

Important Information and Upcoming Events at Holy Cross – October 2024

Wednesday, October 2 – Grade 9 Retreat at the school. Students will celebrate Mass in Period 1 and then have sessions during their transition classes.

Early Dismissals: Please note that on **Thursday, October 10th** and **Thursday, October 24** students will be dismissed at 12:30. Staff will be participating in professional learning in the afternoon, so please ensure your child has a way home that afternoon. Students need to be out of the building by 12:45. Thanks for your cooperation!

Friday, October 11 - Lockdown drill – We will be running a lock down drill in Period 1. This should only take 10 minutes. A lockdown drill is implemented when there is a threat inside the building. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns

Monday, October 14 – No school. Happy Thanksgiving!

Student-Parent-Teacher conferences – Thursday, October 17 from 4 – 5:45pm and 6:30 – 8:30pm and Friday, October 18 from 8:30am – 12:30pm. Parents/Guardians can sign up for conferences from October 8 – 15 on Edsby. An Edsby notification will come out when the scheduler opens.

Friday, October 18 – No school due to SPT conferences.

Tuesday, October 22 – Grade 12 Graduation Meeting in Period 3 in the theatre. Grad parent night at 7pm in the theatre.

Orange Shirt Day – We encourage staff and students to wear orange on Friday, October 25 to recognize Truth and Reconciliation. Holy Cross has a Living in Harmony Truth and Reconciliation group 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.

CSCC Meeting – **Tuesday, October 9 at 7pm in the office conference room.** All parents/guardians are welcome to attend and be a part of our Catholic School Community Council.

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://forms.gle/YSnCKHAR3xNXvHxV9> . 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://forms.gle/nbqg5win8iCzYrn7>

Driver Education – We are now with Leap Driving School!

To enroll in the Driver Education program, students must register with Leap Professional Driving School Ltd.

Website: www.lpdrivingschool.ca

Call: 306-302-5327

Email : Holycrossdrivered@gmail.com

If you have previously enrolled with Klassen Driving School, please re-register yourself for drivers ed. That registration is no longer in effect.

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 3 or more days at a time, they must fill out an extended absence form from the main office to come up with a plan to get caught up on missed school work. Regular attendance is essential for student success. Please see our attendance poster for our attendance support plan. We are focusing on student attendance and success.



Have your heard...

The use of cell phones in class is off limits in all schools beginning fall of 2024?

The Ministry of Education requires school divisions to develop administrative procedures that limit the use of personal electronic devices in schools.

What does this mean?

Personal devices, including cell phones, will be out of sight and on silent for the entire day in elementary schools. In high schools, this applies to instructional time only.

Why are we doing this?

Research shows that a distraction-free environment dramatically enhances the mental health, learning, and social development of students. It is a directive from the government that all schools in the province will have similar policies in place.

Are there exceptions?

The principal may grant exemptions for students who require personal devices for medical reasons or have other documented accommodations. In high schools, exemptions may be made for specific instructional purposes under the direction of the teacher.

What if I need to contact my child during the school day?

If you need to leave a message for your child, please call the school office and they can pass the message on to your child. We encourage you to review these rules and discuss them at home. Your support is vital in helping us create the best possible learning environment for all students.

**GSCS Personal
Electronic Device
Use Policy**

