



CALGARY CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **2020-2021 Regular, Year-Round and Rural (High School) Calendars Considerations/Highlights**

### **September 2019**

The following considerations and highlights provide rationale and background for the 2020-2021 regular, year-round and rural (high school) calendars.

#### **School Year Information**

- 196.5 Operational Days
- Regular and Year-Round Instructional Days (Kindergarten to Grade 9 – 180 total days; Grades 10-12 – 182.0 total days (Semester 1 – 90 days, Semester 2 – 92 days))

#### **How is the calendar created?**

- An advisory committee made up of school principals, district staff (Administrative Council, Instructional Services, Transportation, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communications) and ATA Local 55 representatives meet regularly to design school district calendars. The district calendar is created based on the Liturgical Calendar, Alberta School Act legislation, the district's Administrative Procedure 130 and emergent needs. Feedback provided by parents, students and staff is also considered by the committee.

#### **Calendar Feedback**

- In the fall of 2019 feedback on the draft 2020-2021 calendars will be collected from the Board of Trustees, Advisory Committees, School Councils, School/Department Staffs and individuals in the community. The Calendar Committee will consider all feedback and revise the calendars, if necessary. Then the calendars are approved by Administrative Council and shared with the board of Trustees in December 2019. Finalized Calendars are posted on the district's Intranet website in January 2020.

#### **First Day of Classes**

- For this particular calendar, Labour Day is late - September 7. To achieve the number of instructional hours set out by the Government of Alberta students must start before the holiday long weekend. Therefore, regular calendar students begin on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Education (YRE) calendar students start Wednesday, August 5, 2020. (Note: In future years, where Labour Day is earlier in September, students will start after the holiday weekend).
- Regular calendar teachers start on Thursday, August 27, 2020 – Year-Round calendar teachers start Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

### **District Opening Mass for Staff**

- Several factors are considered when planning the District Opening Mass such as Bishop and priest availability (Many don't work on Mondays), as-well-as the venue being open. The Mass is planned for Friday, August 28 in the p.m.

### **Professional Development/Parent Teacher Conferences Dates**

- Based on past positive feedback the calendars continue to combine Professional Development/Parent Teacher Conferences dates with long weekends where appropriate.
  - October 9, 2020 - K-12 PD Day
  - May 21, 2021 – K-12 PD Day

### **Faith Day**

- Faith Day is traditionally scheduled for November 1; However, when Faith Day lands on a weekend it occurs on the Friday prior. Therefore, Faith Day for this calendar is scheduled on Friday, October 30.

### **Remembrance Day**

- There is no school for students or staff on Wednesday, November 11.
- In alignment with the Remembrance Day Act, Schools will recognize Remembrance Day on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

### **Christmas Break**

- Begins at the completion of a full instructional day on Friday, December 18, 2020. Having a full day of classes rather than a half day is fiscally responsible for transportation services and balanced for kindergarten programs. Note: Where Christmas falls very close to Christmas break then consideration is given to not having school on the Friday before the break.
- Christmas break, on the Regular calendar, will be 16 days comprised of two full weeks and three weekends.
- Students on the Regular calendar return on Monday, January 4, 2021.
- Students on the YRE calendar return on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

### **Easter Break**

- Regular calendar students will be off on Easter Break from April 2-11, 2021.
- YRE calendar students will be off on Easter Break from April 2-19, 2021.
- Holy Thursday will be full day of classes. Note: In our faith, Holy Thursday officially begins with the evening Mass during which we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood and Christ's command to love. It is the beginning of the Easter Triduum, our holiest days in the Church year, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord.

### **High School Diploma Exams**

- There are no regular classes for High School students on English or **French** Diploma Exam days in January and June.



### **Final Day of Classes**

- June 25, 2021 is the final Diploma Exam Day and the last day of classes for all students.
- June 28, 2021 A.M. is a 1/2 day for Teacher Organization and an opportunity for any parent to meet with staff to discuss assessment matters.