

## Important Information and Upcoming Events at Holy Cross – September 2025



Welcome back everyone and welcome to all our new students at Holy Cross. Hope all the students had a great first day of school and are settling back into the routine!

**Grade Level Meetings** on Friday, September 5 in the theatre to review school expectations.

Period 3 – Grade 12, Period 4 – Grade 11, Period 5 – Grade 10.

We will meet with Grade 9 students in their transition classes.

**Welcome Week is September 8 - 12:** The goal of welcome week is to welcome students to Holy Cross in a positive way.

**Tuesday, September 9 – Treats for Grade 9's in Period 3.** School-wide bingo Grade 9s at lunch. Holy Cross Clothing Sale.

**Wednesday, September 10 – Club and Athletic Fair in the commons at noon.** Learn about all of our clubs and extra-curricular activities. Get involved! Holy Cross Clothing Sale.

**Thursday, September 11 – Pep Rally in Period 5.** Wear Green and White!

Welcome week Football game vs BJM 5:15pm at SMF.

Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the game. Grade 9s will receive a non-transferable bracelet at school get in free to the game. Cost of Admission is \$3 for students (need to show last year's student card) and \$5 for adults.

Thank you for following the rules (see student notices for more details) and being good ambassadors of Holy Cross!

**Friday, September 12 – SRC Back to School Bash at noon.** Staff vs Senior Flag Football game.

### **Welcome Mass – Change in Plans:**

We were planning to walk to Holy Spirit Parish, but the church is undergoing construction so we will not be able to have our Welcome Mass there on Sept 16 and 17.

Instead, we will have Welcome Mass here at the school on the following dates in the theatre:

**Tuesday, Sept 23 - Period 4 - Grade 11 classes**

**Wednesday, Sept 24 - Period 5 - Grade 10 classes**

Grade 9's will have a Mass on Retreat day October 1.

Grade 12's will have Mass on Retreat day in June.

**CSCC Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, September 16, 8:30pm in the library:** All parents/guardians are welcome to attend and be a part of our Catholic School Community Council.

### **Grade 9 Parent Night – Tuesday, September 16, 7:00pm**

We will gather in the theatre (and the library if needed) for a welcome from Administration and Student Services. Following that, parents/guardians will follow their child's schedule to meet their Grade 9 teachers and learn about their classes. Use the doors on McEown for entry.

Period 1	7:30 - 7:40
Period 2	7:43 – 7:53
Period 3	7:56 – 8:06
Period 4	8:09 - 8:19
Period 5	8:22 - 8:30

Please ensure you have access to Edsby and your child's schedule as we will not have copies of the schedules available. If you have trouble accessing Edsby, please ask your child to show you their schedule on Edsby and take a screen shot. Thanks for doing this in advance!

**Early Dismissal:** Please note that on **Thursday, September 18**, students will be dismissed at 12:30. Staff will be participating in professional learning in the afternoon, so please ensure your son/daughter has a way home that afternoon. Students need to be out of the building by 12:45. Thanks for your cooperation!

You can visit our school calendar on our website for a schedule of our shortened Thursdays and other school events: <https://www.gscs.ca/hch/page/2080/calendar>

**Orange Shirt Day – Friday, September 26:** We encourage staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 26 to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Tuesday, September 30th will be a day off from school. Holy Cross has a Truth and Reconciliation committee of students and staff who will be planning educational events throughout the year. Every last Friday of the month is T&R Friday and orange shirt day.



**School Lockdown Drill** – Please be advised we will be having a school lockdown drill on Thursday, October 2 at 9:15am. A School Lockdown is implemented when the threat is inside, or thought to be inside, the school. We conduct this drill along with Saskatoon Police Services. Students and staff will be aware this is a drill and we will be reviewing the protocols with the students and staff in advance. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

**Perimeter Lockdown Drill** – Please be advised we will be having a perimeter lockdown drill on Tuesday, October 7 at 9:15am. A perimeter lockdown is implemented because of a threat or potential threat outside the school. During this time, no students or other individuals are permitted to enter or leave the building. School perimeter doors will be locked. No entry or exit is permitted other than at the main entry doors. All in-school routines continue as usual. We expect this drill will last for 10 - 15 minutes on October 7. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

### Holy Cross Accessibility drop off/pick up area and parking:

An important reminder that the Holy Cross front loop on McEown Avenue has our accessibility parking and accessibility drop off/pick up area. This area is marked with signage (wheelchair on sign). This area must be open for drop off /pick up and accessibility parking at all times – during the school day, before and after school hours and on weekends. Thanks for your cooperation!

**Student Media Release:** Please fill out our GSCS Media Release form. The form must be filled out by a parent/guardian; one per student attending Holy Cross:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JC6xfZVFUrcvyb1GUKUJ\\_D9aR-6htJXwae8C3GJtadw/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JC6xfZVFUrcvyb1GUKUJ_D9aR-6htJXwae8C3GJtadw/edit)

It is important for us to know your wishes regarding division and media coverage of student achievements and events during the time your child is a student within our school division. Please note this form also includes permission for your child to be included in the yearbook.

**Student Verification Forms:** Parents - if there are updates to your contact information, address, phone number, emergency contacts, etc , please fill out this form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DOpJ2s8dBI64XW\\_ONNZfdyOUCgNKBI09OzSrKoUT\\_w/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DOpJ2s8dBI64XW_ONNZfdyOUCgNKBI09OzSrKoUT_w/edit)

**New Daily Schedule** – As communicated in June, we have made a few changes to our daily schedule to accommodate students and teachers moving from class to class.

#### ***Regular Day Schedule***

7:28 am – 8:30 am	Morning Class (Specific Students Only)
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Warning Tone</b>
8:35 am – 9:42 am	Period 1 & Morning Prayer
<b>9:42 am – 9:49 am</b>	<b>Break - Cafeteria Service</b>
9:49 am – 10:51 am	Period 2
<b>10:51 am – 10:58 am</b>	<b>Break - Cafeteria Service</b>
10:58 am – 12:05 pm	Period 3 & Daily Notices
<b>12:05 pm – 1:05 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:05 pm – 2:07 pm	Period 4
2:13 pm – 3:15 pm	Period 5

**School Attendance and Absences:** If your child is missing school, please report their absences in advance in Edsby. If your child is going to miss 4 or more days at a time, they must fill out an extended absence form to come up with a plan to get caught up on missed school work (pick up the form from the main office). Regular attendance is essential for student success. Please see our attendance poster below for our attendance support plan. At Holy Cross and in GSCS, we focusing on student attendance as we know it has a significant impact on student successes.



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## Your attendance matters!

### Attendance Support Plan at Holy Cross:

At Holy Cross High School, the following progressive interventions are in place to support student success:

**5 -10 Absences:** The classroom teacher will have a conversation with the student & contact the parent/guardian. The teacher will add a note to Edsby.

**10 – 15 Absences:** Classroom teachers will initiate a SIT (Student Support and Intervention Team) referral. An administrator or counsellor will meet with the student, contact the parent/guardian, and develop a plan for improvement.

**20 Absences or more:** A school administrator will meet with the student and family to discuss options related to student success. This may result in the student being withdrawn from a course(s), enrolled in Cyber school, and/or provided access additional supports (learning assistance tutorial, noon hour tutorial, extension classes, counselling, RAP, etc).