

# CCSD 2020-2021 Draft Calendar Survey

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DEPARTMENT OR SCHOOL RESPONSES

November 15, 2019

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Department		Christmas and Easter Break	Looks good the way it is, thank you for all your work Dr. Szumlas and Team
Department	IS - S1 and S2	no comments from group	19 people would like to push the start of Christmas Holidays back to Dec 22 or Dec 23 1 person suggested to group PD in consecutive day
Department	IS Diverse Learning Team	1.The additional planning days assigned in August 2. Year End half planning day for staff moved back to Friday June 25, with the amendment of student first day of school on September 1.	1. Alignment with both Metro Boards in regards to Easter Break (alignment with liturgical seasons is foundational) 2. Christmas Break adjustments to reflect a potential move to Dec. 23 returning Jan. 6 (Wednesday-Wednesday) 3. Potential push back of the planning days in August starting on August 26 with the first day of school for students as September 1.
Department	Student Information/App Support Team on behalf of David Ikenouye	The addition of the number of instructional days at the bottom of all calendars.	1. Previously, the Rural High School Calendar had an Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences (7-12) day in March. We're not seeing this on the 2020-2021 Rural Calendar. This day helps our team plan the terms and progress report distribution dates. 2. On all calendars, June 28, 2021 is slated as a Teacher Organization Day (a.m. only). This day has been scheduled for the Science 30 diploma exam on the Diploma Exam Schedule distributed by Alberta Education.
School Council	Divine Mercy School Council	PD linked to weekends/long weekends.	None
School Council	St. Rita	can 3 of the PD days during the year be moved to the 3 days before the long weekend in September	Have start date after the long weekend and go til June 30th.
School Council	Holy Family School	visually, we like the color coding. It is clearly explained why there is no classes. We like the 4 day weekends (attach PD with long weekends)	Start on the first of September and end on the 24 of June
School Council	St. William	Christmas Break - has more days before Christmas Starting school the week before Labor Day Like being finished June 25	none
School Council	Our Lady of the Rosary School Council	Early Christmas break, Early June break	make the last day of school on the 24th of June, Half day on June 25, start school year on Sept. 1
School Council	St. Thomas More	"Looks fine".	None.

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School Council	St. Marguerite School	Happy with all the dates	n/a
School Council	Light of Christ Elementary Junior High School	- The PD before the long weekend - The Christmas break - 2 full weeks	N/A
School Council	All Saints	like to see k-12 pd together for families if they have students in different divisions. Like the shorter exam periods compared to the past. Like the shorter weeks in sept - ease in. like the break tied to easter	do not see a need for teachers to come back after the last weekend in June for a half day. thanks for your work.
School Council	Holy Name	Last day on Friday June 25. Placing the PD days on the long weekends.	Start school for the students on August 3 Move Faith Day from Oct 30 to Nov 2. Move April 19 PD to April 1 Rearrange schedule so that teachers don't have to come back for a 1/2 day on June 28.
School Council	Holy Name	PD in line with long weekends	Move the Conferences and PD of 17 & 18 of September to the 24 & 25 Move Faith Day from October 30 to November 6.
School Council	Blessed Marie-Rose	Like the extended weekend when adding a PD or conferences to a holiday	September 1st start date - may be many families away.
School Council	St. Boniface	Easter break vs a Spring Break and Easter weekend; Doesn't seem to be as many PD days	Could the students possibly start on the Tuesday vs the Wednesday. The school year would end on a Thursday and teachers on a Friday (June).
School Council	St Thomas Aquinas School	The earlier than Labour Day start.	Delay the start of Christmas Break by a day or two.
School Council	Ascension of Our Lord	I like when PD days are added on when there is a holiday to give a little break for family time.	I have no recommendations. I am happy with the draft calendar.
School Staff		Ending before the end of June - too many days tacked on after PATs just results in babysitting for Junior High and Elementary teachers.	Is it the intention of the Calendar Committee to have teachers postpone their summer plans to come back for a half day to fill out some forms?! This future calendar is better than the one this year but it still makes no sense to bring people back for the half day. Since an extra administrative day has been tacked on to the start of the year and I count 16 teacher days we are already at 198 teacher days. That is as high as it has ever been.
School Staff	Father Doucet	The dates are good	none
School Staff		the majority of the calendar is fine.	A half day the end of June, last Monday seems ridiculous.

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School Staff		nothing stands out	again nothing stands out
School Staff	St. William	School start is great - late Labour day with classes starting on Wednesday Appreciate having Tue Sept 1 as a Teacher day Appreciate the extra time before Christmas (holiday)	3 PD days in the fist 2 months and then 3 months with none - need to be spread out Mass on a Friday...we will all be there, but predict that others won't! Coming back on June 28 - can this not be changed? Start Aug 26.
School Staff		PD days added to long weekends, etc. to give students more days off in a row.	We lost an organizational day at the beginning of the school year (Aug. 2020) and now have 1.5 PD days. Teachers need these organizational days to get organized for the start of their school year.
School Staff		It's consistent with previous years.	There is absolutely no reason why we need two PD days in August before school starts. We need organization days to get ready for the year! Please stop mandating classes for high school after diploma exams start. It is extremely difficult to convince students to attend class and complete work when their exams are done. It has also removed three days of exam break and teachers are then struggling to complete their organization for second semester, especially those who go to mark diplomas. The teachers need a bit more consideration. Once exams begin, classes should be finished. Other school boards are following this new schedule, we should follow suit.
School Staff	Notre Dame	when spring break falls	-Rather than taking away a teacher organization day at the start of the year, consider adding one as we are overwhelmed at start up -Why are we ending the year on a Monday again? Would rather cut a PD day -Consider adding one more day to the High School exam break in order to accommodate the facilitation of grade 10 and 11 final exams -If there a way to start Christmas break later? Maybe on the Tuesday?
School Staff		4 day weekends are nice for some families.	Four day weekends are very hard for diverse learners and children with needs. This mean that self regulation is a struggle for 1-2 days of a 4 day week and adds to the negative experience for students and staff who are being impacted by this. August: Why not start 3 days before and begin Monday? students beginning on a wednesday means many will wait until after the long weekend. then you're again doing first day routines. JUNE: Coming back for a 1/2 day on the Monday in June? feels like punishment and impedes staff from beginning their holidays. Waste of time.

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School Staff	Support Staff - St William	consistency is year to year is nice (generally speaking) EASTER BREAK vs Spring Break is nice	Coming back on June 28 for a half day is not desirable; Teachers start back Aug 26 would be preferable would prefer more time after Christmas, like to work until December 23, and return Jan 7 WAY too many PD's clumped into Sept/Oct - none in November
School Staff	St. Boniface	Easter break revolves around the Easter season (vs a Spring Break and an Easter long weekend).	Students should start on September 1. Teachers feel do not need 3 days before students arrive. This way, you could make the last day of classes June 24 for students and Teacher Organization could be on June 25 (full day or half day).
School Staff	Bishop Kidd	pd days after parent teacher conferences.	not having 1/2 a day on the Monday in June. The start of the year is awkward coming back before labour day
School Staff		Like PD days extending calendar holidays	Extending to middle of Dec such as the 23 to come back on January 6, Can the ATA PD be in March due to road conditions in January and ability to front load PD for schools in the start of the year, Come back on September 1st rather than September 2nd, finish the school year org PD day on June 28.
School Staff		Spring break is nice at the beginning of April.	Starting after Labour Day and having to come back after the weekend in June is brutal. The first few days with students are organizational. It would be much more effective to start early and end early. There's also 4 PD/Organizational Days at the beginning instead of 3. I also don't understand how we get the appropriate time off for Spring Break, when it is attached to Easter. We then get 4 days instead of 5 for Spring Break. This calendar appears that teachers are working more days with fewer breaks. How does that work? The additional PD days mean teachers are working more days, for the same pay and students have additional time off that they can't afford with their current level of literacy.
School Staff	OLOW	We liked that the October 9th PD Day was attached to the Thanksgiving long weekend. This is better for our families who may travel for Thanksgiving.	We suggest not having the half-day teacher organization day on Monday, June 28th.
School Staff	St. Martha	Nice spread out of professional days;	Nothing stands out at this time
School Staff		N/A	LESS PD days and MORE teacher organizational days. Many, many teachers are coming into school at the end of August during holiday time to prep for the school year. We don't have enough teacher organizational days and time at the beginning of the year AND throughout the year.

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School Staff	St Martha	Like the spread of the long weekends and PD dates	Have students start Sept 1 and then have the last half day in June on the Friday as opposed to the Monday
School Staff	St. Philip School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We like the early October PD Day.</li> <li>- We like the full Easter break.</li> <li>- Please keep the fall interviews in the first week of December.</li> <li>- We like PD days that fall on a Friday. It is easier for parents to deal with as many have Fridays off of work or can get them off easier than Mondays.</li> <li>- Last day of the school year on a Friday is good for kids.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coming back from Christmas on the 4th is not fun, but we realize it is necessary.</li> <li>- Could our days be longer and the year be shorter.</li> <li>- Is there something different that can be done about the half-day org day on June 28th? Can the Friday be the org day or half org day? It would be worth losing a PD day in the year to accommodate this.</li> </ul>
School Staff	St. Timothy School	<p>Junior High and High School Parent Conferences are joint together.</p> <p>Extra Organizational Day at start up.</p>	<p>Long January- could we split the 2 week holiday mid-week ( Wednesday-Wednesday : Dec 23-January 6)?</p> <p>Preference is for Parent/Teacher Conferences on a Friday as opposed to a Monday.</p>
School Staff	St. Rita	Easter looks great, PD Days on long weekends	Students starting before Labour Day, put Faith Day on November 2 because it's All Soul's Day. Perhaps we could start on September 1, students last day is June 24 and Teacher org in the morning of June 25.
School Staff	Monsignor Doyle	Spring Break tied to Easter	Begin one day earlier in August and eliminate June 28th and teachers should work until December 23rd and return on January 7th instead of being off to early.
School Staff		Same as in previous years color code. I like that the summer school is indicated	I would like to see the 2 days of p/t interview indicated instead of the one day interviews and Friday as a p/d day - - as indicated on both calendars.
School Staff	St. Thomas Aquinas School	We like Easter/Spring break.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We do not like the June 28 half day for teachers. Suggestions would be to start the year earlier; teachers start Aug 26; students start Sept 1. Then the last day for students could be June 24 and last half day for teachers could be June 25</li> <li>- We also suggest Christmas Break start later. Last day before break Dec 22. Return to school Jan 6.</li> </ul>
School Staff		4 days or organization in August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Prefer March break AND East Monday and Good Friday ( do not combine the two)</li> <li>*Having to return for Org. Day on June 28th</li> <li>*Suggestion: School continues until June 29th with Org. Day on the 30th and then we return after Christmas break on Wed. Jan. 6th</li> </ul>
School Staff	Holy Spirit	That PD follows with a long weekend; easier for parents	August: concern around 3 days prior to long weekend; we will lose kids

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			PT conferences: not clear if they will still be Wednesday evening AND all day Thursday?? Or will we have PT Thursday only? Monday April 19th PD: move to end of the month as we have just returned from holidays June 28th: Teacher half day; silly to have people come back for a half day and miss out on travel dates/flights etc. Please have June 25th AM students and PM Teacher organization. Still here to answer questions in PM
School Staff	Our Lady of the Assumption	Nice to have the four days at the beginning, but could mass be our first day back in the morning to start us off? Like the 3 PD days at the start of year as we can look at data - create school plans together - we get the time to do these things that are all important at the start of the year!	Two org days in August is too much especially if we have that half day to come back in June; December break is too early(and why does it have to be a Friday? - rather the end on Weds Dec 23; return Weds Jan 6; The end of June half day doesn't make sense. Start the kids one day earlier in September and end students on June 24 with half day being the Friday(or take away a PD day to accommodate this); PD Day in April does not make sense when we've just been off for 10 days. Move to May or remove it totally to accommodate earlier start and earlier end
School Staff		Spring Break with Easter holidays.	PD day on Aug 31 is better served as an organizational day. PD day on Sept 18 is too early and disrupts the flow of just getting back into a routine with students.
School Staff	Holy Name	Great Christmas break timing Septembre 2, first day of school PD in time with long wkend	March break moved to the 22 to the 26 March Make June 25th a 1/2 day of instruction and 1/2 teacher organization Add the 1/2 day of instruction to Sept 1st
School Staff	St. Gerard	like the idea of an organizational day after the long weekend in September before students start.	the half day after the weekend (in June) brought a lot of groans. :)
School Staff		It's nice that Remembrance Day is scheduled.	I think we should teach until the 23rd of December, go back January 6th (we have finished mid week before). Finishing a full week before Christmas is a lot of time for students to be out of school (lack of routine, and at my current school, we provide several students breakfast and lunch).
School Staff	St. Marguerite School	Like the timing of Easter break, Like the interview and PD day in September back to back	Very strong opinions on moving the half organizational day at end of June to the 25th. They recommend having 3 organizational days instead of 4 in August, and end June 25th. The other half could be a half day either before Christmas or Easter.
School Staff	Blessed Marie Rose	PD and conference days added to a holiday Monday. PD day after a conference day Thursday.	September 1st start up - many families away - impact on enrolment counts/staffing, Maybe start after long weekend or at earliest

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			September 5th - to do so make June 30th last 1/2 teacher day. June 28&29 regular school day.
School Staff	St. Damien	Starting before the Labour Day long weekend (it is late this year). Easter and Spring break as one break.	Change the schedule so teachers/administrators are NOT required to come back after the student dismissal on June 25. We also did not like being off for so much time before Christmas. Solving the last day of school issue: This could be solved by adding a couple of days on the week of Dec. 21 (2 days with kids and a 1/2 teacher org day on Dec. 23).  Why do we have an 'extra' teacher day at the beginning of the year (2 teacher org days instead of one). To solve the end of the year issue, could we add another day at the beginning of the year (have Wed, Thursday, Friday and Monday for start-up??) and take away the 1/2 day on June 28.
School Staff	All Saints teachers	1. Like that sem 2 starts on a monday 2. Critical the exam break is a little longer - we appreciate that adjustment. It was challenging with double time. 3. front loaded pd is good`	1. June 28th teacher org - this is a scheduled Sci 30 diplomas - double time creates changes if staff out at 12:00.
School Staff	Our Lady of the Evergreens School	n/a	End school year with Teacher Day on June 25, not June 28. Teacher return from summer August 26 to make up for June 28. Christmas break Dec. 23 - Jan. 6.
School Staff	St. Elizabeth Seton School	PD days attached to long weekends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas break – start break on December 22nd and return January 6th.</li> <li>• Move student start date to September 8th and end classes later in June</li> <li>• PD days or org days attached to Remembrance Day which is on a Wednesday.</li> <li>• Change one of the PD days to an organizational day</li> <li>• Parent teacher interviews-prefer one long day rather than a short evening and full day following.</li> <li>• June 2021 – coming back ½ day on Monday is demoralizing for teachers. Add ½ day elsewhere in the year. Or make the previous Thursday the last day of school and ½ day Friday.</li> <li>• Teachers start Aug 26th and students start September 1st then remove ½ day June 28th and last day becomes June 25th.</li> </ul>
School Staff	Monsignor Smith	The PD Days and starting before Labor Day as it is later than normal.	We would prefer to move dismissal for Christmas to December 22 and return on January 6. We feel that December 18 is too early for dismissal and January 4 is too early to return. We are also not in



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			<p>favor of having to work for a half day on the last Monday in June. Students finishing on Friday is great but it seems pointless for us to come in on Monday morning.</p>
School Staff	St. Sebastian	Like the PD day at the end of January - helps with a long, dark month	<p>There are too many short weeks in September and October for parents - consider moving one of the PD days - maybe to June. It is difficult to return to school on June 28th - remove a PD day so that everyone finishes on Friday.</p>
School Staff	St. Gabriel	It looks good, I like that our break is at and around Easter as it makes the last quarter shorter.	<p>I am not in favor of the June 28th half day, asking teachers to come in.</p> <p>Why are all the PD days on Fridays and on long weekends? This does not allow teachers to take their personal day on a long weekend, since many are attached to long weekend.</p> <p>Why the need for 4 starting days? Can students start on Tuesday Sept? Why the need for a 1/2 day teacher org on the last Monday in June?</p> <p>Can we not come back on August 29th instead of the 28th since we have Labor Day on the Monday? Why also do we need a half day on the Monday before summer? Can we not do an extra half day somewhere else to supplement for it?</p> <p>Not a big fan of the last day for teachers being a half-day on Monday. Would rather start back half a day earlier and wrap up the school year on the Friday.</p> <p>-need a spring break at the end of March, then an Easter weekend later...</p> <p>I would like Christmas break from Wednesday, Dec. 23 to Wednesday.</p> <p>Delaying spring break until April to combine it with Easter makes for a very long uninterrupted stretch in Semester 2, after an already long uninterrupted period from September to Christmas. There should be a Spring break week in March, with a long weekend over Easter to allow students time to study, catch up, and for teachers to plan for exams and Sem. 2.</p>

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			<p>I would like to have more PD days on Wednesdays to break up the week a little more.</p> <p>Can we split Easter break and Spring break? Waiting until April for the break is a LONG time after Christmas break.</p> <p>It is not useful to have a PD day in May. It should be a teacher organizational day so we can complete benchmarks, LSP's, finish marking, create exams, update D2L, etc.....PD is best in the beginning of the year...not in May.</p> <p>Please make June 25th a half day for the students and then change the teachers organizational day to the afternoon of June 25th. That way everyone can start enjoying their summer before the weekend. Thank you for considering this change to next year's calendar.</p>
Student Advisory Group		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We appreciate that there is no scheduled classes on exam days.</li> <li>- We like that there are breaks in every month</li> <li>- It is just a regular calendar - what can you do?</li> </ul>	More 3 day weekends
Student Advisory Group	St. Timothy School	<p>Have more time in January to prepare for Diploma exams with the early return from Christmas holidays</p> <p>7-12 Parent Teacher Conferences on the same date, which is easier for parents to come all at once.</p>	No recommendations for changes.
Student Advisory Group	All Saints SAC Team	<p>Feb 1st Semester 2 start is good - like the Monday Sem 2 start (not mid week)</p> <p>Thank you for the extra two days over exam break... the students all expressed the need for independent study, prep and time to reset before Sem 2.</p>	<p>There are many 3 or 4 days weeks right at the start of the year - will make it hard to really get in to the routine of things</p> <p>Possible pushing an early PD later to help with this</p> <p>Like the June 25th end date (friday)</p>
Student Advisory Group	Bishop Carroll	Like attaching PD days to long weekends.	Would like to see a PT conference day and PD day fill in the November 11 week. From student perspective.
Student Advisory Group	Bishop Grandin	<p>4 teacher prep days start of year.</p> <p>Well thought out dates ie Friday's for PD days.</p>	Looks good

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Student Advisory Group	Bishop McNally	Consistency from year to year (planning ahead purposes) We like the idea of not having classes any days when there are Diploma Exams.	Maybe re-look at April dates (would prefer Easter break, then 4 day week, then 5 day week)
Student Advisory Group	St. Martin de Porres	PD days connected to long weekends is nice. The 3 day week prior to labor day is better than a 2 or 1 day week.	Not at this time
Student Advisory Group	Bishop O'Byrne	-Including a long weekend with a PD day -April 19, like combined PD for K-9 students and Parent Teacher Interviews for 10-12. This is helpful for families who rely on high school siblings to babysit.	Longer period of time for exams (include the rest of the week after part A diploma exams as part of exam break). There is no time to study between exams, and sometimes exams are in the morning and afternoon the same day because a tight schedule.
Student Advisory Group	Notre Dame SAC	PD days and holidays are evenly distributed throughout the year. We like that the French Diploma days do not have classes. We like that Faith Day is on a Friday.	We are very happy with the calendar for next year.
Student Advisory Group	St. Gabriel the Archangel	- Like having PD days attached to weekends.	- More study time during exam period.
Student Advisory Group	St. Mary's	Holidays with PD so we get 4 day weekends Christmas break starts earlier, so we can prepare for Christmas in the spirit of Advent. End on a Friday in June. January 4 return from Christmas - it's "clean" Very happy about respect for French exam as an exam day with no classes.	April 19 shouldn't be PT conferences. Would rather have it on the Friday with Thursday eve the night before, as students and parents often have other activities on Monday. K-9 should be the same as 10-12. Would make it easier for older students to help watch younger students. Don't split up families. Day off for National Indigenous Peoples day -in younger grades students skip it instead of celebrating the day. Indigenous students often are away for celebrations elsewhere. Diploma exams - lobby province to push Part A a bit closer to Part B so all can focus on exams.
Student Advisory Group	St Francis	PT conferences and PD days combined to give families a long weekend together. Easter break aligned with CBE march break to take advantage of activities offered throughout city facilities such as recreation centres and libraries.	PD days for elementary and High School could be on the same days for continuity. Parent conferences on Thursday September 17 moved to Monday September 21 and Thursday March 18 could be moved to Monday March 22. Faith day moved to Monday November 2 from Friday October 30.
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		Diploma days do not have classes. We like that Faith Day is on a Friday.	
Teacher Advisory Group		All seems logical except for the teachers last day. Having an extra day to prepare in August is nice, but would get back to 3 days if it meant finishing the school year June 25, 2021	The following was supported by our school council. Option 1: Teacher's return on Aug. 26th. Students begin therefore 1 day earlier on Tuesday, Sept. 1st (not 2nd). Last day for students now Thursday, June 24th so staff work 1/2 day on June 25th. Many staff commented in why they are required to return on Monday for a 1/2 day