



Bishop James Mahoney High School

Date: August 17, 2026

To: BJM Students - Parents - Guardians

From: Cheryl Fenrich, Principal
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Re: School Opening Information For 2026-2027

*Welcome to Bishop James Mahoney High School for the fall of 2026!
We look forward to welcoming you on September 2nd!*

School Opening Schedule:

Tuesday, August 25 & Wednesday, August 26

- **8:30am-12:00pm / 12:30pm – 3:00pm**
- **School Photos** – come to the school to get your photo taken. Please choose either Tuesday, August 25th or Wednesday, August 26th to get your school photo taken. Pictures will be taken in the Church commons area. Enter the school through the front door and we will direct you to the church hall.
****If you are on holiday, you will be getting your photos taken on Tuesday, September 29th***
- **During our Photo Days**, Grade 9 students, and those students new to GSCS, are welcome to pick up a paper copy of your timetable for 2026-2027 and feel free to walk around the school to find your classes.
- **Timetables for students** will be accessible via the MSS portal on Wednesday, August 26. The MSS tile can be found on the GSCS portal on your student’s account.

Monday, August 31

- GSCS Opening Mass and Institute – **School closed.**

Wednesday, September 2

- First day of classes:

AM – Grade 9 Students Only

8:35 am – 9:00 am	Students meet in the Commons for Grade 9 Orientation
9:10 am – 10:00 am	Period 2/3 (core/homeroom classes)
10:05 am – 10:30 am	Period 1
10:35 am – 11:00 am	Period 4
11:05 am – 11:30 am	Period 5

PM – Grades 10 – 12 Students Only

1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Period 1
1:25 pm – 1:45 pm	Period 2
1:50 pm – 2:10 pm	Period 3
2:15 pm – 2:35 pm	Period 4
2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	Period 5

Wednesday, September 3

- Regular classes begin for all students at 8:30 am.

Information

1. Photographs and Student Cards

Photographers will be at the school on **Tuesday, August 25 & Wednesday, August 26, 8:30am-12:00pm / 12:30pm – 3:00pm**. Photo retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29.

2. Students' Timetables

Schedules will be available on MSS as of Wednesday, August 26th. The MSS tile can be found on the GSCS portal on your student's account.

3. Program Changes

Students are asked to please check their timetable. We are unable to accommodate timetable requests for friends or spare requests, or for personal preference. For schedule changes due to errors or omissions, we will send out a QR form to fill out in August.

4. Locks and Lockers

Locks and lockers will be assigned to students by their **Period 2** teacher. Students are to only use the school locks issued to them either this year or in past years. Students who do not have a Period 2 class should stop by the main office, to be assigned a locker.

5. School Supplies

Students should come to school equipped with a small supply of pens, pencils, a binder, and paper. Teachers will advise students of specific needs.

6. Grade 9 Parent Information Night

A meeting for parents of Grade 9 students is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, at 7:00 PM** in the Commons. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's Core teachers and receive information regarding course objectives, expectations, and assessments for all Gr. 9 courses.

7. Bishop James Mahoney Catholic School Community Council (BJM CCCC) AGM

All parents and eligible community members are invited to the Annual General Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM. We will meet at the front of the school in the office above the fountain. All members of the BJM school community are invited to attend.

8. Website

For further information regarding Bishop James Mahoney High School, please refer to our website at: www.gscs.ca/bjm/

9. School Fees

Students will receive a fee invoice outlining all fees later this fall.

10. **Other Fees**

Athletic fees are under the jurisdiction of SSSAD. Students participating in an athletic team will be charged a small fee (\$20 - \$35) per athletic team. Additional fees will be added depending on the cost of travel, tournaments, and sport apparel. Band and Choir fees may be added to cover the cost of uniforms. Band students who rent instruments from GSCS will see the rental fee statement on their student fees in the fall.

11. **Student Attendance**

To be academically successful, students must attend classes regularly and be on time. Students, parents, and teachers must work together to ensure students have the support necessary to be successful. Parents are responsible for ensuring their child’s regular attendance. Please notify the school before classes start if your child is absent that day. You have two convenient ways to report absences, and you can report planned absences in advance:

- Use [Edsby](#) to indicate when your child will be absent. If you do not have an [Edsby](#) account, you will be sent an invitation to set one up at the beginning of the school year. It is very important to set up an [Edsby](#) account, as this is where you will report absences, view marks and report cards, see upcoming exam or assignment dates, book parent-teacher conferences, and communicate with your child’s teachers.
- If [Edsby](#) is not an option, please call 306-659-7506. Voicemail is available twenty-four hours a day and will record your attendance information.

12. **Extended Absences**

Regular student attendance is very important to complete the outcomes for each curriculum. Please do your best to plan vacations at the designated breaks, as extended absences may impact your child’s academic success. Options such as an outcome taken on cyber school may need to be considered for extended absences.

13. **Cafeteria**

The cafeteria operates on a non-profit basis, and meals are provided at a reasonable cost. We are a nutrition positive school. Cash, debit and credit are accepted at the cafeteria.

Daily Schedule: September 2026 – June 2027

REGULAR SCHEDULE		THURSDAY STAFF MEETING SCHEDULE		SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE	
Period 1	8:30 - 9:40	Period 1	8:30 – 9:15	Period 1	8:30 - 9:30
Period 2	9:45 - 10:55	Period 2	9:20 – 10:05	Period 2	9:35 - 10:35
BREAK	10:55 - 11:05	BREAK	10:05 – 10:15	BREAK	10:35 - 10:45
Period 3	11:05 - 12:05	Period 3	10:15 – 10:55	Period 3	10:45 – 11:35
LUNCH	12:05 - 1:05	Period 4	11:00 – 11:40	Event	11:35 – 12:30
Period 4	1:05 - 2:05	Period 5	11:45 – 12:25	LUNCH	12:30 – 1:25
Period 5	2:10 - 3:10			Period 4	1:25 – 2:15
				Period 5	2:20 – 3:10