

Memorandum

To: Parents/Guardians, Administrators, Teachers and Support Staff
From: Kyle McIntyre, Director of Education
Date: November 2019
RE: 2020-2021 School Calendar



Good Day Parents and Staff:

This year, all Chinook employees and parents may vote for their preferred calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. The Chinook Calendar Committee has developed **two** calendar options. Typically, we try to set our Division calendar early so families may plan in a proactive manner.

Committee Members:

- Teresa Broberg – Bus Driver, Gull Lake
- Tracy Philp – Teacher/Principal, Waldeck Colony
- Erin Kinney – Office Manager, Central School
- Char Peters – CTA Vice President/Teacher, Wymark School
- Ken Garinger – Superintendent of HR
- Val Gordon – SWAC Athletic Coordinator
- Ruth Weiner – Educational Assistant, SCCHS
- Duane Regier – Vice Principal, SCCHS
- Kyle McIntyre – Director of Education



Both calendar options will be posted online for parents and staff to vote. ***Voting is open to parents and staff November 13–22, 2019 at: surveyMonkey.com/r/ChinookCalendar20-21***. The calendar options and survey link are also posted on chinooksd.ca under “Division News” and on your school website under “Latest News”.

The goal of this consultation process is to have a calendar recommended to the Chinook Board of Education shortly after this year’s Christmas break.

Key Points

- ***The next two years, legislation requires students begin school prior to Labour Day. Our calendars have been developed with the change in mind.***
- ***The chosen calendar will need to be reviewed and approved by the board in early January and then approved by the Ministry of Education.***
- ***One school admin day has been moved from the end of June to the beginning of the year to permit teachers more time in their classrooms prior to start up.***
- ***As in the past, schools will have the opportunity to work with their local school communities to determine specific student conference times and formats.***

Defined Requirements

- The Saskatchewan Education Act requires the following:
 - A minimum of 950 hours of instructional time per year, a max of 1044 hours;
 - Six weeks of summer vacation;
 - Post Labour Day student start time, with an exception if Labour Day falls on September 5 or later (2020 Labour Day is September 7);
 - A Christmas break that begins no later than December 23 and ends not sooner than January 2;
 - A Spring break with no more than 5 consecutive days.
- Ministry of Education Provincial Examinations – January 25-28, June 23-28).
- Chinook Board of Education requires (3 professional learning community days; 2 student conference days; 3 professional development days; 3 admin days; and one convention day.

Calendar Options A and B (197 days including non-instructional days; 186 instructional days)

- Three traditional breaks
- September 3 - Students begin
- Teacher Convention (**A**: October 13 or **B**: October 9)
- Christmas break (**A**: December 24 - January 4 or **B**: December 19 - January 3)
- February break (February 15-19)
- Long weekend in March for students and families
- Easter break (April 5-9)
- Students finish June 28

The vote results will be gathered by the calendar committee who will make a recommendation to the Chinook Board of Education. The Board will have final say on the calendar at the January Board of Education meeting.

This initial calendar is based on teaching days. Support staff contracts will be based on the final calendar, but employment dates may vary.

Should you have any questions regarding the calendar, please feel free to contact a Calendar Committee member or email info@chinooksd.ca. *Teachers, if you have questions about whether you should vote, please contact your CTA president.*

Chinook 2020-2021 Academic Calendar - OPTION A

AUGUST 2020 ~ 1 Days (0)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 NO SCHOOL PD/Admin	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL PD/Admin					

SEPTEMBER 2020 ~ 21 Days (18)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 NO SCHOOL Pd/Admin	2 NO SCHOOL Pd/Admin	3 First day of class for students	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL PLC Must attend	29	30			

OCTOBER 2020 ~ 21 days (20)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving	13 NO SCHOOL Convention	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2020 ~ 20 days (20)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 NO SCHOOL Conferences	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2020 ~ 17 days (17)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Last Day for Students	24 Christmas Break	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day
27	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break		

JANUARY 2021 ~ 19 days (18)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 Christmas Break	5 First Day Back for Students	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Exams	26 Exams	27 Exams	28 Exams	29 NO SCHOOL Turn Around Day	30
31						

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FEBRUARY 2021 ~ 16 days (15)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Family Day	16 February Break	17 February Break	18 February Break	19 NO SCHOOL PLC	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

MARCH 2021 ~ 23 days (23)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL Conferences	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

APRIL 2021 ~ 16 days (16)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4	5 Easter Monday- Break	6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break	8 Spring Break	9 NO SCHOOL PLC	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

MAY 2021 ~ 20 days (19)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 NO SCHOOL PD Day	22
23	24 Victoria Day	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JUNE 2021 ~ 21 days (20)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Exams	24 Exams	25 Exams	26
27	28 Exams Last day for students	29 NO SCHOOL Admin	30			

Notes

Sem 1 - 93 Instructional days; 100 total days

Sem 2 - 93 Instructional days; 97 total days

186 Instructional days

197 Total Days including non instructional days

Chinook 2020-2021 Academic Calendar - OPTION B

AUGUST 2020 ~ Days 2 (0)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 NO SCHOOL Teacher PLC (must attend)	28 NO SCHOOL PD/Admin	29
30	31					

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