

SCHOOL CALENDARS

Christ The Redeemer (CTR) Catholic Schools recognizes the school calendar as an important framework that supports student learning, staff wellness, faith formation, and family life. Informed by our Catholic identity, the division seeks to honour liturgical seasons, opportunities for prayer and faith development, and the well-being of students, staff, and families in the planning of instructional time and school activities.

In accordance with Sections 60 and 205 of the Alberta Education Act (Act), CTR's Board of Trustees (Board) directs the Superintendent, or designate, to develop school calendars for each school belonging to CTR and these calendars shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees (Board) of CTR for approval.

Given that the Board firmly believes in the connection between student learning and maximizing instructional time, and in the interest of promoting divisional collaboration, professional development, and commonality of practice, the following guidelines shall be adhered to when establishing school calendars:

1. There shall be a minimum of 475 instructional hours for Kindergarten, a minimum of 950 instructional hours for Grades 1 to 9, and a minimum of 1,000 instructional hours for Grades 10 to 12, according to the Alberta Guide to Education.
2. There shall be 200 operational days during the school year.
3. There shall be a minimum of 185 and a maximum of 190 instructional days in the school year. The Board endeavours to provide as close to 190 instructional days as is possible.
4. There shall be two professional development days dedicated to developing CTR Catholic's staff's knowledge about and commitment to their faith.
5. Education stakeholders (school staffs, school councils and ward committees) shall be given the opportunity to have the calendar development process explained to them.
6. The Board shall strive to develop one calendar for all traditional schools in CTR except when transportation arrangements with coterminous boards require alternative calendars or other exceptional situations.
7. The Board shall approve school calendars annually. Draft calendars for future years may be posted for the public but remain draft until passed by the Board in the year prior.

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