



**FRIEND OF THE COURT  
FOR THE  
FIFTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MICHIGAN**

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**HOLIDAYS, BREAKS, AND SPECIAL DAYS SCHEDULE**

HOLIDAY	STARTING TIME	ENDING TIME	EVEN YEARS	ODD YEARS
EASTER	6:00pm Friday	6:00pm Sunday	Mother	Father
MEMORIAL DAY	6:00pm Friday	6:00pm Monday	Father	Mother
INDEPENDENCE DAY	6:00pm July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00pm July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mother	Father
LABOR DAY	6:00pm Friday	6:00pm Monday	Father	Mother
HALLOWEEN	5:00pm	8:00pm	Mother	Father
THANKSGIVING	6:00pm Wednesday	6:00pm Sunday	Father	Mother
CHRISTMAS EVE (24 <sup>th</sup> )	12:00noon	12:00noon on Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mother	Father
CHRISTMAS DAY (25 <sup>th</sup> )	12:00noon	12:00noon on Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Father	Mother

**Birthday Parenting Time:** The parties shall alternate the child(ren)'s birthdays beginning with the mother in even numbered years. Birthday parenting time shall be from 9:00am until 8:00pm. If the child's birthday falls on a school day, birthday parenting time shall be from after school until 8:00pm. If the child's birthday falls on a holiday, the holiday takes precedence over the birthday. Birthday parenting time shall include all minor children of the case.

**Winter (Christmas) Break:** the parties shall share the Winter Break each year as follows:

WINTER BREAK	EVEN YEARS	ODD YEARS
FIRST PORTION	Father	Mother
SECOND PORTION	Mother	Father

Winter Break is defined as 6:00pm the day school recesses until 6:00pm the day before school resumes. The parties are to count the total number of days inclusive in the defined break (not including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays) and equally divide the break in two portions. One day is defined as 6:00pm that day until 6:00pm the following day. If there are an odd number of days in the designated break, the mid-break exchange shall take place at 12:00pm on the day of the exchange. If there are no school age children, the Winter Break is defined as December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm until January 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Spring Break:** The parties shall alternate Spring Break from school each year beginning with the mother having Spring Break in even numbered years. Spring Break is defined as 6:00pm the day school recesses until 6:00pm the day before school is to resume.

**Mother's Day and Father's Day:** Begins Friday at 6:00pm and ends Sunday at 6:00pm.

**Precedence:** Regular parenting time (i.e., alternate weekend and midweek) is not exercised during Spring Break, Winter Break and summer vacation. The weekend parenting time schedule resumes following the designated break periods, using the same rotation that was practiced prior to the start of the break. Holidays take precedence over regularly scheduled parenting time unless otherwise stated in the court order.

**Late Pickup:** Parties are allowed a 30 minute grace period for parenting time exchanges in unexpected circumstances. After 30 minutes, if the child is still at home, parenting time shall be allowed if pickup is at a reasonable hour. If a parent appears later than 30 minutes or is habitually late for exchanges, the other parent may file a written parenting time complaint with Friend of the Court.