Seaford Central Elementary pupil Erika Castrejon and art teacher Jennifer Oakey will be back in school in early August. The school's shortened summer break is part of a new year-round schedule that school officials hope will improve test scores over the coming years.

School's new year-round schedule gets high marks from parents, but it's still too soon to gauge its effect on learning.

By CHIP GUY
Sussex Bureau reporter

School is out at Seaford Central Elementary on Thursday, but this will be anything but an endless summer:

- Pupils have just 35 days off before hitting the books again in early August, two weeks ahead of most other Delaware pupils.
- They’ll be two weeks off as Central has a different schedule and a first-of-its-kind program.

Delaware will still be in school until late June.

By STEVEN CHURCH

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State officials had issued the order after reviewing allegations that he slept in the same bed with a minor on at least 10 occasions in 2001.

The one-time Brandywine Hundred priest has not been charged with a crime.
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