



January 2024

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Notes:

Jan 01 New Year's Day

Jan 9 I Am a Mentor Day

Jan 15 M L King Day

Jan 17 International Mentoring Day

Jan 25 Thank Your Mentor Day



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National Mentoring Month

January 1, 2024 - January 31, 2024

National Mentoring Month is an annual campaign celebrated in January, dedicated to raising awareness about the power and impact of mentoring.

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JANUARY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

January 1 - 31 - National Mentoring Month

1. Getting started - The Illustrious Potentate or Illustrious Commandress must select their respective S.A.M. Temple Director or D.I.M.E. Court Chairperson
2. Identify Nobles or Daughters who have an interest in mentoring!
3. Visit <https://aeaonms.org/sam/> and review the following documents:
 - S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Imperial Mentoring Program Manual & its appendix
 - Background check instructions - *The S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Imperial Mentoring Programs require all mentors to have a new background check every year.*
- Become a Mentor: Shaping one young person's story can transform countless others. This National #MentoringMonth, let's think of how we can support the youth of today in creating an equitable tomorrow. YOU can help by becoming a S.A.M or D.I.M.E. mentor.
- General: Having someone to lean on can be a lifeline in what is often a lonely world. Mentors can provide that support, but we know that more than 1 in 3 young people are growing up without a mentor.
- Gratitude: Let's make some space for gratitude during this National #MentoringMonth. Take a moment to think of everyone who helped guide your path and remember to #ThankYourMentor. Pay it forward by elevating the movement.
- Share Your Story: As we amplify the impact of the mentoring movement this National #MentoringMonth, let's also celebrate the people who drive it. Mentors, mentees, and their growth are intricately connected.

JANUARY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS - Continued

January 9 - I Am a Mentor Day

Happy #IAmAMentorDay! Mentoring has been a fulfilling journey for me - I've grown with, and learned so much from my mentee. Today, I urge you to take the first step to becoming a mentor too! Start at [mentoring.org/nmm](https://www.mentoring.org/nmm) #MentoringMonth #MentoringAmplifies

January 15 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

#MentoringAmplifies opportunities & we strive for equity in our pursuit to close the mentoring gap. Today, let's honor Dr. MLK Jr.'s vision for an inclusive world and continue its creation for those to come. Join us at [mentoring.org/nmm](https://www.mentoring.org/nmm) #MentoringMonth #MLKDay

January 17 - International Mentoring Day

Supportive relationships are critical for all young people, and our movement has been shaping futures & nurturing change across the globe for years. (Co-created by MENTOR and the Ali Center to mark Muhammad Ali's birthday and honor his commitment to mentoring and social change)

January 25 - Thank Your Mentor Day

Referenced from: <https://www.mentoring.org/campaigns/national-mentoring-month/>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Hold a planning meeting with your Temple or Court to plan joint events in 2024
- ✓ Host a meet and greet with mentors, mentees, and parents/guardians
- ✓ Attend and participate in an MLK, Jr. walk within your community Have mentees to write their own, "I Have a Dream" Speech



February 2024

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*February 1-29 is **Black History Month!** This annual month-long celebration is an opportunity to celebrate and remember that Black history is American history, Black culture is American culture, and Black stories matter. www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov*

Notes:

Feb 1-29 Black History Month

Feb 13 Mardi Gras

Feb 14 Valentine's Day

Feb 19 Presidents' Day

Volunteer Appreciation Month

Teen Dating Violence Awareness
Month

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FEBRUARY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS – Continued

February 1 – 29 – Black History Month

February 13 – Mardi Gras

February 14 – Valentine’s Day

February 19 – Presidents Day

During the month of February, celebrate the contributions that African Americans have made through history by encouraging your mentees to create art, read a book or create a video/TikTok about Black History Makers

Volunteer Appreciation Month – Volunteer time at a church, community center, Boys & Girls Club, etc. -

<https://www.volunteermatch.org>

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month – Dating violence is more common than you may think, especially among teens and young adults: 1 in 3 U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they’re in a relationship with before becoming adults. And nearly half (43%) of U.S. college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating behaviors. [Love is Respect 2024](#)

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March

2024

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Notes:

Mar 29 Good Friday

Mar 31 Easter Sunday

Youth Art Month

Women's History Month

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National Nutrition Month: “Let thy food be thy medicine,” said Hippocrates (a long, long time ago), but the sentiment still rings true. National Nutrition Month, celebrated in March, stresses the importance of a balanced diet and exercise. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics promotes the transformative powers of healthy food choices. Everyone is encouraged to develop and stick with a healthy eating plan, combined with physical fitness.

<https://www.eatright.org/about-national-nutrition-month>

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MARCH 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Youth Art Month - Tuning Into Art – Encourage your mentees to create an art masterpiece! -

<https://nationaltoday.com/youth-art-month/>

Women's History Month - Encourage mentees to write an essay or create art about a special woman in their life or from history. - <https://unexpectedvirtualtours.com/virtual-ideas-womens-history-month/>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Host a joint Easter Egg Hunt with your Temple or Court
- ✓ Plan and host a fun mentoring activity with your mentees



April 2024

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Notes:

Apr 2 World Autism Day

Apr 6 National Library Day

Apr 22 Earth Day

National Sexual Assault Awareness
& Prevention Month

**AUTISM
AWARENESS
MONTH**

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National Autism Awareness Month

Every April, Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month, beginning with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. <https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day>

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APRIL 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

April 2 - World Autism Day

April 6 - National Library Day - *Encourage or take mentees to check out a book and obtain a Library card.*

April 22 - Earth Day - *Clean up trash and plastic in your neighborhood or local park.*

World Autism Awareness Month - <https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day>

National Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month - National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is observed throughout the month of April. This time is set aside as a special awareness and education month that aims to bring exposure to sexual violence and educate on how to prevent it. Did you know that every 68 seconds in the U.S., an American is sexually assaulted? This situation is dire, and this is not just for women; men and children are also equally affected by sexual abuse and assault. <https://www.nsvrc.org/saam>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

"Mentees as Teachers!" Allow your mentee(s) to plan to teach or share something with YOU that they are knowledgeable about and let them teach it.





May 2024

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Notes:

May 12 Mother's Day

May 18 Armed Forces Day

May 27 Memorial Day

National Lupus Month

National Physical Fitness & Sports Month

National Bike Month

MAY
MENTAL
HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH

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National Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental health is wealth, especially during Mental Health Awareness Month, which is celebrated in May. <https://www.nami.org/Support-Education/Justice-Library/Youth-and-Young-Adults>

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MAY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

May 12 – Mother's Day
May 18 - Armed Forces Day
May 27 – Memorial Day

National Mental Health Awareness Month

- <https://www.samhsa.gov/childrens-awareness-day/about>
- <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/youth-mental-health>
- <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>
- <https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>

National Lupus Month – *Wear purple!*

- <https://www.lupus.org/lupus-awareness-month>

National Physical Fitness & Sports Month – Get moving! Get Active! Get outside!

- <https://healthfinder.gov/nho/MayToolkit.aspx>
- Action for Health Kids <https://www.actionforhealthykids.org>

National Bike Month - <https://www.bikeleague.org/content/bike-month-dates-events-0>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Show & Tell – Have your mentees share a picture or items that is important to them and explain why.
- ✓ Have mentees create colorful Mother's day cards for the women in their families or take them to a church or nursing home to share with the elderly women there.
- ✓ Take your mentees to participate on a walk in your community to support lupus awareness! Be sure to pictures!





June 2024

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Notes:

Jun 07 National Donut Day

Jun 16 Father's Day

Jun 19 Juneteenth

Jun 20 Imperial Youth Dept. – Inaugural
– 23 Imperial Youth Conference
LGBTQ+ Pride Month

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National African American Music Appreciation Month

During the month of June, we appreciate the contributions of African American musicians, composers, singers, and songwriters in American culture. The month honors the history and rich African traditions that gave birth to different styles of music such as rap, hip-hop, jazz, rhythm and blues, barbershop, and swing.

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JUNE 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

June 16 – Father’s Day – *Have mentees create colorful Father’s day cards for the men in their families or take them to a church or nursing home to share with the elderly men there.*

June 19 – Juneteenth - On “Freedom’s Eve,” or the eve of January 1, 1863, the first Watch Night services took place. On that night, enslaved and free African Americans gathered in churches and private homes across the country awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation had taken effect. At the stroke of midnight, prayers were answered as all enslaved people in Confederate States were declared legally free.

- www.juneteenth.com
- <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/historical-legacy-juneteenth>

June 20 – June 23 – New Orleans, LA - A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Imperial Youth Department – Inaugural Imperial Youth Conference - <https://www.aeaonmsyouth.org/>

National African American Music Appreciation Month - June is African American Music Appreciation Month! Created by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, this month celebrates the African American musical influences that comprise an essential part of our nation’s treasured cultural heritage. [NMAAHC - Celebrating Black Music Month](#)

LGBTQ+ Pride Month – The S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Imperial Mentoring Programs understand the call to action to embrace LGBTQ+ youth and strive to provide guidance where there may be none. With the unique needs of LGBTQ+ youth, mentors must be sensitive to this movement, even if it makes us uncomfortable. Below is a link to resources that can assist your Temple or Court in addressing the needs of LGBTQ+ youth within your communities. [Mentoring.org - LGBTQ+ Mentoring Resources](#)

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- Make a scrapbook or photo album of activities you and your mentees have completed thus far.
- Discuss a current event that is happening in the news. You’d be surprised how much your mentee shares!





July 2024



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Notes:

Jul 04 Independence Day



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National Social Awareness Month

Break out of your fixed routine and vow to meet new people. This is because social wellness is all about your capability to bond with others and build satisfying relationships. Why is this so important? Well, the fact is, the more people you meet, the more likely you are to develop new hobbies and embark on journeys you never even imagined you would be a part of. You will get to hear new jokes, experiment, go to new places, get involved in new activities, etc. Most importantly, social relationships have a lasting impact on physical health!

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JULY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

July 4 – Independence Day

National Social Awareness Month – National Social Wellness Month

Conflict resolution for youth - Learn how to be respectful and assertive, not aggressive, when dealing with conflict.

- https://www.momjunction.com/articles/important-conflict-resolution-skills-for-teenagers_00106119/
- <https://childmind.org/article/teaching-kids-how-to-deal-with-conflict/>

Cyber Safety for Youth - Review this training with your mentees to help them understand the purpose of and the potential dangers of the internet.

- <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Kids%20Cybersecurity%20Presentation.pdf>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz2es3-XJvw>
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Interview a senior citizen for an article - Help your mentees interview a respected elder: in your Court, at home or within the community and have then share it with your other mentees. They can write it up and share with the interviewee and give it to them as a gift of thanks for their time.

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- “Help wanted!” Fill out mock applications for jobs or help your mentee create their résumé. If you have a résumé, share it with your mentee (Be sure to remove any personal information).
 - o <https://www.thebalancemoney.com/job-application-form-sample-2061607>
- Play 20 Questions - Write down 20 questions for your mentee to answer! Make it fun! Then switch!





August 2024

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Notes:

Aug 16 – 23	Imperial Session – New Orleans, LA
Aug 18	S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Workshop

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National Back to School Month

If the “summer-ending-and-school-starting” ritual makes you anxious, participate in Back-to-School Month. This August event that helps parents, students, and teachers prepare for the new academic year. Celebrated since the 1960s, Back to School Month will motivate you to start your back-to-school shopping and get you excited. So put away the beach bag and pick up the backpack, because it’s time for Back-to-School Month and we want you to get an “A” for participation.

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AUGUST 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

August 16 – 23 - Imperial Session – New Orleans, Louisiana

August 18 – S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Workshop

Back to School – A few tips to share with parents/guardians to aid in “easing” mentees back into the routine of heading back into the classroom.

K-12 - <https://mightyandbright.com/blogs/news/3-back-to-school-tips-for-the-2022-2023-school-year>

Older Mentees - <https://antimaximalist.com/tips-for-back-to-school-success/>

Back to School at Every Age - <https://www.verywellfamily.com/back-to-school-at-every-age-2022-2023-6361983>

Career Fair/Mutual Job Shadowing – Connect with local businesses and set up a career fair. Or better yet take your mentees that are of age to a career fair. Research your local Boys/Girls Club and local organizations that cater to hiring young adults.

Consider taking your mentee to work with your on “Bring My Child to Work Day” if your employer allows you to do so.

National Youth Violence Prevention - <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/index.html>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- **Create a family tree** – Create visual family tree with your mentees and share with one another.
 - o [Parents.com - Printable Family Tree](#)
 - o <https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/how-to-make-a-family-tree-5-easy-craft-ideas/>
- **Learn to play a new card game** like “I declare war”, “Go Fish”, Hearts, Gin Rummy, Memory, Old Maid





September 2024

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Notes:

Sep 02 Labor Day

Sep 14 Grandparents Day

Sep 23 Voter Registration Day

National Sewing Month

SEPTEMBER
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
AWARENESS MONTH

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National Suicide Prevention Month

There are an average of 123 suicides each day in this country. It's the tenth leading cause of death in America — second leading for ages 25-34, and third leading for ages 15-24. In order to create awareness and strengthen the fight against suicide, the entire month of September is Suicide Prevention Month. Participate in the fight by getting involved with local organizations and listening to those who need help.

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SEPTEMBER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

September 2 – Labor Day

September 8 – Grandparents Day

September 19 – **Voter Registration Day** - If your mentees are of age, encourage them to register to vote! OUR VOICES COUNT!! - <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>

National Suicide Prevention Month – Resources to assist mentees in need who may be struggling with mental health concerns.

- <https://npin.cdc.gov/groups/national-suicide-prevention-month>
- <https://teenlifeline.org/tspa/>
- <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-suicide-prevention-awareness-month>
- <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/get-involved/digital-shareables/shareable-resources-on-suicide-prevention>

National Sewing Month – National Sewing Month is the recognition of a creative form of self-expression that we celebrate in September but enjoy all year. The month-long Open House of retailers, bloggers, online stores, schools, organizations, individuals, and more is a great time to renew interest, share ideas, be inspired, expand your knowledge, and express your creativity. Happy sewing!

Mentors! If you can sew, teach your mentee how to sew! Pass on a skill that is still relevant to our youth!

- **Easy sewing projects** - <https://www.theyellowbirdhouse.com/sewing-projects-for-kids-to-make/>
- **Easy hand sewing projects** - <https://hellosewing.com/easy-hand-sewing-projects/>
- **Easy NO – Sew projects** - <https://www.care.com/c/easy-no-sew-kids-craft-ideas/>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Weekly Life Lessons – Share open dialogue with your mentees about weekly happenings at work, at school, or just in everyday life.
- ✓ Take a field trip to go skating or bowling! Have pizza!!
- ✓ Host a game night on Zoom! - <https://www.weareteachers.com/20-fun-zoom-games-for-kids/>



October 2024

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Notes:

Oct 14	Indigenous Peoples Day (Columbus Day)
Oct 31	Halloween
	National Book Month
	National Bullying Prevention Month
	National Youth Substance Use Prevention Month

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National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The month of October has been recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month for nearly forty years. It is devoted to educating people about breast cancer, the importance of early detection and access to timely, high-quality care.

- www.komen.org

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OCTOBER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

October 9 – Indigenous Peoples Day (Columbus Day)

October 31 - Halloween

Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Early detection and effective treatment are critical to reducing breast cancer deaths. Together, we can end breast cancer by supporting those in need today while tirelessly searching for tomorrow's cures.

- <https://www.komen.org/about-komen/our-impact/breast-cancer/breast-cancer-awareness-month/>
- <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month/>

National Book Month – National Book Month is held each October. The month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing and literature. National Book Month is also a time to honor the country's best books and authors. In October, the National Book Awards announced the year's 15 finalists for Best Book of the Year. Think about your favorite book or set aside time to read something new to expand your horizons.

- <https://www.webuybooks.co.uk/blog/ways-to-celebrate-national-book-month/>
- <https://blog.savvas.com/3-ways-to-celebrate-national-book-month/>

National Bullying Prevention Month

- <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-bullying-prevention-month>
- <https://www.learningforjustice.org/topics/bullying-bias>

National Youth Substance Use Prevention

- <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-substance-abuse-prevention-month>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Take a field trip to the library or go to a secondhand bookstore and find books for your mentees to read together and exchange!
- ✓ Think Pink! – Participate in a walk for Breast Cancer Awareness with your mentees!
- ✓ Halloween Party! - Host a Halloween Costume party with mentees or participate in a Trunk-or-treat



November 2024

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Notes:

Nov 5 Election Day

Nov 12 National STEM/STEAM Day

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day

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National Scholarship Month

Financing a college education in America has become a seriously stressful endeavor. Student loans, while convenient now, can result in crushing debt later. That's why we dedicated time to National Scholarship Month each November. It encourages students to concentrate on securing funds they'll never need to pay back! Learn how to be creative during your search; you'll be surprised by what you find. So, make a plan, set clear goals, and research the scholarships of your choice. Then, apply, apply, apply!

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NOVEMBER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

November 5 – Election Day - <https://www.learningforjustice.org/classroom-resources/lessons/why-local-elections-matter>

November 8 - National STEM/STEAM Day - [5 Fun Ways to Celebrate STEM/STEAM Day](#)

November 11 – Veterans Day – Honor our veterans past and present by thanking them for their service.

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

National Scholarship Month – Assist or advise your mentees (Juniors and Seniors) about scholarship opportunities that are available to them.

- <https://www.scholarshipproviders.org/page/NatlSchMonth>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-information/national-scholarship-month/>
- <https://scholarshipamerica.org/blog/scholarship-america-celebrates-national-scholarship-month/>
- <https://www.charities.org/news/national-scholarship-monthnational-education-month>
- <https://www.collegeraptor.com/paying-for-college/articles/scholarship-search-applications/national-scholarship-month/>
- <https://www.startwithfafsa.org/2022/11/national-scholarship-month-4/>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

Being Thankful - Have mentees discuss what they are thankful for, set goals to accomplish and develop a personal plan of action!

Create Something! – Create a scrapbook, journal, or photo album; Add memories each time you and your mentee(s) are together!

Organize! - Assist your mentee in organizing schoolwork and developing study schedules.





December 2024

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Notes:

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

Dec 25 Christmas

Dec 25,
2024 – Jan
2, 2025 Hanukkak

Dec 26,
2024 – Jan
1, 2025 Kwanzaa

Dec 31 New Year’s Eve

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Celebration of Love & Light!

Representing lights, candles, and tables full of food, December is the heart of the holiday season. From Christmas and Hanukkah to Kwanzaa and New Year’s Eve, families gather to celebrate, honor cultural traditions and usher in a new year.

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year from the,
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Please share pictures of your S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. events on our FB page or send via email to:
imperial.samdime@gmail.com

DECEMBER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 25 - Christmas Day

- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/facts-about-christmas/>
- <https://www.history.com/topics/christmas/history-of-christmas>

December 25, 2024 - January 2, 2025 Hanukkah

- https://www.chabad.org/holidays/chanukah/default_cdo/jewish/Hanukkah.htm

December 26 - January 1 - Kwanzaa - <https://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/>

December 31 - New Year's Eve

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Host a Joint Temple/Court S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Christmas Party!
- ✓ Host an end of the year Appreciation Luncheon/ dinner for Mentees and their parents/ guardians.
- ✓ Cookie Party! - Get your mentees together and decorate cookies
 - <https://www.designatrepeat.com/easy-christmas-cookies-for-kids/>
 - <https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/christmas-cookies-kids-cant-wait-to-make-for-santa/>
- ✓ Ornament Party! - Create Christmas ornaments with your mentees
 - <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/diy-christmas-ornaments-for-kids/>
 - <https://www.acraftylife.com/homemade-christmas-ornaments-for-kids-to-make/>
- ✓ CELEBRATE! Discuss culture, customs, and traditions that your mentees observe. Try different foods or customs celebrated in their homes.
- ✓ Set a New Year's Resolution with your mentee(s) of goals that you would like to accomplish in the new year.

