YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Policy Title: RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE OF ASH WEDNESDAY AND HOLY WEEK

1. PURPOSE

The York Catholic District School Board recognizes the religious significance and importance of Ash Wednesday and the days and evenings of Holy Week. In order to enable students, staff and all other members of the York Catholic Learning Community to fully engage in their personal faith journey, the Board requires that no meetings or other school sanctioned/promoted events occur during the evenings of these days and that the Winter Break NOT coincide with the days of Holy Week.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the York Catholic District School Board that:

2.1 There will be no York Catholic District School Board meetings, games or scheduled events during the evenings of Ash Wednesday and Holy Week so that parents, pupils, school personnel and other community members are free to attend religious celebrations.

2.2 In determining the school year calendar, the Board shall maintain Monday to Thursday of Holy Week as instructional days, so that Holy Week and the Winter Break shall not be merged.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Director of Education: to ensure that annually, the entire York Catholic Learning Community is made aware of this policy.

3.2 Senior Staff/Principals: to ensure that school communities/departments are aware of the policy and respect the policy by avoiding evening activities on designated days.

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