

# 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

#### Legend

- Board Designated Non-Instructional Days/P.A. Days/Statutory Holidays
- Recognition Days/Important Days
- Heritage Celebrations
- Board and Committee Meetings
- Catholic Celebrations
- Indigenous Days of Significance

## September 2023

Month of the Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- Board Designated Non-Instructional Day
- 4 Labour Day
- 5 First Day of School
- 5 Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta
- **7** Ukrainian Heritage Day
- International Literacy Day
- 8 Birth (Nativity) of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 10 World Suicide Prevention Day
- **11** Policy Board Meeting
- **12** Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 14 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
- 15 Beginning of the Jewish Festival -Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)
- 17 Terry Fox Day Run
- 17 End of the Jewish Festival Rosh Hashanah
- 18 Safe and Accepting Schools Week (Sept.18 Sept. 22)
- 19 National IT Professionals Day
- 21 Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist
- 21 International Day of Peace (UN)
- **21** Anti-Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee
- **22** AMP Online Application Launches
- 24 World Day of the Deaf
- 25 Franco Ontarian Day
- **25** Regular Board Meeting
- 26 Human Resource Professional Day
- 27 Rowan's Law Day
- 28 Right to Know Week (Sept. 28 Oct. 4)
- 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day (DCDSB will recognize on Sept. 29)

## October 2023

Month of the Rosary, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Learning Disabilities Awareness Month.

German, Islamic & Hispanic Heritage Month.

- 2 National Custodian Appreciation Day
- 3 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 4 National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2-Spirited People - Sisters in Spirit Vigil
- 5 World Teachers' Day
- 5 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
- 6 Elementary & Secondary P.A. Day
- 9 Thanksgiving
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl
- 16 Feast of St. Marguerite d'Youville
- 16 Waste Reduction Week (Oct. 16 Oct. 20)
- 17 Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day
- 17 AMP Open House
- **18** Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist
- 18 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- **22** Feast of Pope John Paul II
- 23 Spiritual and Pastoral Care Week (Oct. 23 Oct. 27)
- 23 Chaplain/Clergy Appreciation Day
- **23** Regular Board Meeting
- 25 Anti-Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee
- Wear Purple Day for Child Abuse Prevention
- 28 Clinic for the Regional Arts & Media Program (C-AMP)
- 31 Halloween

## November 2023

Albanian and Hindu Heritage Month.

- 1 All Saints Day
- Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade9 Students)
- 2 All Souls Day
- 5 Treaties Recognition Week (Nov. 5 Nov. 11)
- 6 Policy Board Meeting
- 7 International Inuit Day
- 7 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 8 National Indigenous Veterans Day
- 9 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
- 10 Semester 1 Midterms (Secondary) - Edsby Distribution
- 10 International Accounting Day
- 11 Remembrance Day
- **12** Festival of Diwali Hindu Festival of Lights (Nov. 12 Nov. 16)
- 13 Elementary Progress Reports go home
- **13** Rock Your Mocs (Nov. 13 Nov. 17)
- 16 Louis Riel Day Raising the Métis Flag
- 17 Elementary & Secondary P.A. Day
- 19 Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week (Nov. 19 Nov. 25)
- 20 National Child Day
- 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
- **22** Anti-Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee
- 25 Holodomor Memorial Day
- **26** Solemnity of Christ the King
- 27 AMP Applications Close
- **27** Annual Board Meeting
- 28 Grade 1 French Immersion Information Night - French Immersion Registration Opens
- 29 Educational Assistants (EA) Appreciation Day

## December 2023

- **3** First Sunday of Advent
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 3 Computer Science Week Hour of Code (Dec. 3 - Dec. 9)
- 5 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against
- **7** Beginning of the Jewish Festival of Hanukkah (Festival of Lights)
- 7 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
- 8 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 10 Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 Human Rights Day
- **15** End of the Jewish Festival of Hanukkah (Festival of Lights)
- 17 Third Sunday of Advent
- 18 Regular Board Meeting
- 22 Last Day of School
- **24** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 25 Christmas Day/Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
- 25 Christmas Break (Dec. 25 Jan. 5)
- **26** Kwanzaa Celebration of African History & Culture (Dec. 26 Jan. 1)
- 27 Feast of St. John the Evangelist
- **31** Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## January 2024

Tamil Heritage Month.

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 4 National Ribbon Skirt Day
- **6** Epiphany of the Lord
- **7** Feast of St. Andre Bessette
- **7** Eastern Orthodox Christmas
- **7** Baptism of the Lord
- 9 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Return to School

- 10 Kindergarten Registration Opens
- 11 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
- **13** AMP Auditions (Jan. 13 Jan. 14)
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17 Anti-Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee
- 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18 Jan. 25)
- 19 French Immersion Registration
- 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
- 22 Regular Board Meeting

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- 24 Secondary Exams (Jan. 24 Jan. 30)24 World Day for African and Afro-
- 25 Bell Let's Talk Day
- 25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
- 26 Elementary P.A. Day
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 27 Family Literacy Day
- **28** Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas
- 29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamaphobia



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## February 2024

Black History Month.

- 1 National Sweater Day
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 5 Psychology Staff Appreciation Day
- 5 Hundreds Day
- 5 Policy Board Meeting
- 8 Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita
- 10 Lunar New Year
- 12 Elementary First Term Reports go home
- 12 Secondary Semester 1 Reports Edsby distribution
- 12 International Epilepsy Day/Purple Day
- **12** Finance Committee Meeting
- **13** Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday
- 13 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
- **16** Secondary P.A. Day
- 18 First Sunday of Lent
- **19** Family Day
- 20 Stand Up to Bullying Week (Feb. 20 Feb.24)
- 21 Anti-Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee
- 25 Second Sunday of Lent
- **26** Regular Board Meeting
- 28 Pink Shirt Day

## March 2024

Irish and Bangladeshi Heritage Month.

- 3 Third Sunday of Lent
- 5 Social Workers Appreciation Day
- **5** Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 6 Black Mental Health Day
- 7 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
- **8** Board Designated Non-Instructional Day
- 8 International Women's Day
- 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent
- 10 Beginning of the Islamic Holy Month of Ramadan (daytime fasting)
- **11** March Break (Mar. 11 Mar. 15)
- 17 Fifth Sunday of Lent
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- **18** Regular Board Meeting
- 19 Nowruz (Iranian New Year)
- 20 Solemnity of St. Joseph
- 20 World Behaviour Analysis Day
- 21 World Down Syndrome Day
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22 World Water Day (UN)
- **24** Palm Sunday
- 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
- 25 International Day of the Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- 23 Earth Hour
- 25 Holi (Hinduism Festival of Colours)
- 26 Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
- **28** Holy Thursday
- **29** Good Friday
- **30** Holy Saturday
- 31 Easter Sunday
- 31 National Indigenous Languages Day
- 31 International Transgender Day of Visibility

## April 2024

Records and Information Management Month.

Sikh Heritage Month.

- 1 Easter Monday
- World Autism Day
- 8 Elementary and Secondary P.A.
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 9 End of Ramadan (at sundown) -Muslim Festival of Eid al-Fitr
- 11 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
- 14 National Volunteer Week (Apr. 14 Apr. 20)
- 15 Finance Committee Meeting
- 17 Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Patron of Canadian Indigenous Peoples)
- 17 Anti-Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee
- **18** DCPIC Volunteer Awards
- Secondary Semester 2 Midterm Reports Edsby Distribution
- Earth Day/Earth Week (Apr. 22 Apr. 26)
- Beginning of the Jewish Festival of Passover (at sunset continues for seven days)
- **22** Regular Board Meeting
- 24 Administrative Professionals Day
- 25 Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist
- 28 National Day of Mourning
- 29 Feast of St. Catherine of Siena
- 29 Audit Committee Meeting
- 29 End of the Jewish Festival of Passover

## May 2024

Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Speech and Hearing Month.

Asian and South Asian and Jewish Heritage Month.

- 1 National Principals' Day
- World Password Day
- 3 Orthodox Good Friday
- Catholic Education Week (May 5 May 10)
- Mental Health Week (May 5 May 10)
- 5 Red Dress Day/National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2-Spirited People (DCDSB will celebrate on May 3)
- 5 Orthodox Easter
- 5 Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day. Begins at sundown and ends at nightfall (May 5 - May 6)
- System-Wide Mass and Distinguished Catholic Educator and Leader Awards
- 6 Policy Board Meeting
- **7** Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- **S** Green Shirt Day for Mental Health
- 9 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
- 9 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord -Ascension of Jesus
- 11 Moose Hide Campaign Day (DCDSB will celebrate on May 10)
- 12 Mother's Day
- 13 Speech & Language Pathologists and Hearing Consultants Day
- **13** Finance Committee Meeting
- 16 Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala Dinner
- 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- **19** Solemnity of Pentecost (end of Easter Season)
- **20** Victoria Day
- 22 Child & Youth Care Worker Appreciation Day
- **22** Anti-Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee
- 24 Dress Loud Day for Speech and Hearing Awareness
- 25 African Liberation Day
- 26 National Accessibility Week (May 28 June 1)
- 27 Regular Board Meeting

#### **June 2024**

Sacred Heart of Jesus Month, National Indigenous History Month, Pride Month, Brain Injury Awareness Month.

Italian, Filipino and Portuguese Heritage Month.

- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 6 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
- **7** Elementary P.A. Day
- 7 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 10 Finance Committee Meeting
- 16 Father's Day
- 17 Regular Board Meeting
- 19 Secondary Exams (June 19 June 25)
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- **26** Elementary Final Reports Go Home
- **27** Secondary P.A. Day

Distribution

- 27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day
- 28 Elementary and Secondary P.A. Day28 Secondary Final Reports Edsby
- 29 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul