

# SAANICH SD63 PROPOSED 2013-14 CALENDAR

The Saanich School Board is distributing a proposed calendar for 2013-2014 for feedback from the parent and guardian community. **FEEDBACK IS REQUIRED BY MONDAY FEBRUARY 18TH, 2013.**

## Proposed SD63 Calendar for 2013/14

The School Act and School Calendar Regulation (2012) require a Board of Education to adopt a calendar for each school year by the end of March in the previous school year. This notice is being provided to employees, partner groups, parents and the community. Board of Education will make a decision at its regularly scheduled public meeting on **March 6, 2013.**

Designation	Proposed Calendar
Number of days in session (September 3 to June 26)	187
Number of days of instruction	181
Number of non-instructional days (students not in session)	6
Schools open	Tuesday, September 3, 2013
Non-instructional day	Friday, September 27, 2013
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2013
Non-instructional day	Friday, October 18, 2013
Non-instructional day	Friday, November 8, 2013
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2013
Winter vacation	Dec 23, 2013 – Jan 3, 2014
Family Day	Monday, February 10, 2014
Non-instructional day	Friday, February 21, 2014
<b>Spring Break *</b>	<b>March 10 – 21, 2014</b>
Non-instructional day	Monday, April 7, 2014
Good Friday/Easter	Monday April 18/21, 2014
Non-instructional day	Monday, May 12, 2014
Victoria Day	Monday, May 19, 2014
Administrative Day (students not in session)	Friday, June 27, 2014
Schools close	Friday, June 27, 2014
Hours of instruction offered – kindergarten	853
Hours of instruction offered – elementary	878
Hours of instruction offered – secondary	952
Minutes of instruction per day – kindergarten	283
Minutes of instruction per day – elementary 1-5	291
Minutes of instruction per day – middle 6-8	300
Minutes of instruction per day – secondary first semester **	304 ***
Minutes of instruction per day – secondary second semester **	328 ***

**\* The proposed calendar includes a week of closure, March 10-14, 2014 and thus a two week spring break. This proposal is predicated on the need to resolve employment matters with unions and to engage in ongoing review of the educational, health and budget effects of a two-week spring break.**

\*\* Secondary semester one has 94 days of instruction; semester two has 87 days of instruction

\*\*\* 304 minutes per day x 94 days = 476 hours; 328 minutes per day x 87 days = 476 hours

**Distributed Learning** – The South Island Distance Education School will offer the same hours of instruction as noted above. SIDES will be open every weekday of the year from July 2013 through June 2014 except statutory holidays, the two week winter vacation (above) and the week of closure March 10-14, 2014. Non-Instructional days will be noted as above, with possible adjustments in order to serve the needs of students. Such adjustments will be based on negotiation with employees, with advance notice to families.

# COPACS SURVEY ON SAANICH DISTRICT PROPOSED 2013-14 CALENDAR

**Please select which level(s) of school that your children currently attend. \***

(You may select any or all levels).

Elementary     Middle     Secondary     None of the above

**Does anyone in your immediate family work for the Saanich School District? \***

Yes     No

**How many children would need supervision during the school closure? \***

(This would include day care, babysitters, help from family members, spring break camps, etc.)

0     1     2     3     4     5     6

**How do feel about the two week Spring Break proposed in 2013/14 calendar? \***

(Choose one option)

Support     Do Not Support

**Comment regarding the impact (positive or negative) of the current 2012/13 calendar or the proposed 2013/14 calendar on your family that you would like to share with the Saanich School Board. (Please include any comments or concerns you would like to share.)**

**Please provide your email address (if available) or your surname. \***

This information will not be shared, but is requested to avoid duplication of replies.

**Thank you for completing the survey and please return it to your school in the envelope marked "COPACS CALENDAR SURVEY" by Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

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