

Important Information and Upcoming Events at Holy Cross – September 2024



Welcome back everyone and welcome to all our new students at Holy Cross!

Grade Level Meetings - We are having grade level meetings for Grade 10 – 12 classes on Friday, September 6 to review school guidelines and expectations so we can have a safe, positive school environment for all this upcoming year. We will meet with the Grade 9 classes in the classroom.

Welcome Week is September 9 - 13: The goal of welcome week is to welcome students to Holy Cross in a positive way.

Tuesday, September 10 – Treats for Grade 9s in Period 3. Grade level meetings.

Wednesday, September 11 – Club and Athletic Fair in the commons at noon. Learn about all of our clubs and extra-curricular activities. Get involved!

Thursday, September 12 – Green and White Day! Grade 9 facepainting at noon in the commons (optional). Pep Rally in Period 5. Senior Football Game vs Aden Bowman 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 13 – Games for Grade 9s at noon

Tuesday, September 17 - Welcome Mass at Holy Spirit

Grade 9 and 12 classes will be walking to Holy Spirit Parish in Period 2 and 3 to celebrate Mass. Grade 10 and 11 classes will have liturgy at the school.

Monday, September 23 - No School due to Staff Retreat

Wednesday, September 25 – Photo Retake day

Early Dismissal: Please note that on **Thursday, September 26th** 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!

Orange Shirt Day – We encourage staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 27 to recognize the National Day for 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.

Monday, September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – No School for students



Emergency Procedures – We are reviewing our procedures with staff and students and will be having some fire drills and lock down drills over the next few weeks to practice.

Perimeter Lockdown Drill – Please be advised we will be having a perimeter lockdown drill on Tuesday, September 10 during Period 4. 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 about 10 minutes. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Grade 9 Parent Night – Monday, September 16, 7:00 – 8:30pm

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!

CSCC Annual General Meeting – Monday, September 16, 8:30pm in the library. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend and be a part of our Catholic School Community Council. The meeting will follow the Grade 9 parent night.

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/2KLedX1rZkSTZqtY8>

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.



Holy Cross is better with YOU!

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).