



January 19, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a result of provincial negotiations with teachers' unions in the fall, school boards in Ontario are being directed by the Ministry of Education to add an additional Professional Development Day to the school year calendar for 2015-2016. For St. Clair Catholic, this additional PD day will fall on **Friday, April 15, 2016.**

The provincial negotiations also set out the topics that are to be covered during the extra PD day. For teachers in the province's Catholic schools these will include:

- A half day of training in occupational health and safety;
- For FDK teachers/Early Childhood Educators – a half day of inquiry-based learning and pedagogical assessment documentation strategies;
- For Grade 1 to 12 teachers – a half day on a topic to be selected by the Board in consultation with the local OECTA units. The subject is to align with ministry priorities, such as mathematics, inquiry-based/experiential learning and/or assessment documentation and/or equity.

For your information, a revised *School Year Calendar 2015-2016* is printed on the reverse side of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact your principal.

Sincerely,

Dan Parr  
Director of Education