



TO: Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

FROM: St. Joseph High School
Jason Benson, Principal
Shaun Nechvatal, Vice Principal
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RE: **School Opening Information**

Welcome to St. Joseph High School. As a Catholic High School our mission is to be a welcoming community where we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others, making the world a better place.

We love because He first loved us. John 4:19

Photos for Student ID and Yearbook

All students are required to get a photo taken. Please dress appropriately. These photos are used for student cards and the yearbook. No appointment necessary, simply come to the school on one of these days:

Monday, August 25 – 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (excluding 12:00-12:40)
Tuesday, August 26 – 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (excluding 12:00-12:40)
Extra Photo Days – Thursday, Sept.4 and Thursday, Sept.11
Retake Date: Monday September 29th, 2025 - 8:30am – 3:30 (excluding 12:00pm-12:40pm)

An optional yearbook fee is included on all student fee invoices.

Student Timetables and Daily Schedule

Students will be able to access their timetables on Thursday, August 28. Please check MSS (located in your gscs portal) Timetables will not show in Edsby until the first day of school, Tuesday, September 2.

A link to request a timetable correction will be sent to each student, via Edsby. As indicated in the Spring, corrections will be made for **errors or omissions only**. Corrections will not be made for any other reason.

School Supplies

Teachers will share course requirements over the first few days of classes.

Tuesday, September 2 - First Day of Classes

AM – Grade 9 Students Only

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Administration Welcome to Students. Gym
9:05 am – 9:30 am	Period 1
9:35 am – 10:00 am	Period 2
10:05 am – 10:30 am	Period 3
10:35 am – 10:50 am	Period 4
10:55 am – 11:20 am	Period 5

Grade 10-12

12:30 pm – 12:55 pm	Period 1
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Period 2
1:25 pm – 1:55 pm	Administration Welcome to Students. Grade 10/11 GYM Grade 12 Theater
2:00 pm – 2:20 pm	Period 3
2:25 pm – 2:45 pm	Period 4
2:50 pm – 3:10 pm	Period 5

On Sept. 2, city transit special services will operate on their regular schedule. There will NOT be a special bus at the end of PD 5 for grade 9s or the beginning of PD 1 for grades 10 – 12.

Wednesday, September 3 – First Full day of classes - Regular Schedule

Period 1	8:30 – 9:40
Period 2	9:45 – 10:55
Break	10:55 – 11:05
Period 3	11:05 – 12:05
Lunch / 7	12:05 – 1:05
Period 4	1:05 – 2:05
Period 5	2:10 – 3:10

St. Joseph High School Community Council (CSCC) AGM & Election

All parents and eligible community members are invited to the Annual General Meeting to learn more about the St. Joseph High School Community Council.

For those interested in becoming involved as voting members, **nominations are being accepted for the open positions on the STJ CSCC.** Elected members hold office for two years and individual roles within the council are established annually. The election will be held at the CSCC AGM, which will be held Wednesday September 12th at 7:30, following the grade 9 parent night.

City Transit Service

Please visit the City of Saskatoon website at <https://transit.saskatoon.ca/route-and-schedules> for transit service, including high school specials.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- School Fees**
Students will receive a fee invoice outlining all fees in October.
- Locks and Lockers**
Locks and lockers will be assigned to students by their **Period 2** teacher. Students are to use school provided locks, only. Students who do not have a Period 2 class should see Mrs. Chartier-Anderson, in the attendance office, to be assigned a locker. Grade 9 students will be issued a lock on Thursday, September 4. Grades 10, 11, 12 will be issued locks and lockers on Thursday or Friday.
- Grade 9 Parent Information Night**
A meeting for parents of grade 9 students is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 6:30 PM.**
- Website**
For further information regarding St. Joseph High School, please refer to our website at: www.gscs.ca/jos
- Student Attendance**
To be academically successful, students must attend classes regularly and promptly. Students, parents, and teachers must work jointly to ensure regular and prompt attendance and continual progress in all courses. Parents are responsible for ensuring their child’s regular attendance. Please notify the school, prior to the start of classes, if your child is going to be absent that day. You have two convenient ways to report absences, and you can report planned absences in advance:
 - Use EDSBY to indicate when your child will be absent. If you do not have an EDSBY account you will be sent an invitation to set one up at the beginning of the school year. **It is very important to set up an EDSBY account as this is where you will report absences, view marks, report cards, see upcoming exams or assignment dates and communicate with your child’s teachers.**
 - For attendance reporting and/or attendance information call 306-659-7656. Message Manager is available twenty-four hours a day and will record your attendance information if the phone line is busy.
- Extended Absences**
Regular student attendance is very important to complete the outcomes for each curriculum. Please do your best to plan vacations at the designated breaks, as extended absences may impact your child’s academic success. Options such as cyber school, may need to be considered for extended absences. **Whenever possible, students must fill out an extended leave form at least 1 week prior to missing more than 4 days.**
- Final exams.**
Exams are an essential part of outcome assessment. It is difficult to accommodate absences during final exams. All requests to alter an exam schedule must be made to Mr. Benson, a minimum of 3 weeks in advance.
- GSCS schools are partners in VTRA, please see the attached “Fair Notice” regarding this protocol.
- Please see the attached 2025 Acceptable Use Policy. A reminder that cell phones are not allowed and should not be seen or heard during class time, as per the provincial guidelines.
- Please see the attached notice regarding the ongoing construction for the Rapid Transit Station. Expect delays as you drop off and pick up students. Please plan for delays and arrive early.