



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

*To the sensible person education is like a golden ornament, and like a bracelet on the right arm.
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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

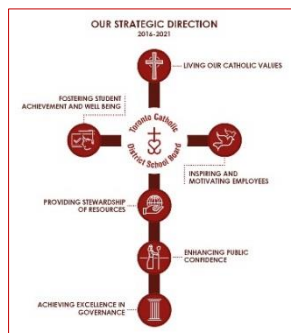
Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The school year calendar is prepared and submitted annually to the Ministry of Education, in accordance with the Education Act and Ont. Regulation 304, School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days. The 2021-2022 school year calendar must be submitted to the MOE by May 28, 2021.

This report recommends that trustees adopt the attached school year calendar in **Appendix A** for the 2021-2022 school year, and that this information be communicated as outlined in Section E of this report.

Highlights:

- This selection of PA days was done in consultation with our Academic/Business Advisory Committee (AcBac) Committee members.
- The calendar aligns with that of the Toronto District School Board and the alignment will minimize additional transportation costs for both boards.
- In the 2021-2022 school year, there are a possible 193 of the required school days from September 7, 2021 (day after Labour Day) to June 30, 2022.
- The Education Act defines the school year as occurring between September 1 and June 30.
- In order to meet the requirement of 194 school days for the 2021-2022 school year, 1 day for TCDSB staff must occur prior to Labour Day.
- This year the Ministry of Education has requested that 3 Professional Activity Days occur prior to the start of student instruction.
- This report recommends that that two Professional Activity Days occur on September 7 and 8, 2021 and thus the first day of classes for students will be Thursday, September 9, 2021.
- Secondary schools, in consultation with their Local School Staffing Advisory Committee (LSSAC), may schedule a Professional Activity Day to align with the day following one of the Parent-Teacher Interview nights.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 30 hours.

B. PURPOSE

1. To provide information on what governs the development of the school year calendar.
2. To outline a communication plan that encompasses the TCDSB community.
3. To present the 2021-2022 school year calendar as agreed to, through a consensus process, by the Academic/Business Advisory Committee (AcBac) members.

C. BACKGROUND

1. Annually the Board establishes the school year calendar in accordance with the Education Act and Ont. Regulation 304.
2. The TCDSB must approve a school year calendar that includes a minimum of 194 school days, of which no more than seven (7) will be professional activity (PA) days and at least 187 will be instructional days. Three (3) of the seven PA Days must be devoted to provincial education priorities as set out by the Ministry of Education. In the case of secondary schools, no more than ten (10) instructional days can be designated as exam days.
3. In the 2021-2022 school year, there are a possible 193 of the required school days from September 7, 2021 (day after Labour Day) to June 30, 2022.
4. The Education Act defines the school year as occurring between September 1 and June 30. To meet the requirement of 194 school days for the 2021-2022 school year, 1 school day must occur prior to Labour Day. This day will be designated as a PA day and no students will be required to attend school prior to Labour Day.
5. This year the Ministry of Education has also advised that 3 PA days should occur prior to the start of student instruction.
6. In addition to the September 2, 2021 PA day, two additional PA days occurring prior to the start of student instruction will occur on September 7 and 8, 2021.
7. Student instruction will begin on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

8. The selection of the PA days for 2021-2022 school year has been in consultation with our Academic/Business Advisory Committee (AcBac) Committee members.
9. The AcBac Committee consists of members of Senior Staff and representatives from each union, association and various board departments (including Transportation, Payroll, Communications and Human Resources).
10. PA days have been aligned with the TDSB to minimize any additional transportation costs.
11. Each school year calendar must be accompanied by a general outline of the activities to be conducted on PA days, as per Ministry Policy/Program Memorandum 151, "*Professional Activity Days Devoted to Provincial Education Priorities*" (PPM151).
12. Summary of the proposed 2021-2022 school year calendar
 - a) Elementary Schools:
 - Two PA days are to be used for parent-teacher conferences, as per the Collective Agreement.
 - Two PA days are to be used for assessment and completion of report cards, as per the Collective Agreement.
 - Three PA days are to be used for Provincial Education Priorities of which one half day will be devoted to Faith Development.
 - b) Secondary Schools:
 - Three PA days devoted to Provincial Education Priorities and supporting Article 19 (Joint Professional Development Committee) of the Collective Agreement
 - One PA day devoted to Faith Development.
 - One PA day devoted to numeracy across the curriculum.
 - The remaining two PA days will be devoted to system priorities, annual learning plans and local goals articulated in the School Learning Improvement Plan.
 - c) The remaining school days shall be instructional days, which for secondary schools will include ten (10) examination days.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

The 2021-2022 school year calendar will be communicated in the following ways:

1. Letter to families, staff, SEAC, CPIC, CSPC Chairs and OAPCE-Toronto
2. Insert for school newsletters
3. TCDSB website
4. Social media channels

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve:

1. The school year calendar for the 2021-2022 school year in Appendix A.
2. The communication plan outlined in this report; and that Principals share the 2021-2022 school year calendar and the plans for professional activity days with their CSPC members and their school communities.