

June 13, 2016



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Even though the school year is winding down, there is a tremendous amount of work that needs to be done in order to successfully transition to the Beaufort building in September. In addition to the construction currently underway, teachers and staff will require time to pack furniture, equipment and materials for the move and time to unpack and prepare the school for the arrival of students.

To facilitate this work, the Halifax Regional School Board has requested a two-day variance to the school year calendar. This request has been reviewed and granted by the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. As a result, classes for students will end one day early this month and begin one day later in September.

Below is a list of the important dates:

**Date**

June 27:	<b>LeMarchant-St. Thomas closed to students</b> to allow staff time to pack
June 28:	Assessment & Evaluation Day (No classes)
June 29:	Last Day of School
September 6:	Organization Day (No classes)
September 7:	Professional Development Day (No classes)
September 8:	School Preparation Day
September 9:	<b>First day school for LeMarchant-St. Thomas students</b>

I understand that changing the calendar at this late date may cause some inconvenience for families. I do apologize if this is the case. The board believes the variance will allow the administration, teachers and staff the time they need to pack/unpack, prepare their classrooms and learning spaces, and be ready for students from the moment they arrive.

If you do have any questions or concerns, I would encourage you to speak with either the principal or vice-principal, or contact me at [agreer@hrsbc.ca](mailto:agreer@hrsbc.ca).

Best wishes for a healthy, relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Regards,

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