



Memorandum
September 2025

TO: Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

FROM: St. Joseph High School
Jason Benson, Principal
Shaun Nechvatal, Vice Principal
Kendal Bayda, Vice Principal
Lynette Bohmann, Vice Principal

RE: **September Memo**

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

Principal's Message

Good afternoon, Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting school year. Thank you for choosing Catholic education at St. Joseph High School.

It always amazes me at this time of year how all the parts come together. Besides starting classes, the gym, fields, hallways, and the theatre are all busy as athletics, clubs and the musical begins - auditions start September 8. There are so many exciting opportunities for students at St. Joseph. We encourage all students to find their niche or better yet, step beyond their comfort zone and discover new possibilities within themselves. There is something for everyone.

As of today, we have 1619 students well above our projected enrollment. In comparison last year's enrollment was 1432. We expect our new portables to be open early October. We have hired three new teachers in the last week, including one today. As a result, we are creating new classes and adjusting timetables. A big thank you to our three Vice-Principals and three counsellors who have already collectively worked hundreds of hours responding to timetable change requests and our new growth. We are adding sections today so their work will continue. Some students will experience a change in their timetable which will be effective tomorrow. Please check Edsby tomorrow morning. I apologize in advance for the disruption.

I have attached a copy of the daily schedules and the yearly calendar.

Sincerely,

Jason Benson
Principal, St. Joseph High School

Theft Prevention

The school is not responsible for personal property. Students are encouraged to use locks and lockers provided. They may not use their own locks. Bike theft is an issue across Saskatoon. Students should use high quality locks that they use properly. The frame and both tires need to be locked. Record bike serial numbers and consider a lock that provides insurance.

Chaplain's Message

Hi parents and guardians, my name is Hannah Berry and I am this year's school chaplain at St. Joseph High School. This is a new role for me but one I am very excited to take on as bringing our faith to life in our Catholic schools is so important to me. Every student deserves to know that the love God has for them is unlike any other and that through faith, they can find a deep sense of meaning, peace and joy in all the chapters of their life.

Throughout the school year, your students have the opportunity to attend mass, experience the sacraments, and connect with others through faith. This month, our opening mass for grade 10, 11 and 12 students will be on September 9 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Our grade 9 students will have mass and other activities at their grade 9 retreat on September 25. I look forward to being a small part of your students' faith journeys, thank you for sending them to our Catholic school.

Upcoming events

Friday, September 12 – 5:15 p.m. Welcome Week Football game, 1995 Time Capsule Reveal
(Student Reveal in the AM, former student and staff reveal 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, September 17 – 6:30 p.m. Grade 9 parent night, 7:30 p.m. CSCC AGM

Monday, September 22 – SRC Retreat

Thursday, September 25 – Grade 9 Retreat

Tuesday, September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Professional Learning Day