



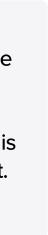
### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The 2025 PR and Communications Content Planning Calendar is designed to guide you through the creation of your annual content strategy and communications plan. Use this guide to identify key dates, holidays, and industry events to inspire and inform campaigns, key messaging, and other relevant content that will resonate with the right audiences at the right times. The monthly tips will help you refine your content creation, distribution, and promotion strategy throughout the year.

of communications teams struggle with creating effective content, according to the **2024 Global Comms Report.** This calendar is designed to help you meet that challenge.

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Note: Dates in this calendar are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, so always verify any content that is dependent on a specific event.



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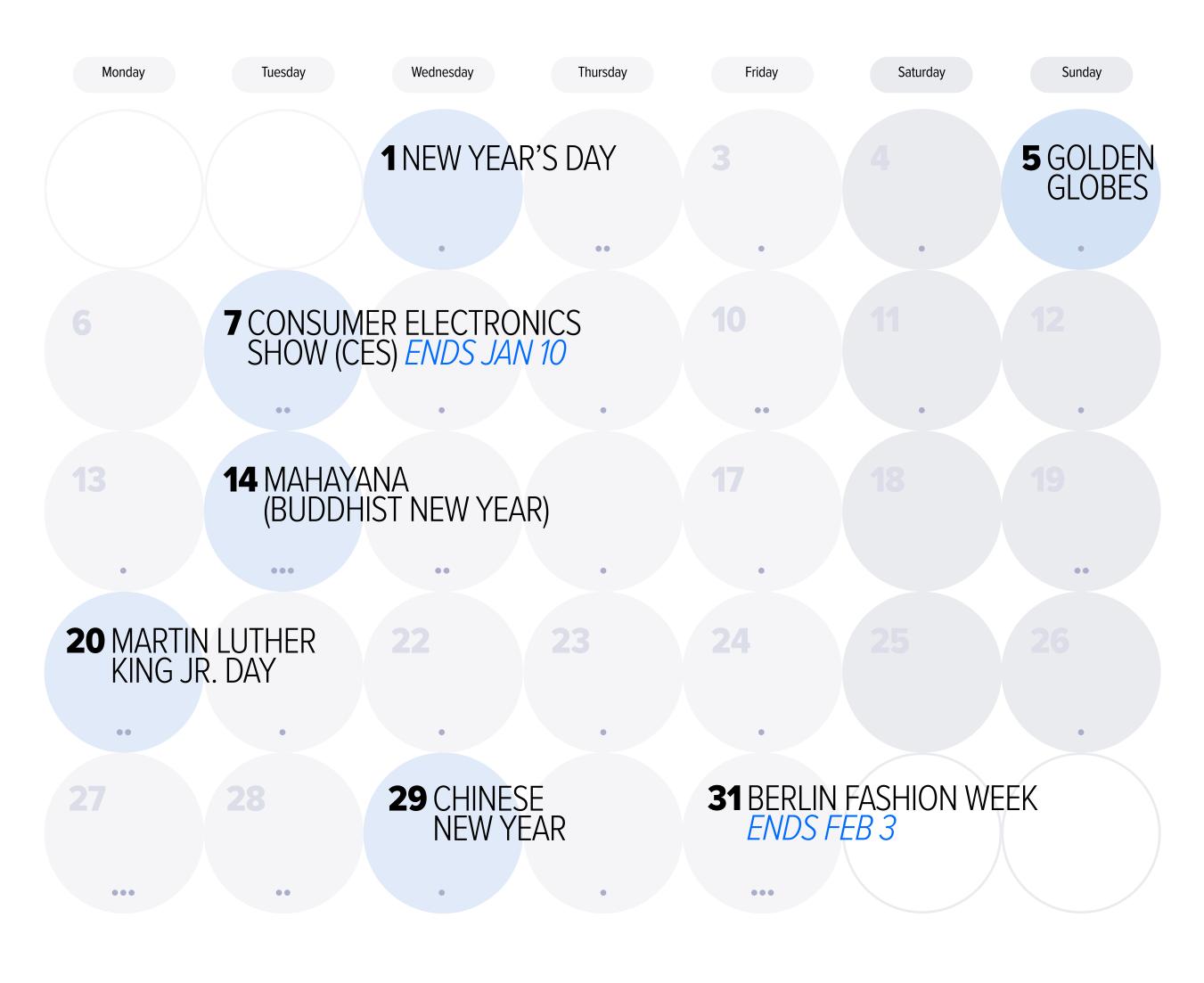
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<b>12</b> Jan	Australian Open	<b>Ends</b> Jan 26
<b>20</b> Jan	World Economic Forum	<b>Ends</b> Jan 24
<b>23</b> Jan	Sundance Film Festival	<b>Ends</b> Feb 2

### **Tip: Set Annual Objectives**

Start the year by clearly defining your PR goals. **Are you** aiming to increase brand awareness, improve reputation, or drive sales?

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Your content strategy should align with these objectives. For example, if your goal is to increase brand awareness, your content strategy might center around storytelling and thought leadership content that introduces your brand to new audiences while reinforcing your identity with existing ones. The goals you establish now will help guide your PR efforts throughout the rest of the year.



Othe	r January Events:
<b>2</b> Jan	Science Fiction Day World Introvert Day
<b>3</b> Jan	International Mind-Body Wellness Day
<b>4</b> Jan	World Braille Day
<b>7</b> Jan	Orthodox Christmas Day
<b>8</b> Jan	World Typing Day
<b>9</b> Jan	Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
<b>10</b> Jan	World Hindi Day Asarah B'Tevet
<b>11</b> Jan	Human Trafficking Awareness Day
<b>13</b> Jan	Korean American Day
<b>14</b> Jan	Orthodox New Year World Logic Day
<b>15</b> Jan	National Hat Day National Bagel Day
<b>16</b> Jan	International Hot and Spicy Food Day
<b>17</b> Jan	International Mentoring Day
<b>19</b> Jan	World Religion Day National Popcorn Day
<b>21</b> Jan	National Hugging Day
<b>22</b> Jan	Ukraine Day of Unity
<b>24</b> Jan	International Education Day
<b>26</b> Jan	National Spouses Day
<b>27</b> Jan	Holocaust Remembrance Day National Geographic Day Community Manager Appreciation Day
<b>28</b> Jan	Lego Day Data Privacy Day
<b>30</b> Jan	National Croissant Day
<b>31</b> Jan	Inspire Your Heart With Art Day National Have Fun At Work Day



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<b>8</b> Feb	Chicago Auto Show	<b>Ends</b> Feb 17
<b>13</b> Feb	Laylat al Bara'at	<b>Ends</b> Feb 14
<b>28</b> Feb	Ramadan	<b>Ends</b> Mar 30

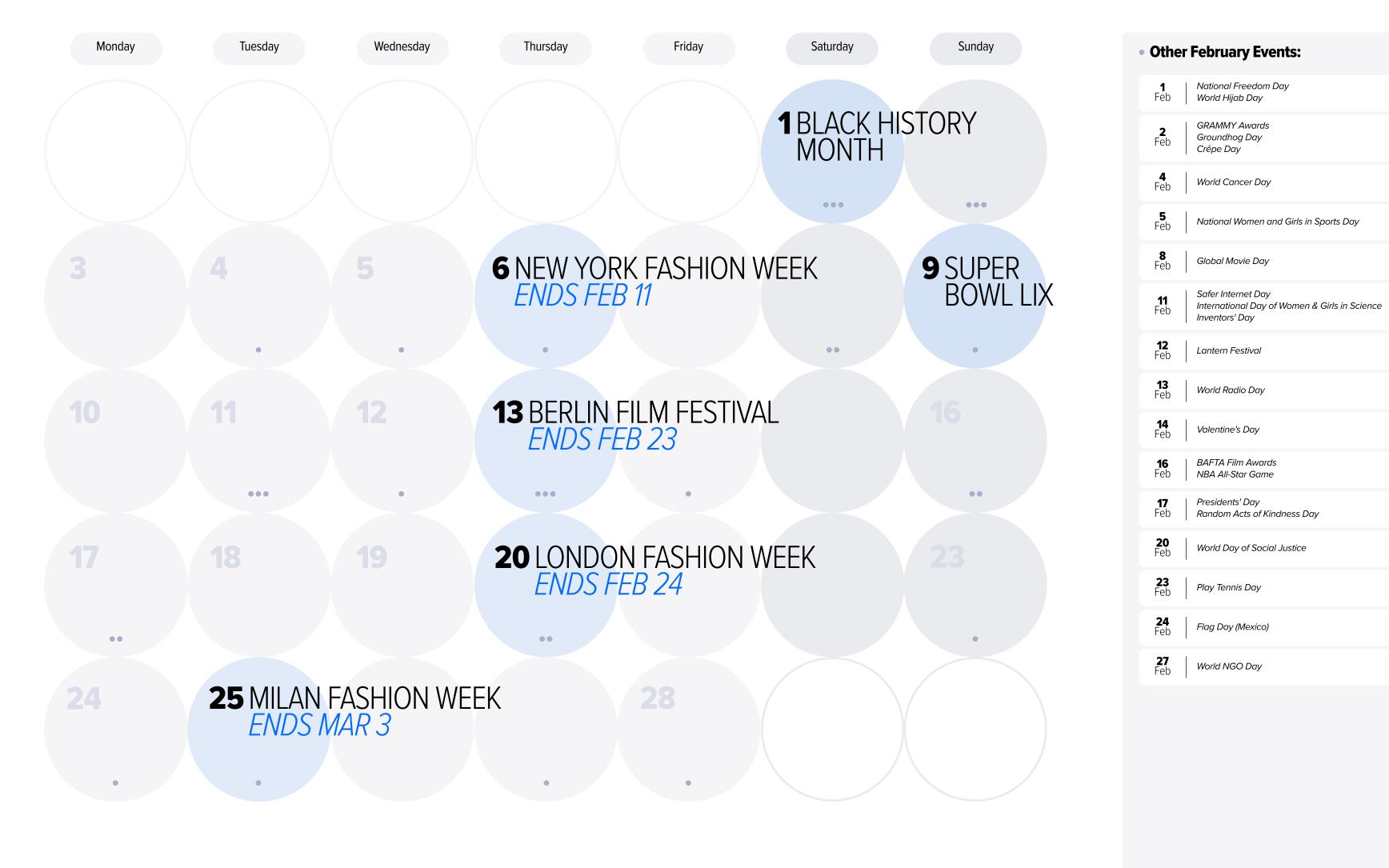
### **Tip: Get to Know Your Audience**

Your content should always be informed by your audience and what they care about. The more you understand them – and the more your content reflects that – the more impact it will make. Some of the most effective tactics to apply:

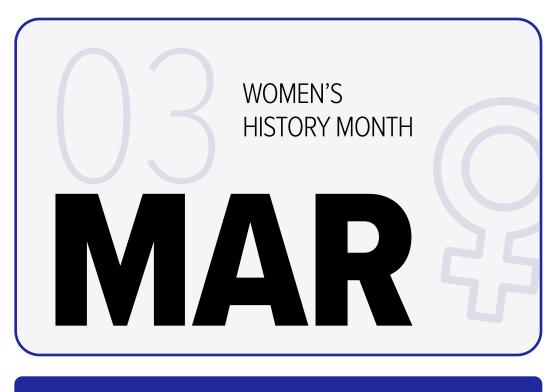
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- Market research (email surveys, polls, focus groups)
- Online review sites and forums
- Social media and website analytics
- Direct feedback from sales and customer-facing teams

This will help get the right content in front of the right audience.





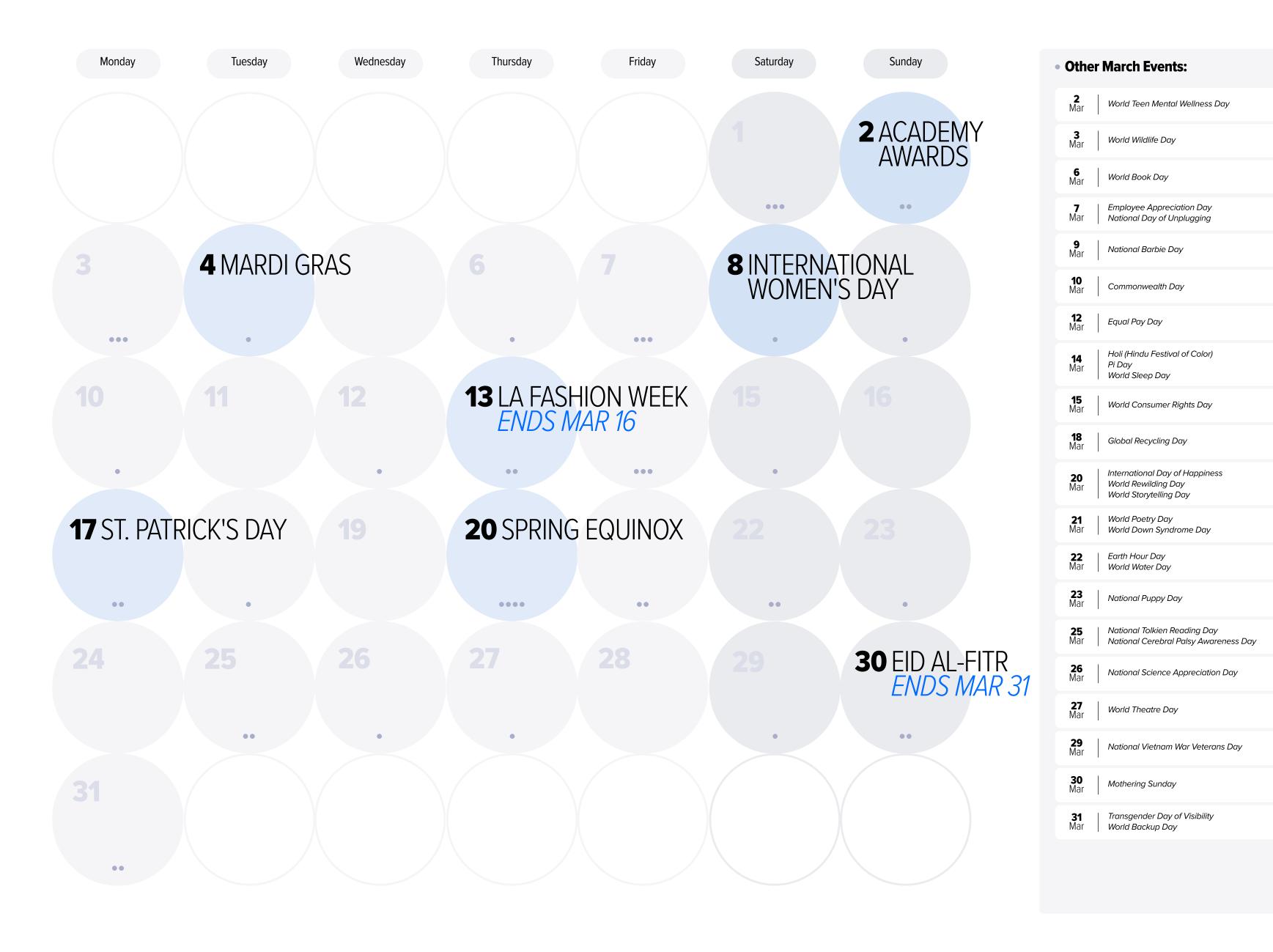


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<b>3</b>	Veek Ends	
Mar Paris Fashion V	Mar 11	
<b>3</b>	<b>Congress Ends</b>	
Mar Mobile World C	Mar 6	
<b>7</b>	<b>Ends</b>	
Mar <b>sxsw</b>	Mar 15	
<b>13</b>	<b>Ends</b>	
Mar <b>Purim</b>	Mar 14	
<b>17</b>	Celebration Week <i>Ends</i>	
Mar Neurodiversity	Mar 23	

#### **Tip: Work with Stakeholders**

Your PR content plan should **work in tandem** with the broader company strategy and messaging.

Coordinate with departments and stakeholders like sales, customer service, marketing, and executive leadership to collaborate on ideas, understand goals, and confirm you're all on the same page. Such alignment will ensure consistent messaging across all audience touchpoints, help you avoid duplicating efforts, and maximize the impact of your content strategy.





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<b>7</b> Apr	Masters Golf Tournament	<b>Ends</b> Apr 13
<b>12</b> Apr	Passover	<b>Ends</b> Apr 20

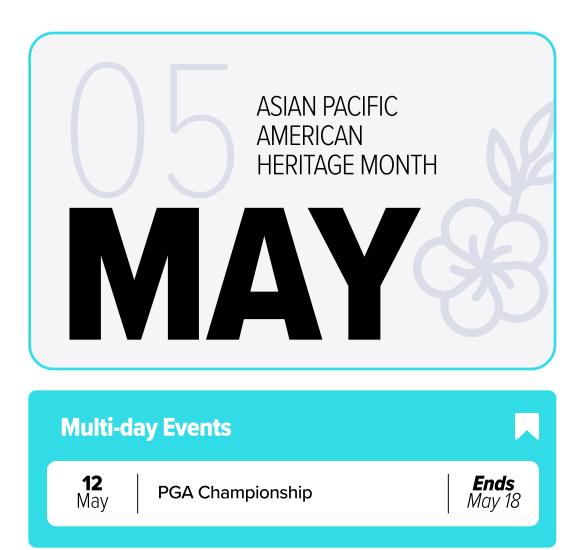
#### **Tip: Use Data to Make Smarter Decisions**

Resources like **Google Analytics, social media metrics, and UTM email tagging will help** you understand the topics and keywords that have performed well in the past (e.g., driving website traffic, downloads, and sales leads).

This performance data gives valuable insight into the types of content that resonates with your audience and helps inform your plan for the months ahead. Be sure to review your performance data regularly so you can keep an eye on changing audience interests and adjust where needed.







#### **Tip: Take Advantage of News Stories** and Trending Topics

Capitalizing on relevant current events and conversations can boost your content's visibility, so **build some flexibility** *into your content plan* that allows you to do so.

Set up Google Alerts or subscribe to industry-specific newsletters, and take advantage of media monitoring and social listening tools to stay ahead of top news and trending topics. Remember, not everything you do has to be a multi-step campaign. Creating oneoff content around a trending topic, upcoming holiday or newsworthy event, like the ones that populate this calendar, can be just as effective.

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Other	May Events:
<b>1</b> May	World Password Day
<b>2</b> May	International Harry Potter Day
<b>3</b> May	Kentucky Derby Free Comic Book Day
<b>4</b> May	Star Wars Day International Firefighters Day
<b>5</b> May	Met Gala
<b>6</b> May	World Asthma Day
<b>8</b> May	World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day
<b>9</b> May	Europe Day
<b>12</b> May	International Nurses Day
<b>15</b> May	International Day of Families
<b>16</b> May	National Bike to Work Day NASCAR Day
<b>18</b> May	World Baking Day International Day for Museums
<b>22</b> May	Sherlock Holmes Day World Goth Day
<b>25</b> May	Africa Day National Wine Day
<b>26</b> May	Memorial Day
<b>30</b> May	World MS Day



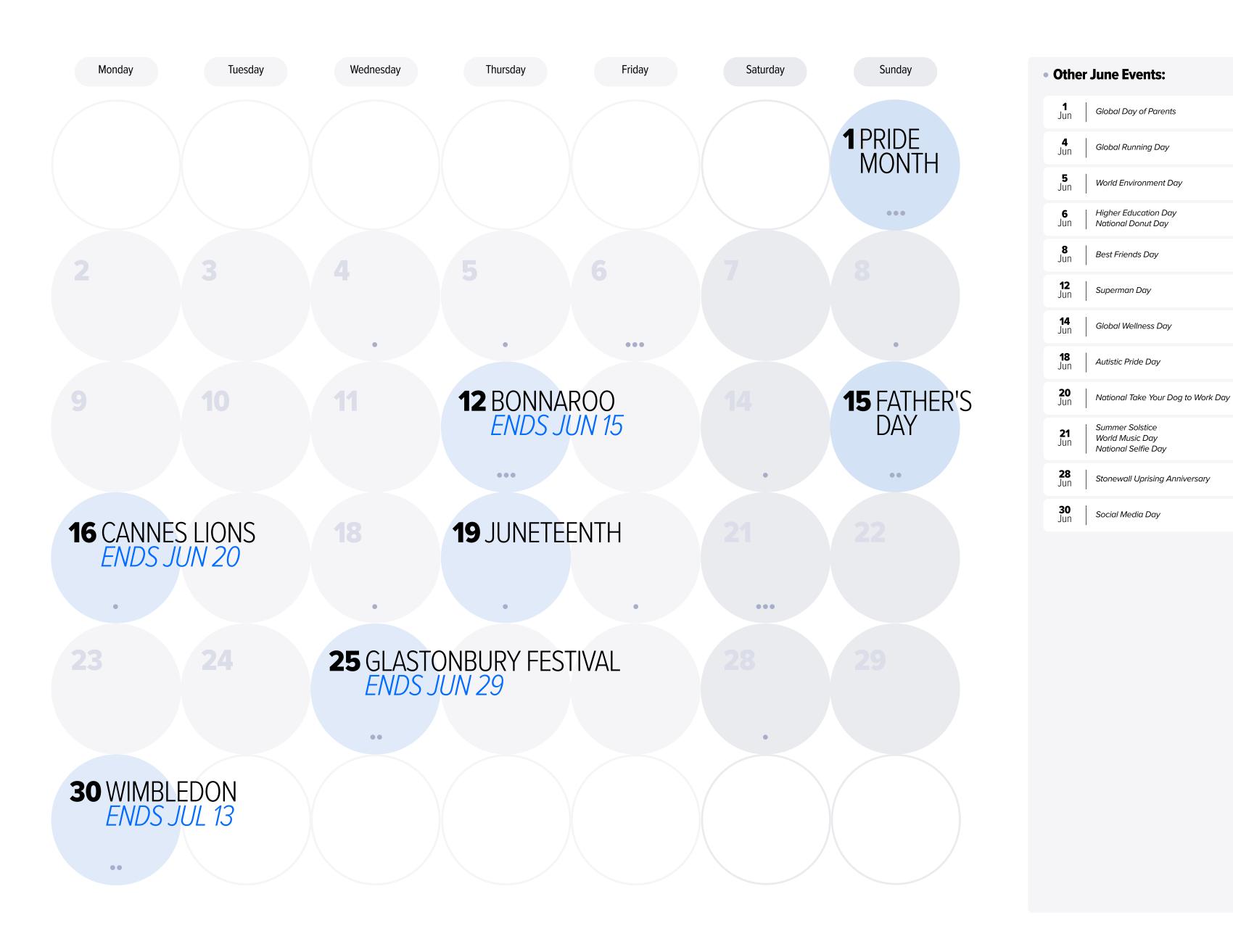


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<b>1</b> Jun	Shavuot	<b>Ends</b> Jun 3
<b>6</b> Jun	Eid al-Adha	<b>Ends</b> Jun 10
<b>12</b> Jun	U.S. Open Golf Championship	<b>Ends</b> Jun 15
<b>15</b> Jun	FIFA Club World Cup	<b>Ends</b> Jul 13
<b>25</b> Jun	Islamic New Year	<b>Ends</b> Jun 26

### **Tip: Create a Promotion Plan**

Invest time in determining **your distribution strategy** before your content is ready.

We recommend a mix of owned media (like your website and social media channels), media outreach (to generate earned media coverage), and paid methods (such as distribution services and sponsored content). Look at the channels generating the most return (traffic, engagement, leads, etc.) to determine where to focus your efforts.





## JUL

### **Multi-day Events Ends** Jul 27 5 Tour de France Jul

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### **Tip: Measure and Analyze Results**

Establish key performance indicators (KPIs) to track the success of your content.

Website traffic, engagement, social shares, and conversion data provide insight into the type of content that performs and helps shape your strategy over time. Media monitoring platforms like <u>CisionOne</u> can help by tracking these and other key metrics automatically – so you can focus more time and energy on building relationships and crafting effective PR strategies.





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Multi-day Events	
<b>24</b>	<b>Ends</b>
Aug Burning Man	Sep 1

#### **Tip: Find the Right Journalists for Your Content**

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Journalists and influencers are **key to generating earned media coverage for your brand**, but identifying the right ones to reach out to is a critical first step.

While you can manually search for journalists who have written about your brand, competitors, or industry (the ones most likely to cover these topics again), using a <u>media database</u> will cut this process in half. A good media database will have up-to-date contact info on a variety of reporters and media outlets, along with other valuable information (outreach preferences, past work, and social media activity) to help you personalize your pitch.

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<b>22</b> Sep	Rosh Hashanah	<b>Ends</b> Sep 24

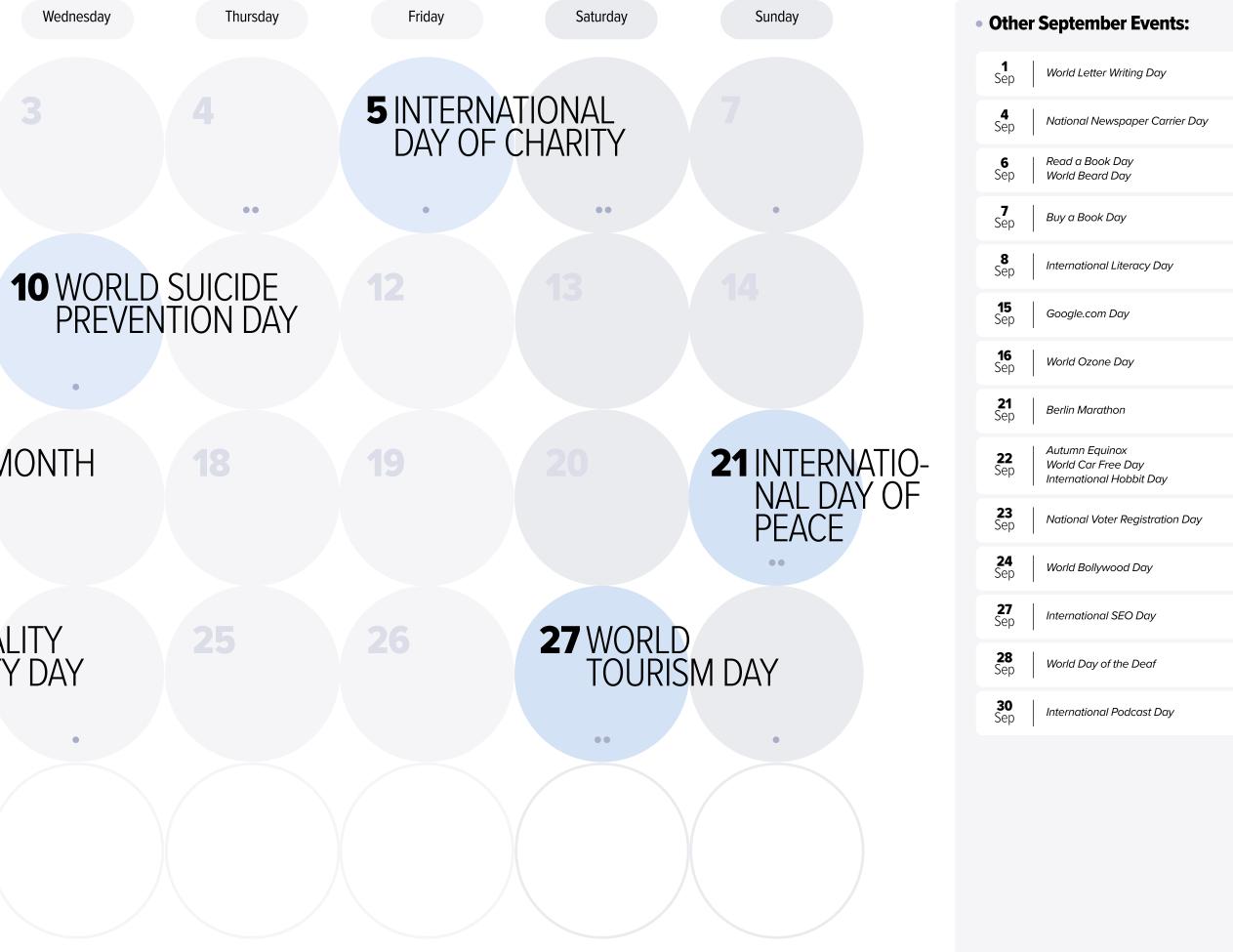
### **Tip: Make Your Content Work Harder**

You can get more **mileage out of any content you create by repurposing it** for different platforms.

For example, turn a press release into a blog post, video, infographic, social media posts – or all the above. You can also find opportunities to update and re-promote old content that still has relevance or is ranking well on search engines.

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Monday Tuesday Wednesday **1** LABOR DAY •• **15** HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ENDS OCT 15  $\bullet \bullet$ 23 BISEXUALITY VISIBILITY DAY  $\bullet \bullet$ ....







Multi-da	y Events	
<b>4</b> Oct	World Space Week	<b>Ends</b> Oct 10
<b>6</b> Oct	Sukkot	<b>Ends</b> Oct 13
<b>13</b> Oct	Shemini Atzeret	<b>Ends</b> Oct 15
<b>24</b> Oct	Global Media & Info. Literacy Week	<b>Ends</b> Oct 31

### **Tip: Choose Quality Over Quantity**

Though the year may be packed with events, remember that you've don't have to cover **everything**.

When creating an editorial plan, focus on the events that make the most sense for your brand and audience, and the ones that'll have relevant journalists in attendance. This gives you more time for thoughtful content creation and relationship-building with reporters to help increase your story's coverage and engagement.





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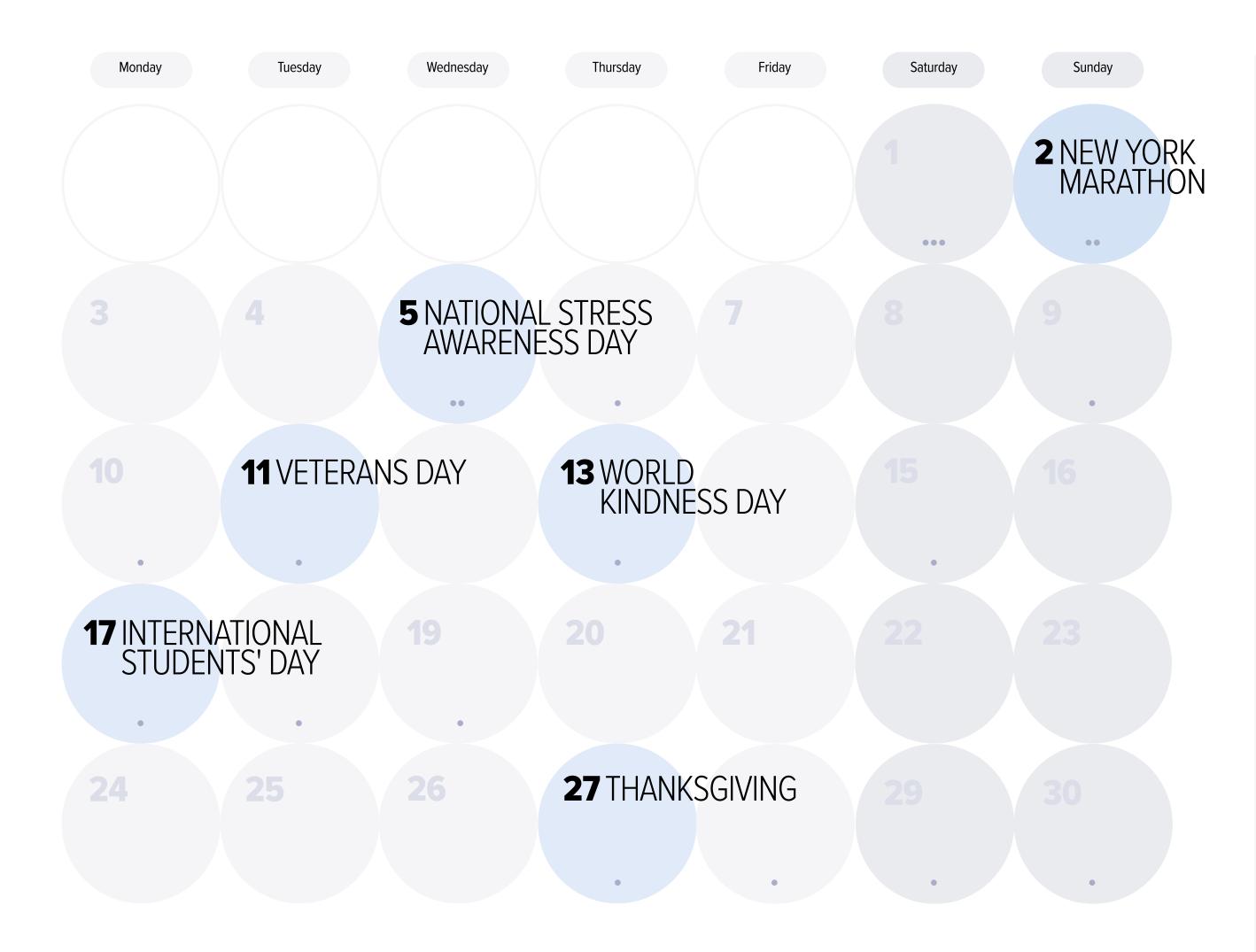
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<b>1</b> Nov	Day of the Dead	<b>Ends</b> Nov 2
<b>10</b> Nov	COP 30	<b>Ends</b> Nov 21

### **Tip: Build SEO Into Your Strategy**

Integrating search engine optimization (SEO) into your content strategy will improve your content's visibility in search results, help you reach a wider audience, and drive more meaningful engagement.

Use tools like Ahrefs, SEMrush, or Moz to identify the keywords your audience is searching for, and incorporate them into your content where relevant. Follow SEO-focused blogs to stay up to date with SEO trends (Google's algorithm changes frequently) and make use of online resources (such as free webinars and courses) to learn about best practices and build your SEO expertise.

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• Other November Events:				
<b>1</b> Nov	World Vegan Day National Author's Day			
<b>2</b> Nov	All Souls' Day			
5 Nov	National Doughnut Appreciation Day			
6 Nov	World Paper Free Day			
9 Nov	World Adoption Day			
<b>15</b> Nov	America Recycles Day			
<b>18</b> Nov	National Entrepreneurs Day			
<b>19</b> Nov	International Men's Day			
<b>28</b> Nov	Black Friday			
<b>29</b> Nov	Small Business Saturday			
<b>30</b> Nov	Computer Security Day			

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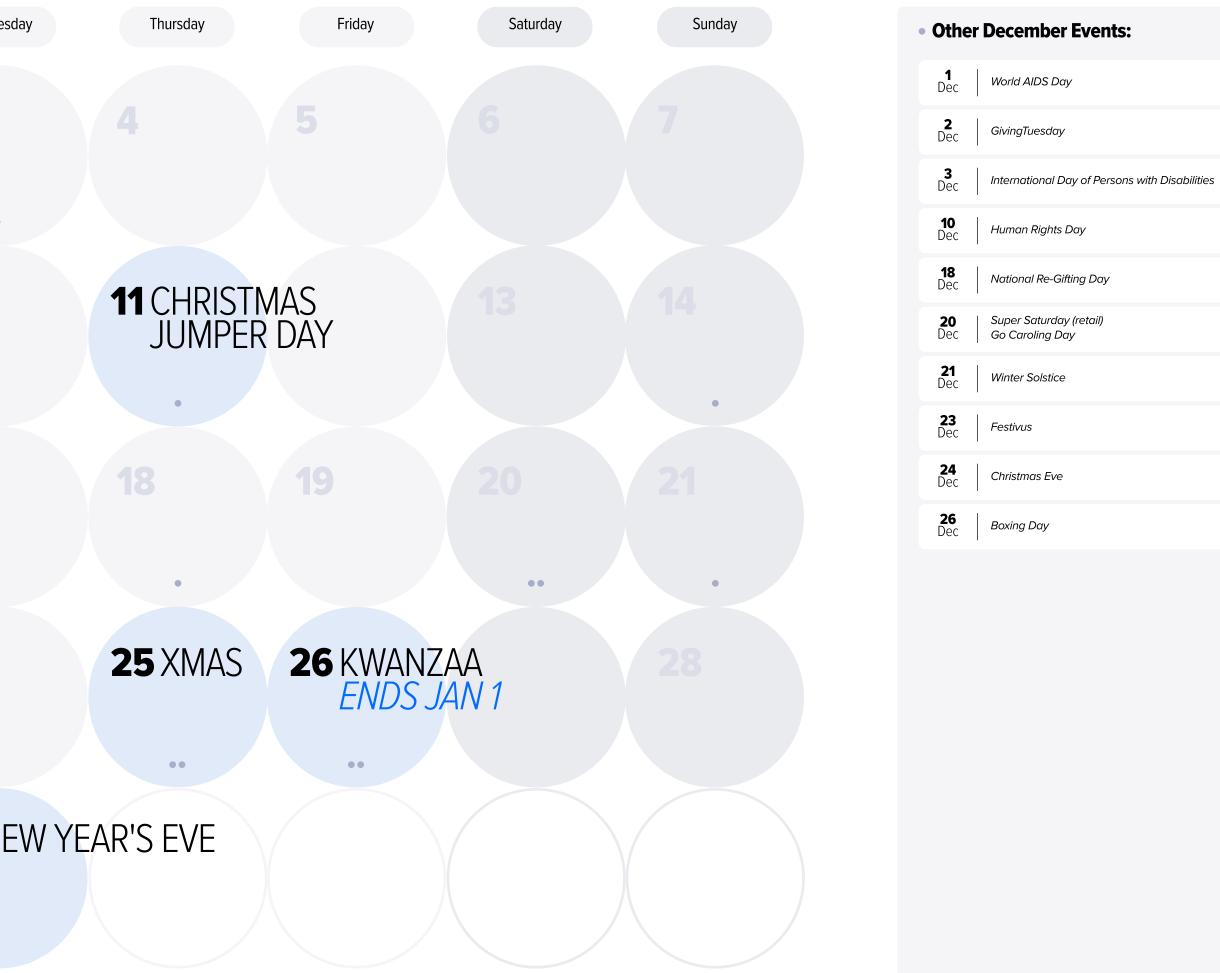
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<b>14</b> Dec	Hanukkah	<b>Ends</b> Dec 22

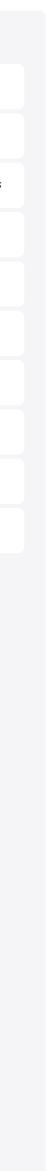
### **Tip: Revisit and Refine Your Plans**

Always make a point to return to your content calendar and re-evaluate your strategy regularly.

You never know when an unexpected event will arise or a change in priorities will occur. Suddenly, a strategy that worked well at the start of the year might not be as effective given the new reality. Make sure your plan is flexible enough – and your team is agile enough – to pivot when necessary, respond to changes, and seize opportunities as they come.

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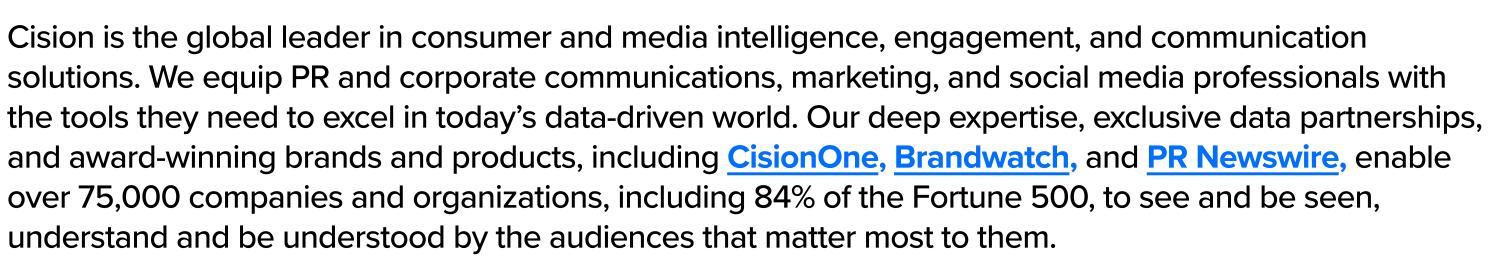
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