



CALGARY CATHOLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT

2019-2020 Regular, Year-Round and Rural (High School) Calendars Considerations/Highlights November 2018

The following considerations and highlights provide rationale and background for the 2019-2020 regular, year-round and rural (high school) calendars.

School Year Information

- 197.5 Operational Days
- Regular and Year Round Instructional Days (Kindergarten to Grade 9 – 181 total days; Grades 10-12 – 183.0 total days (Semester 1 – 91 days, Semester 2 – 92 days)

How is the calendar created?

- An advisory committee made up of school principals, district staff (Instructional Services, Transportation, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communications), ATA Local 55 and an Administrative Council Representative meet regularly to design calendars for the current and future years. The school 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, teachers and staff is also considered by the committee.

Calendar Feedback

- In the Fall of 2018, feedback on the draft 2019-2020 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/January. Finalized Calendars are posted on the district's Intranet website.

Changes to the Calendar Based Upon Feedback

- The final day of classes was moved from June 29 to June 26, 2020. Rationale: Best to finish classes on Friday versus Monday. Students may not return on the Monday. Note: Teachers will work Monday AM to address any progress report concerns.
- The November Professional Development Day was moved to October 31, 2019. Rationale: There were too many short weeks in November due to Faith Day, High School Conferences and Remembrance Day.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-9) were moved back one week to December 6, 2019. Rationale: There were too many short weeks in November and to give teachers piloting the new curriculum an extra week for assessments.



First Day of Classes

- Regular calendar students begin on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 – Year-Round Education (YRE) calendar students start Tuesday, August 6, 2019 (Note: the start date for YRE students is after August long weekend so that students and staff would not start in July. For this particular year the impact is a shorter YRE Christmas break.)
- Regular calendar teachers start on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 – Year-Round calendar teachers start Friday, August 2, 2019.

Professional Development/Parent Teacher Conferences Dates

- Based on past positive feedback the calendars continues to combine Professional Development/Parent Teacher Conferences dates with long weekends where appropriate.
 - October 11, 2019 - K-12 PD Day
 - May 15, 2020 – K-12 PD Day

Remembrance Day

- There is no school for students or staff on Monday November 11.
- In alignment with the Remembrance Day Act, Schools will recognize Remembrance Day on Friday, November 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Break

- Begins at the completion of a full instructional day on Friday, December 20, 2019. 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 6, 2020.
- Students on the YRE calendar return on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

Easter Break

- Regular calendar students will be off on Easter Break from April 10-19, 2020.
- YRE calendar students will be off on Easter Break from April 10-26, 2020.
- Holy Thursday will be full day of classes. Note: Holy Thursday 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 is no school for High School students on Diploma Exam days in January and June. (Note: Regular school hours on French Diploma Exam Days)

Final Day of Classes - June 26, 2020

- June 26, 2020 is the last day of classes for students.
- June 29, 2020 A.M. is a 1/2 day for Teacher Organization.

