



# ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS 2015-16 SY

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**CSAB MASTER CALENDAR**

To help with future planning of events in the Archdiocese of Denver Catholic Schools, a Master Calendar was developed by the Catholic Schools Activities Board (CSAB) to help plan upcoming co-curricular events and prepare the calendars.

Second Saturday after Labor Day Last Saturday of October	Games for Fall sports begin Fall sports end
Monday after Thanksgiving Fourth Saturday in January	Basketball games begin Basketball season ends
Last Saturday in January Last Saturday in February	Intermediate Spelling Bee Advanced Spelling Bee
First Saturday in March	Junior High Academic Decathlon
Monday in last week of March Last week of April	Games for Spring sports begins Spring sports end
Third Saturday in October Second Saturday in December	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open Speech Meet 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trophy Speech Meet
Fourth Saturday in January Second Saturday in April Or if Easter coincides, Saturday before Holy Week	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open Speech Meet 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trophy Speech Meet
Near Spring Break	Arts Fair

The co-curricular calendar for the 2015-16 school year follows the proposed CSAB Master Calendar dates as closely as possible based upon how the school calendar maps to the yearly calendar.

**PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION – MANDATORY COACHES AND PARENTS WORKSHOPS**

The Office of Catholic Schools administers the Play Like A Champion Today (PLACT) sports ministry program. The Archdiocese of Denver Catholic Schools currently has three (3) PLACT master trainers available to conduct parents and/or coaches workshops.

Please contact the Office of Catholic Schools at (303) 715-3200 if you are interested in hosting a PLACT workshop at your location. Registration forms generated by the CSAL website are used to register coaches and parents for upcoming workshops. OCS does not register families and/or coaches for the PLACT workshops. All registrations are completed through the CSAL website.

**PLACT trainers must coordinate workshops with the Office of Catholic Schools.**

**Coaches Workshops**

All coaches must attend a Play Like A Champion Today training session prior to coaching a team in the Catholic Schools Athletic League.

**Parents Workshops**

All parents with students in Grade 5 must attend a Play Like A Champion Today training session prior to their child(ren) playing on any sports teams in the Catholic Schools Athletic League. Parents of students that do not participate in the sports ministry, but do participate in the other co-curricular activities are also encouraged to attend a Play Like A Champion Today training session.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE CSAL WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY WORKSHOPS INCLUDING DATES, LOCATIONS AND START TIMES.**

**LIMITED PLAY AND NO PLAY DATES FOR ALL CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Listed below are the limited play dates and no play dates for all co-curricular activities and events. Please note all of these dates and plan/schedule accordingly. **Do not modify these dates and/or start times to meet your needs at the local level.** Thank you.

**LIMITED PLAY DATES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Starting Time for Sporting Events</u>
October 24, 2015	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open Meet – Speech	2:00 pm
December 5, 2015	Catholic High School Placement Test	5:00 pm
December 12, 2015	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trophy Meet – Speech	5:00 pm
January 23, 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open Meet – Speech	2:00 pm
January 23, 2016	Intermediate Spelling Bee	5:00 pm
February 27, 2016	Advanced Spelling Bee	5:00 pm
March 5, 2016	Junior High Academic Decathlon	5:00 pm
April 9, 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trophy Meet – Speech	5:00 pm

**Please note:**

- NO Varsity sports scheduled before 2:00 pm on Open Meet Speech dates. JV sports can be scheduled.
- No Varsity sports scheduled before 5:00 pm on all other limited play dates listed.

**NO PLAY DATES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
December 8, 2015	Holy Day of Obligation – Immaculate Conception
December 19-31, 2015	Christmas Break
January 1-3, 2016	Christmas Break
February 10, 2016	Ash Wednesday
Spring Break 2016	Dates as determined at the local level from Saturday to Saturday
March 24, 2016	Holy Thursday
March 25, 2016	Good Friday
March 26, 2016	Holy Saturday
March 27, 2016	Easter Sunday

**NO SUNDAY PLAY**

Effective with the 2008-09 school year, all co-curricular programs, activities, and events – including sporting events – will no longer be scheduled on Sundays. Rare exceptions to the ‘No Sunday Play’ can be granted by the Superintendent at the Archdiocese of Denver Office of Catholic Schools after consultation with co-curricular program directors.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
December 5, 2015	Catholic High Schools Placement Test
February 12 – 14, 2016	Youth Ministry Mountain Madness
March 24, 2016 – April 1, 2016	2016 Spring Break dates as defined on the 2015-16 approved academic calendar. Dates may vary by school depending upon location and OCS approval.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Listed below are the individuals responsible for the various archdiocesan sponsored co-curricular programs, activities and events for the 2015-16 academic school year. Please keep limited play dates and no play dates in mind when planning all co-curricular programs, activities and events at the local level.

**JUNIOR HIGH ACADEMIC DECATHLON**

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**ARCHDIOCESAN SPEECH ASSOCIATION**

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**ARCHDIOCESAN SPELLING BEE**

**Contact:** *OPEN*

Intermediate Bee = Grades 4 and 5; Advanced Bee = Grades 6, 7 and 8. For your information – the Colorado State Spelling Bee is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2016.

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARTS FAIR**

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC LEAGUE (CSAL)**

**Contact:** *Mark Strawbridge, Principal*  
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(303) 321-6231  
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Do not schedule home games when an archdiocesan event is being held at the school. Registrations for all CSAL sports programs are now completed through the CSAL website at <http://leagueathletics.com>.

**CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR 2015-16 SY**

Listed below are the various archdiocesan sponsored co-curricular programs, activities and events for 2015-16 academic school year by month. Please keep limited play dates and no play dates in mind when planning all co-curricular programs, activities and events at the local level.

**Key**

- Academic Decathlon
- Speech
- Arts Fair
- Spelling
- Athletics
- No Play Dates

Month Year	Day	Program	Activity/Event	Time/Location/Info
<b>July 2015</b>				
	15	Athletics	Fall registration opens	Via CSAL website

<b>August 2015</b>				
	19	Athletics	Athletic Director and New Principal meeting	
	31	Athletics	Fall registration closes	

<b>September 2015</b>				
	1	Athletics	Winter registration opens	Via CSAL website
	1	Athletics	Fall team rosters due	
	1	Athletics	Volleyball/Softball scheduling	
	2	Athletics	Cross Country meeting	
	7	Academic Decathlon	All Call Meeting	4:00 pm St. JP II Center
	8	Athletics	Fall sports season begins	
	9	Spelling	Mandatory Coaches meeting	TBD
	12	Speech	<b>Coaches' Meeting</b>	<b>St. JP II Center</b>
	26	Speech	<b>Critics Training</b>	
	TBD	Athletics	Golf Tournament	

October 2015				
	2-3	Athletics	Volleyball Tournament	
	3-10	Athletics	Basketball Camps	
	10-11	Athletics	Softball Tournament	
	12	Athletics	Winter registration closes	
	24	Speech	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open Meet	BMHS
	26	Athletics	Basketball team rosters due	
	31	Athletics	Fall sports end	

November 2015				
	14	Athletics	Basketball scheduling	
	21	Athletics	Baseball Camp	
	30	Athletics	Basketball season begins	
	TBD	Athletics	Bowling Tournament	

December 2015				
	8	No Play Date	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation	
	9	Academic Decathlon	Registration Deadline	
	12	Speech	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trophy Meet	
	19-31	No Play Dates	Christmas Break	

January 2016				
	1	Athletics	Spring registration opens	
	1-3	No Play Dates	Christmas Break	
	9	Speech	Critics Training	
	23	Speech	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open Meet	
	23	Spelling	Intermediate Spelling Bee	Nativity
	28	Athletics	Basketball season ends	

February 2016				
	4-20	Athletics	Basketball Tournament	
	10	No Play Date	Ash Wednesday	
	17	Athletics	Spring registration closes	
	20	Athletics	Basketball Season ends	
	27	Spelling	Advanced Spelling Bee	SHJ

<b>March 2016</b>				
	7	Athletics	Spring team rosters due	
	5	Academic Decathlon	AoDCS Academic Decathlon	
	12	Athletics	Spring scheduling	
	12	Spelling	CO State Spelling Bee	DU (tentative)
	18-20	Arts Fair	AoDCS Arts Fair	
	21	Athletics	Spring Season begins	
	24-31	No Play Dates	Easter/Spring Break	

<b>April 2016</b>				
	1	No Play Dates	Easter/Spring Break	
	9	Speech	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trophy Meet	
	29	Athletics	Spring Season ends	

<b>May 2016</b>				
	2-14	Athletics	Baseball Tournament	
	2-14	Athletics	Volleyball Tournament	
	31	Athletics	End of year Athletic Director meeting	