

# 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

## Legend

- Board Designated Non-Instructional Days/P.A. Days/Statutory Holidays
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- 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 Counsellor 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