



# Christ the Teacher

## ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION #212

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Dear Parents, Staff, and Community:

The Boards of Education for Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools and the Good Spirit Public School Division are asking for your input in the setting of the 2012-2013 school calendar. The announcement made by Premier Wall during the fall and the subsequent legislative change that will occur in the Spring of 2012 will require school divisions to begin classes for students no earlier than the first day following Labour Day (September 4, 2012). The following is an excerpt from a letter the Minister of Education, Donna Harpauer, forwarded to Boards:

*With the changes to legislation, the earliest students will begin the school year is the first day following Labour Day (September 4<sup>th</sup> in 2012-13) and the latest day in the year students will be in school is June 30<sup>th</sup>. This will also apply to those schools currently operated by boards of education and the conseil scolaire that currently start the school year before Labour Day. Boards of education will retain their autonomy to allow teachers to begin working earlier to prepare for the school year.*

*Consultations have begun and will continue with stakeholders to develop regulations on specific issues including hours of instruction, holidays, vacations, and variations in the school year. However, it is not expected that the new regulations will take effect until after the 2012-13 school year. The new regulations will still allow flexibility for boards to set their own school year calendar as best fits the needs of their staff, students, parents and communities.*

A draft of a proposed 2012-2013 calendar can be found on our division website. Please review and provide us with feedback using the link on the website prior to February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The information will be gathered and presented to the Boards of Education so the calendar for 2012-2013 can be finalized in March of 2012. It is expected that further consultation for the 2013-2014 calendar will be required as the additional changes mentioned in the Minister's comments become known. Thank you for your input and please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Angie Rogalski  
Board Chair

Darrell Zaba  
Director of Education