



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC  
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### ***ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC TRUSTEES ENDORSE BOARD CALENDAR FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR***

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have endorsed the proposed calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Each year, school boards in Ontario are required to prepare and submit to the Ministry of Education before May 1st, the school year calendar to be followed for the subsequent school year.

Calendars must be drafted in accordance with the *Education Act* and Regulation 304 – School Year Calendar – Professional Activity Days. Amendments to this regulation for the 2015-2016 school year require that two PD days are to be used for assessment and completion of report cards at the elementary level.

The regular school year calendar is the period between September 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>.

A consultation process was undertaken for the 2015-2016 calendar, which included the Lambton Kent District School Board, the Board Advisory Council and the leadership of St. Clair Catholic's unions and associations, and the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario.

#### Highlights:

The proposed draft school year calendar is included. Highlights are as follows:

- A Professional Development Day for teaching staff will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015
- The school year for students will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2015
- The final day for students is Wednesday, June 29, 2016
  
- Professional Activity days are scheduled for:
  - Wednesday, September 2, 2015
  - Friday, October 23, 2015
  - Friday, November 20, 2015
  - Thursday, February 4, 2016
  - Monday, June 6, 2016
  - Friday, June 30, 2016
  
- The Christmas Holiday is Monday, December 21, 2015 to Friday, January 1, 2016
- The March Break is Monday, March 14, 2016 to Friday, March 18, 2016
- Secondary School Examination days are:
  - Semester 1: Friday, January 28, 2016 to Wednesday, February 3, 2016
  - Semester 2: Thursday, June 23, 2016 to Wednesday, June 29, 2016

The calendar will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education for final approval.