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Now that we are approaching the Holiday Seasons, there are few things you should know about the school calendar and school attendance. Whenever possible, you should take your vacation or family trips during the provided school holidays. Avoid taking your child on vacation at critical times during their education, e.g. at the beginning of their academic year or when your child will be taking tests or exams.

You cannot count or expect your child's school to agree to a family vacation during the school term. The school will carefully consider Educational Leave Requests and may take your child's attendance into account. You must ask for an Educational Leave Request form and turn it in at least two weeks in advance of the requested leave date for consideration. Students may be asked to present information from their Educational Leave experience and all make-up work must be completed.

Preston County Schools calendar shows the following days within the Holiday Season:

- November 11 No School-Veteran's day
- November 23 No School-OSE Day
- November 26 No School-Thanksgiving Vacation
- November 27 No School-OSE Day

- December 23 No School- ISE Day
- December 24 No School-Conference Day
- December 25 No School- Christmas Vacation
- December 28 No School- Christmas Vacation
- December 29 No School- Christmas Vacation
- December 30 No School- Christmas Vacation
- December 31 No School- Christmas Vacation

- January 1 No School- New Year's Day

As you can see, with early planning and communication, there are enough days to have a safe, productive and enjoyable family vacation in the upcoming months.

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