



Holy Cross High School

MEMORANDUM

July 4, 2024

TO: Students and Parents/Guardians
FROM: K. Hayes, Principal
RE: Welcome to Holy Cross High School

Welcome to Holy Cross High School for the fall of 2024! Hope you enjoy the summer break and are looking forward to returning to school on September 3rd.

This memo is to provide information regarding school start up. Thank you for taking the time to read over this important information.

1. School Opening Schedule

Wednesday, August 28	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	School Photos
Thursday, August 29	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	School Photos (8:30 am – 11:30 am – school office closed for opening staff meeting)
Friday, August 30	Division Mass and Institute – School is closed	
Tuesday, September 3	First day of classes	

Grade 9 students attend in the morning ONLY

8:35 – Students meet in Theatre for Grade 9 Orientation

Period 1 9:10 – 9:30

Period 2 9:35 – 10:00

Period 3 10:05 – 10:30

Period 4 10:35 – 11:00

Period 5 11:05 – 11:30

Grades 10 – 12 attend in the afternoon ONLY

Period 1 12:30 – 1:00

Period 2 1:05 – 1:30

Period 3 1:35 – 2:05

Period 4 2:10 – 2:40

Period 5 2:45 – 3:10

**Please note that city transit special bus service will only be available in the morning prior to the 8:30 a.m. start time and at the end of the day following the 3:10 p.m. dismissal. Students who use the special buses must make alternate transportation arrangements after the 11:30 a.m. dismissal and before the 12:30 p.m. start. **

Wednesday, September 4 Regular school day for all students.

2. Photographs

Photographers will be at the school on Wednesday, August, 28th & Thursday, August, 29th from 9:00am – 3:00 pm to take a photo of each student for photo proofs and student cards. All students need to attend one of the days. Retakes will be available on September 25th.

3. Student Timetables

Schedules will be available on MSS as of Wednesday, August 28th. The MSS tile can be found on the GSCS portal on your student's account. Schedules for students new to GSCS will be available for pickup at Student Services on August 28th and 29th.

4. Program Changes

Please note that some students may experience a change in their schedule after the first week in September. We will do our best to minimize these changes; however, adjustments may need to be made to accommodate increased enrolment.

During registration in the spring, students were advised to make sure they knew which courses they wanted in their schedule. Schedule changes will not be accommodated in the fall unless there is an error. Please do not request a change for personal convenience or preference. For schedule changes due to errors or omissions please fill out this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/uH0uvcAJvn>

5. **Student Access to the School**

The school is open on regular school days for students from 7:30am until 4:00 pm. Families should arrange for their children to be picked up by 4:00 pm unless they have a planned extracurricular activity with a staff supervisor.

6. **Locks & Lockers**

Grade 9 students will receive a lock and locker on September 3rd. Students who are in Grade 10 -12 can request a locker through this form: [Grade 10-12 Locker Request Form](#). **The form will be open until end of day on Friday, September 6.** All students must use the blue locks given out by the school. Grade 9 students will also receive a green lock from their Physical Education teacher which is to be used on Phys Ed lockers only. Students who have misplaced their lock or whose lock no longer works may purchase a new lock from the main office. Locks not purchased from the school will be removed by Administration.

7. **School Supplies**

Students should come to school equipped with a small supply of pens, pencils, binder(s), and paper. Teachers will advise students of other specific needs for their classes.

8. **Website**

The school's web site can be found at www.gscs.ca/hch. On our web page you will find the daily student notices, a calendar of events, the school handbook, and other important information about Holy Cross High School. Be sure to check the website regularly for updates and information.

9. **HCCSCC**

The Holy Cross Catholic School Community Council (HCCSCC) will hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday, September 16 at 8:30 pm in the Holy Cross Library (following the Grade 9 parent night). All members of the Holy Cross Catholic school community are invited to attend. Parents wishing to volunteer can email Krista Hayes at khayes@gscs.ca or come to the meeting on September 16 to sign up.

10. **Cafeteria Services**

Regular cafeteria services begin Wednesday, September 4th, 2024. The cafeteria operates on a non-profit basis and provides meals at a reasonable cost.

11. **Absent Reporting Tool**

All absence reporting can be completed on Edsby. Please find a link below for information on how to use Edsby. If you need to be invited to download the link, please contact the school after September 5th.

<https://edsby.com/help/parents>

12. **Student Fees**

School fee invoices will be issued through MySchoolBucks mid-September. Fees are payable to the main office by November 1st, 2024. If this is not possible, please speak with Mrs. D'Souza in the Main Office to make alternate arrangements for a partial payment schedule. If there are difficulties, please see Ms. Hayes. Payment can be made in the form of cash, cheque or debit, or by signing up for the MySchoolBucks App. Please click the link for more information: www.myschoolbucks.ca

We are currently updating our course fees and will be sending out more information regarding amounts in mid-September.

Textbook Fee

Textbooks are supplied with no charge to students; however, students will be charged for any lost or damaged textbooks at the end of each semester.

13. **Band Instrument Rental Fee**

Band students who rent instruments from GSCS will see this rental fee on the Student Fee statement in September.

14. **Fee Refund**

No refunds of student activity fees will be made. Refunds of course fees will be prorated after 15 days into the course up to 35 days. Students who withdraw from a course for which fees have been paid must speak to the main office regarding a refund.

15. **Other Fees**

Athletic fees are under the jurisdiction of the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate. Students participating on an athletic team will be charged \$20.00 for each respective athletic team. The fee is payable to the coach once the student has been selected to the team. There is no refund of this fee; however, there may be additional fees depending on the sport.

Teams or clubs that choose to travel must cover the cost of the excursion, including the teacher supervisor cost. This type of excursion is completely voluntary. Teams or clubs that choose to purchase team apparel take full responsibility for these voluntary purchases.

Each year, student activity fees are based on the needs of the extracurricular program of the school. At the end of an academic year, a surplus may occur. These funds will be directed by the SRC for special projects of the school in the following academic year.

16. **Band & Choir Costs – Assessed by the Music Parent's Association**

<i>Gr. 9 Band</i>	No uniform
<i>Gr. 10 Band</i>	Golf Shirt purchase – price TBD
<i>Gr. 11/12 Band</i>	\$20 uniform rental fee + \$100 damage deposit (postdated cheque for graduating year, or etransfer)
<i>Choir</i>	\$20 uniform rental fee + \$100 damage deposit (postdated cheque for graduating year, or etransfer)

17. Transit Service

Please visit the Saskatoon Transit website at <https://transit.saskatoon.ca/route-and-schedules> for more information and route information.

Holy Cross High School Regular & Shortened Day Schedule 2024-2025

Regular Day

8:30 am	Warning Tone
8:35 am – 9:42 am	Period 1 and Morning Prayer
9:47 am – 10:49 am	Period 2
10:49 am – 10:59 am	Break
10:59 am – 12:06 pm	Period 3 and Daily Notices
12:06 pm – 1:01 pm	Lunch
1:01 pm – 2:03 pm	Period 4
2:08 pm – 3:10 pm	Period 5

Shortened Day

8:30 am	Warning Tone
8:35 am – 9:20 am	Period 1 and Morning Prayer
9:25 am – 10:05 am	Period 2
10:10 am – 10:55 am	Period 3 and Daily Notices
10:55 am – 11:05 am	Break
11:05 am – 11:45 am	Period 4
11:50 am – 12:30 pm	Period 5

Semester 1: September 3, 2024 – January 27, 2025

Semester 2: January 30, 2025 – June 24, 2025

Shortened Dismissal Days – 12:30pm

Thursday, Sept 26th
Thursday, Oct 10th
Thursday, Oct 24th
Thursday, Nov 7th
Thursday, Nov 21th
Thursday, Dec 12th
Thursday, Jan 16th
Thursday, Feb 6th
Thursday, Mar 6th
Thursday, Mar 20th
Thursday Apr 10th
Thursday, May 8th
Thursday, May 29th

No School

Monday, Sept 23rd – Staff Retreat
Monday, Sept 30th – Day in Lieu for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Friday, Oct 18th – SPT Conferences
Monday Dec 23rd – Friday Jan 3rd – Christmas Break
Tuesday, Jan 28th – Turn around day
Wednesday, Jan 29th – Turn around day
Monday, Feb 17th – Feb 21st – February break
Friday, Mar 14th – SPT Conferences
Friday, Apr 21st – Apr 25th – Easter Break
Wednesday, June 25th – Turn around day

Closed Days

Friday, Aug 30th – Opening Institute
Monday, Sept 2nd – Labour Day
Monday, Oct 14th – Thanksgiving
Monday, Nov 11th – Day in lieu
Remembrance Day
Monday, Feb 17th – Family Day
Friday, Apr 18th – Good Friday
Monday, May 19th – Victoria Day

Graduation

Thursday, June 26th – 9:00am

Frequently Called Numbers

Main Office: 659-7600
Attendance Line: 659-7606
Edsby : <https://edsby.com/help/parents/>
Fax: 659-2167
Web Page: www.gscs.ca/hch