

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.

- 1 Board Designated Non-Instructional Day
- 4 Labour Day
- 5 First Day of School
- 5 Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta
- 7 Ukrainian Heritage Day
- 8 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
- 27 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
- 1 Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9 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 Women
- 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
- 8 Return to School
- 9 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 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 Closes
- 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
- 22 Regular Board Meeting
- 24 Secondary Exams (Jan. 24 - Jan. 30)
- 24 World Day for African and Afro-descendant Culture
- 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 Islamophobia

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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
- 4** Black Mental Health Day
- 5** Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 5** Social Workers Appreciation 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)
- 19** 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
- 2** World Autism Day
- 8** Elementary and Secondary P.A. Day
- 9** 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
- 19** Secondary Semester 2 Midterm Reports - Edsby Distribution
- 22** Earth Day/Earth Week (Apr. 22 - Apr. 26)
- 22** 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
- 2** World Password Day
- 3** Orthodox Good Friday
- 5** Catholic Education Week (May 5 - May 10)
- 5** 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)
- 6** System-Wide Mass and Distinguished Catholic Educator and Leader Awards
- 6** Policy Board Meeting
- 7** Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- 8** 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.

- 4** 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
- 27** Canadian Multiculturalism Day
- 28** Elementary and Secondary P.A. Day
- 28** Secondary Final Reports - Edsby Distribution
- 29** Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul