

Holy Cross - Important Information and Updates – February 2024

Welcome back - Semester 2 has begun!

February is **Black Futures month**, formally known as Black History month and **Indigenous Storytelling month** so we will also be providing opportunities for our students to be engaged in these events and activities.



Early Dismissal - Please note that on **Thursday, February 6th** students will be dismissed at 12:30 and we will be hosting out Grade 8 feeder school that afternoon. As a result, the main entrance/exit will be closed to our Holy Cross students at 12:30 as buses will be dropping off the Grade 8 students at that time. Please plan to use a different exit that day. Students must also leave the school at 12:30 as the school is closed for the afternoon (unless you are a student leader helping with Grade 8 visits). Thank you for your help and cooperation! We will have staff at the main doors/area to block it off and re-direct traffic.

CSCC Meeting – The next Catholic School Community Council Meeting is Monday, February 10 at 6:00pm at George Vanier School followed by the GSCS CSCC Trustee Meeting at 7:00pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Please contact khayes@gscs.ca, if you plan to attend.

Staff Appreciation Week (February 10 – 14) – Thanks to all our staff for all they do to support our students! The CSCC has provided some treats and lunch for our staff to thank them for all their hard work and efforts!

No school - February Break is from February 17 - 21. The school is closed for the week.

Grade 12 Graduation applications – We will be visiting all the Grade 12 Period 3 classes this month to walk them through the Grad application process.

Grade 10 – 12 Registration for 2025-26 school year – We will be presenting to our students about the registration process from February 10 - 14 and will post the registration handbook and registration information on our Holy Cross website for parents to view. Students will register online, and the deadline is Friday, February 28. If your child has any questions about the registration process, please have them see an Administrator or counsellor at the main office.

Wear Pink to promote Anti-Bullying on Wednesday, February 26



Orange Shirt Day – We encourage staff and students to wear orange on Friday, February 28 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. We will also be planning activities for Indigenous Storytelling Month.



Pick up and drop off of students - The loop in the front of the school is for drop off and pick up of students, but we need to ensure that the loop is open for special needs buses/taxis and for parents picking up students with disabilities to access the drop off spot in front of the main doors. **Please do not block the loop** and use other areas to pick up your child - Porter Street, McEown or Taylor. We understand the school is a busy place before and after school for drop off/pick up with the number of students we have. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we ensure that the loop is available for those who need pick up and drop off right in front of the school.