



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC TRUSTEES RECEIVE REPORT ON BOARD CALENDAR FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have received the report on the proposed calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.

School boards are required to prepare and submit to the Ministry of Education, the school year calendar to be followed for the subsequent school year. Regular school year calendars are to be submitted to the ministry for approval on or before May 1.

School year calendars must be drafted in accordance with the *Education Act* and *Regulation 304, School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days*. The regular school year is the period between September 1 and June 30.

With the recent amendment of *Regulation 304*, school boards are now required to designate three mandatory PA days per school year. The authority for boards to designate up to an additional four PA days per school year remains unchanged. The requirement for every school year to include a minimum of 194 school days also remains unchanged. As a result, the minimum number of instructional days per school year is 187 and the total maximum number of possible PA days per school year is seven.

A consultation process was undertaken involving the Lambton Kent District School Board, the leadership of our unions and associations – the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario, the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (Elementary and Secondary), the Association of Professional School Supports Services Personnel, the Canadian Union of Public Employees and our Board Advisory Parent Council.

The proposed draft school year calendar includes the following:

- The school year for students and staff will begin on Tuesday, September 4, 2018
- The final day for students is Thursday, June 27, 2019
- Professional Activity days are scheduled for:
 - Friday, September 28, 2018
 - Friday, October 26, 2018
 - Friday, November 23, 2018
 - Friday, February 1, 2019
 - Friday, April 5, 2019
 - Friday, June 7, 2019
 - Friday, June 28, 2019
- The Christmas Break is Monday, December 24, 2018 to Friday, January 4, 2019
- The March Break is Monday, March 11, 2019 to Friday, March 15, 2019
- Secondary School Examination days are:
 - Semester 1: Friday, January 25, 2019 to Thursday, January 31, 2019
 - Semester 2: Friday, June 21, 2019 to Thursday, June 27, 2019

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- Family Day is Monday, February 18, 2019
- Good Friday is Friday, April 19, 2019
- Easter Monday is Monday, April 22, 2019
- Victoria Day is Monday, May 20, 2019

The proposed calendar will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education. It is not considered final until ministry approval is granted.