLD COCKTAIL DAY
14 Mother's Day	15 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES	16 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIGHT	17 WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY	18	19 MALCOLM X DAY ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY	20 NATIONAL RESCUE DOG DAY
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June 2023

QUOTE:

"Our struggles are the short term lessons we learn to achieve long term success."

— Simon Sinek

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Donor Acquisition

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Imagine a mega donor like MacKenzie Scott or Oprah stumbling across your website and bestowing a million dollar gift...

It's fun to dream. And every every nonprofit wants to raise more large gifts.

Close your eyes for a moment...

THIS MONTH

But that's not how major gifts work in the real world.

The truth is that most six and seven figure donors initially come in by way of that first \$25 donation.

What are your processes for engaging and cultivating that \$25 donor?

And what kind of vision are you setting for your potential major donors?

Even the smallest nonprofit organization will benefit from a solid major donor program. In July focus in on building your major gift pipeline.

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ittle Green Light is your natural next step to implify your donor management. With our nutlive fundraising platform, you can consolidate your spreadsheets, letting you see and analyze your data more clearly than ever sefore.



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TIPS FROM OUR READERS

"I finished my first printed newsletter! My assistant and I took your Newsletter class last year and I've been looking for the right time to implement. I printed it out on Saturday and I'll be folding, stuffing and mailing today. I will email it to everyone on our list but the printed version will be special to receive, I hope, for the donors that receive it. I'm so glad to have taken your class! Thank you for all the experience, strength, and hope!"

Jessica Hird

JUNE 2023

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July 2023

THIS MONTH...

You can probably describe your organization's programs inside and out. And I know you can provide all kinds of statistics that explain why your work matters.

But that's not what motivates your supporters to give. The truth is, nothing quite motivates your donors like an emotionally compelling story.

We make decisions based onouremotions. Narratives with an emotionally compelling hook have the power to trigger your donors' imaginations and will be far more effective in getting them to give, and give generously. You want to create the kind of content that inspires.

What is your organization's million dollar story?

Chances are, your nonprofit has more than one million dollar story. But how can you bring them to life? How can you ensure that they've got that compelling factor and inspire your supporters to give? Great storytelling, along with what it takes to make it happen, plays an important role in your nonprofit's fundraising systems.

QUOTE:

"Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die, we can't remember who we are or why we're here."

– Sue Monk Kidd

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Organizational Culture Change

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TIPS FROM OUR READERS

"This isn't a win but I wanted to share with you something I'm proud of. My wife and I both work in fundraising and have been sharing workspace in a one bedroom apartment throughout this hell year. I'm incredibly proud of the work she has done. She's remained passionate, empathetic, and supportive of her colleagues, advocated for good work life balance, and kept fundraising with donors at the heart of what she does.

She's awesome. And I just wanted to tell you that."

Sarah Beamish Pronouns: she/her/hers

JULY 2023

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THIS MONTH ...

Summertime...and the livin' is easy.

But before you know it, the end of the year will be rushing at you like a freight train. Remember, a third of all annual giving occurs in the month of December. So there's no time like August to get started on your plans for a solid-integrated year-end fundraising campaign.

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GivingTuesday is a day. Not a strategy.

And the first step in doing said planning involves taking stock of what you're already done this year. Ask yourself these questions:

- How much have you raised to date this year, via individual giving, grants, events, earned income, etc?
- What has worked for your organization in the past in terms of direct mail, social media, mail? What stories resonate with your supporters?
- Is your website optimized for online giving? Don't assume it. Test it.

...and don't forget to register for our signature class on running a guaranteed successful fundraising campaign, Foolproof Year-End Fundraising.

QUOTE:

"Dig your well before you're thirsty."

- Seth Godin

BASICS & MORE COURSES:

Your Annual Gratitude Report

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TIPS FROM OUR READERS

"So I am a one man shop for both marketing and development for an \$850k nonprofit. I don't have time to do a lot of major donor appointments so I do smaller things like emails, phone calls, cards, etc. We had a fairly large donor fall off of giving about 3 years ago and I tried very hard to win them back. Earlier this year they came forward with a book incentive for our donors and followed that up this summer with a five figure donation. Hard work pays off even it's little touches here and there."

Cathy Wilson

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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		NATIONAL MINORITY DONOR AWARENESS DAY			BARA(K OBAMA'S BIRTHDAY		
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THIS MONTH ...

Just in time for your year-end fundraising campaign, it's clean up your data month!

Every donor is different. How can you use data to make every donor feel like a major donor, while still being strategic? Carve out 30 minutes to watch Focus on What Matters (A data-inspired look at setting fundraising priorities) from MotivateMonday.

Because here's the thing: when it comes to your fundraising plan, numbers matter. Bad data can be your downfall, even if all other systems are in place. When equipped with the right data, you have an idea of where to put your focus, and you can create a plan to match.

Click here to view this training.

BASICS & MORE COURSES:

Foolproof Year-End Fundraising: The System

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TIPS FROM OUR READERS

"In March, I wrote an article for the Arizona Daily Star about a program we have. It was just a feel good piece and we didn't really think much of it. Friday, we received a \$5,000.00 check from a foundation. They had seen the article and decided to help fund the program. It was a very nice light in what can be dark times."

Julie Glass, Director of Development

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						VJ DAY, WWII
3	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8	9
10 GRANDPARENT'S DAY	11 911 REMEMBERANCE DAY	12	13	14	15	16 Rosh hashanah begins at sundown
17 CONSTITUTION DAY	18	19	20	21 INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY (UN)	22 NATIVE AMERICAN DAY	23
24	25 YOM KIPPUR	26	27	28	29	30

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER:

- 02 SAT VIDAY, WWII
- 04 THU LABOR DAY
- 10 SUN GRANDPARENTS DAY
- 11 MON 911 REMEMBRANCE
- 16 MON ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN
- 17 SUN CONSTITUTION DAY 21 THU INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY (UN)
- 22 MON NATIVE AMERICAN DAY
- 25 MON YOM KIPPUR

THIS MONTH ...

October is Warm Up Your Donors Month!

october 2023

If you've read my book, Simple Development Systems, you know that I talk about making a minimum of "12 touches a year." But what does that look like, especially in a small nonprofit?

It's a lot less complicated than you might think.

With your year-end campaign right around the corner, think about the last time you sent an impact update or a thank you to your donors...just because. Plan on incorporating a few touches before your year-end campaign gets started.

Need inspiration? Download our 12 Touch Portfolio.

QUOTE:

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better"

— Maya Angelou

BASICS & MORE COURSES:

Your Year-End
 Multichannel Campaign
 Mastering Online
 Fundraising

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TIPS FROM OUR READERS

\"My Executive Director and I work as a close team to create a culture of philanthropy! In fact, every Monday at 1pm we kick-off our weekly one-on-one meeting by participating in Motivate Monday! We just completed raising funds to expand a new project, and received the largest gift we've ever secured (as an agency and as individual development people!), to fully fund the capital investment and three years of operations!"

Beth Classroom Central

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	9 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY THANKSGIVING DAY ((ANADA)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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HALLOWEEN

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER:

01 SUN INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELDERLY 09 MON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY 09 MON THANKSGIVING DAY IN CANADA 28 SAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 31 TUE HALLOWEEN November 2023

THIS MONTH ...

Are there three very simple ways you can improve your foundation grant proposal?

Stop! Before you click "submit" or mail that grant proposal out the door, is there any way you can improve your chances of getting funded?

Yes. If you follow these three tips, you'll improve your proposal exponentially:

1. Eliminate jargon. I worked with a foundation vice president who quite literally took a red pen to every proposal she reviewed, circling every instance of jargon. Get rid of it. Say it simply. Say it from the heart.

2. Have your best friend review your proposal for clarity. Here's a little trick I've been using for over 20 years. When I've finished my first grant proposal for a client, before sending it over I send it off to my best friend. She's never worked for a nonprofit. She doesn't have any idea what the organization I'm working with does. If she can read the proposal and fully understand the organization's mission and work, I know I'm on the right path.

3. Remember the 12/12/12 rule and hook the reader with your narrative. If the book Storytelling for Grantseekers isn't on your bookshelf, I highly recommend it. Imagine yourself in the shoes of a program officer. It's midnight and she's been working for 12 hours straight, reviewing grant proposals. Yours is the twelfth one in. How are you going to get her attention? How are you get her to fall in love with your organization's mission? The key lies in the story you tell.

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TIPS FROM OUR READERS

"I received a \$50K grant that I had been working on for the past year! This is one of the largest grant awards we have been awarded. Still jumping up and down with a big goofy smile!"

> Cristy Morrell Executive Director

NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 ELECTION DAY	8	9	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY
12	13 CAREGIVER APPRECIATION DAY	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 UNIVERSAL (HILDREN'S DAY	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER:

- 07 FRI U.S. GENERAL ELECTION DAY EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE
- 11 SAT VETERAN'S DAY
- 13 MON CAREGIVER APPRECIATION DAY
- 20 MON UNIVERSAL (HILDREN'S DAY
- 23 SUN THANKSGIVING DAY

December 2023

QUOTE:

"Begin with the end in mind."

- Stephen Covey

THIS MONTH ...

What systems do **YOU** have in place to turn that new donor into a repeat donor?

You get excited when you (finally) finish your first successful event. Or when your GivingTuesday campaign nets 23 new donors. When you launch your enewsletter and get 75 new subscribers, in your mind they're already donors.

But what happens next?

With the New Donor Timeline, you'll map out your donor's journey. From writing the perfect thank you letter, to getting to know your new donor, to showing the impact of the donor's gift, and more, it's a roadmap — condensed and ultra

convenient.

Click here to download this tool — and make your plan.

TIPS FROM OUR READERS

"I have been so blessed to have the opportunity to speak with donors! Making time for this each day is so rewarding. Listening to them, I learn why they are with us in our work. And, let them know how much they matter; just the other day, I told the woman I was talking with how much it means to us that she has been a monthly donor for years! How much her donation has accomplished. By the end of our conversation, she actually increased her monthly donation amount significantly! And we both felt better, and more united in our efforts! Thank you, Pam, for being such a fantastic mentor!"

> Karen Shannon Development Coordinator

DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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17	18	19	20	21 WINTER SOLSTICE	22	23 FESTIVUS - FOR THE REST OF US
24	25 CHRISTMAS	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER:

07 SUN CHANUKAH LASTS 8 DAYS

- 21 THU WINTER SOLSTICE (SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR)
- 23 SAT FESTIVUS FOR THE REST OF US!
- 25 MON (HRISTMAS

26 TUE KWANZAA

31 SUN NEW YEAR'S EVE

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