

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 20, 2020

Deb Crawford, Director of Education

SUBJECT: Revised School Year Calendar 2020-2021

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BACKGROUND:

School boards received a memo on June 30, 2020 with updated guidance regarding school year calendar submissions. Following the release of the Ontario's Approach to Reopening Schools for the 2020-2021 School Year, school boards were encouraged to start their school year by September 1, 2020, and additionally to schedule three PA days prior to the start of student instruction. School boards were given until July 10, 2020 to revise their dates in the Ontario School Year Calendar online application.

The school year calendars must be completed in accordance with the *Education Act* and *Regulation 304, School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days*. The regular school year is the period between September 1 and June 30.

Under *Regulation 304*, school boards are required to designate three mandatory PA days per school year. Boards have the authority to designate up to an additional four PA days per school year. The school year must include a minimum of 194 school days. As a result, the minimum number of instructional days per school year is 187 and the total maximum number of possible PA days per school year is seven.

PARTICULARS:

Following the recent ministry memo to update the school year calendar, the revised school year calendar highlights are:

- The school year for teaching staff will begin on Tuesday, September 1, 2020
- Three PA days are scheduled between Tuesday, September 1 and Thursday, September 3
- The school year for students will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020
- The final day for students is June 28, 2021
- The outline for the professional activity days, examination days and holidays are as follows:

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| September 1, 2020 | Full day devoted to developing and implementing strategies to improve student achievement in mathematics, with a focus on fundamental math concepts and skills |
| September 2, 2020 | One half day devoted to learning opportunities for all educators in supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. |

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| | One half day devoted to bullying prevention, intervention and de-escalation training. |
| September 3, 2020 | ECE/FDK Teams AM: Inquiry based learning and pedagogical assessment documentation strategies Grades 1-12 Teachers AM: Pedagogical documentation assessment strategies All teachers PM: One half day reflecting on implementation of school improvement plans to align with SCCDSB Strategic plan and MOE priorities |
| November 20, 2020 | All teachers AM: Occupational Health and Safety Elementary PM: <i>half day release per OECTA Local contract 44.04a</i> (The afternoon of the Professional Development Day following Parent Teacher Interview Night shall be for personal professional development.) Secondary PM: Using student data for department improvement planning |
| February 2, 2021 | Elementary: Evaluation and Reporting: <i>one prior to the first reporting period and one prior to the second reporting period per OECTA elementary contract Article 44.01h</i> Secondary: Evaluating and reporting, EDSBY support |
| June 4, 2021 | Elementary: Evaluation and Reporting (2) Professional Activity Days will be designated: one prior to the first reporting period and one prior to the second reporting period per OECTA elementary contract Article 44.01h) Secondary: Pathways Planning: Apprentice/College/University/My Blueprint/EDSBY support/SIP Review |
| June 29, 2021 | Elementary: Review the progress of SIP implementation and student achievement data to inform school improvement planning for 2020-2021. Secondary: Evaluating and Reporting |

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| September 8, 2020 | Classes Begin |
| October 12, 2020 | Thanksgiving |
| December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021 | Christmas Break |
| January 26 - February 1, 2021 | Secondary Examinations |
| February 15, 2021 | Family Day |
| March 15 - 19, 2021 | March Break |
| April 2, 2021 | Good Friday |
| April 5, 2021 | Easter Monday |
| May 24, 2021 | Victoria Day |
| June 22 - 28, 2021 | Secondary Examinations |
| June 28, 2021 | Last Day of Classes for Students |

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Revised School Year Calendar 2020-2021* for information.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board endorse the Revised School Year Calendar submission to the Ministry of Education.