



Bethlehem Catholic High School

2023-2024 SCHOOL OPENING MEMO
AUGUST 24, 2023

*Welcome to Bethlehem Catholic High School!
We are looking forward to the upcoming school year!
Please read the information below and share with your parents/guardians.*

School Opening Schedule

Tuesday, September 5th **First Day of Classes**

AM – Grade 9 Students Only

8:40 am – 9:00 am	Administration Welcomes Students (theatre)
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 – 11:00 am	Period 4
11:05 am – 11:30 am	Period 5

PM – Grades 10 – 12 Students Only

12:20 pm – 12:50 pm	Period 1
12:55 pm – 1:25 pm	Period 2
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Period 3
2:05 pm – 2:35 pm	Period 4
2:40 pm – 3:10 pm	Period 5

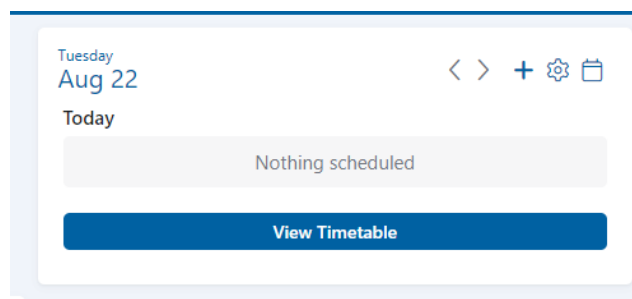
Wednesday, September 6th **Regular school day for all students**

8:38 am	Music plays to alert students to proceed to class
8:40 am – 9:50 am	Period 1 and Morning Prayer
9:55 am – 10:55 am	Period 2
10:55 am – 11:05 am	Break
11:05 am – 12:15 pm	Period 3 and Daily Notices
12:15 pm – 1:05 pm	Lunch
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Student Timetables

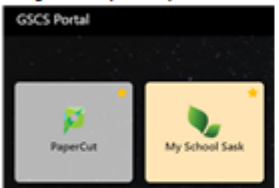
Timetables will be available on Edsby and My School Sask as of August 28th. All students returning from a GSCS school have access to Edsby either through the GSCS Portal by selecting the Edsby tile in their student account or by downloading the app to their handheld device. Schedules for students new to GSCS will be available for pickup at the Main Office as of August 30th.

To view timetables in Edsby, students can go to the Edsby tile in their GSCS portal, log into their student account, and scroll down on the right hand side to select the *View Timetable* button.



Students are asked to review their timetable prior to the first day of school to ensure they have the correct classes. To check over your timetable, please go to *My School Sask* in your GSCS portal and follow the instructions below:

Step 1.
Log into your portal and sign in to "My School Sask."



Click on "My Info" top tab.
Click on "Current Schedule" side tab.

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Current Schedule Demographics Addresses Photo

Contacts Legal First Name [Redacted]

Attendance Legal Middle Name [Redacted]

Assessments Legal Last Name [Redacted]

Notifications Legal Suffix [Redacted]

Requests Pupil # [Redacted]

Learning ID [Redacted]

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Current Schedule Details Time H4

1 - Day 1	
1-6	6 ELA20-c English Language Arts 20
2-1	[Redacted] 211 IST20-a Native Studies 20
3-2	[Redacted] 326 MFO20-e MFO20
4-3	

This will show you your Timetable by period.

Program Changes

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 be made for **educational reasons only**. Please do not request a change for personal convenience or preference. For changes on errors or omissions, please fill out the online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/p1hBEW2MSH>. A counsellor or administrator will message you through Edsby or send an email to your GSCS account once the changes have been made. All change requests must be submitted prior to 4:00 pm on Thursday, September 7th.

Photographs

Photographers will be at the school on Thursday, September 7th for Grade 11 and 12 students and Friday, September 8th for Grade 9 and 10 students to take their photos. Students will be going with their classes for photographs throughout the day. Students will receive a proof package from this sitting later in September. At that time, they may order their photograph. All students are required to get a photo taken. Please dress appropriately (no hats) as these are used for student cards and in the yearbook.

Student Access to the School

The school is open on regular school days for students until **4:00 pm**. Families should make arrangements to have their children picked up from the school by 4:00 pm unless they have a planned extra-curricular activity with a staff supervisor.

School WiFi

Bethlehem doesn't have open WiFi services for students or guests. Students and guests needing to access the internet on their personal devices will need to use their own data.

Locks & Lockers

Locks and lockers will be assigned to all students through the main office. Students will use the same locker as previous years. Grade 9 students will receive their locker assignment and lock from their period 3 teacher on the first day. These are the **black** locks and should be used on their hallway lockers. Locks not purchased from the school will be removed. Grade 10-12 students will continue to use the locks and lockers they had in previous year(s).

Welcome Week

Welcome Week is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 11th. Several school sponsored activities will occur during the week.

Cafeteria Services

Regular cafeteria services begin Wednesday, September 6th. The cafeteria operates on a non-profit basis and provides meals at a reasonable cost.

School Supplies

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

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

Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Information Night

A meeting for parents of Grade 9 students is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 PM** in the theatre.

BCSCC

The Bethlehem Catholic School Community Council (BCSCC) will hold their Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, September 19th at 8:00 pm** in the Bethlehem Library. All members of the Bethlehem Catholic School Community are invited to attend. This meeting is after the Grade 9 parent night at 7:00 pm.

Parents wishing to volunteer to be on the council can contact the school and speak with Ms. Hanlan Stroh or come to the meeting on September 19th to sign up.

Student Fees

School fee invoices will be sent home with students mid-September. Fees are payable to the main office by Tuesday, October 31st, 2023. If this is not possible, please speak with Ms. Chomitzky in the Main Office to make alternate arrangements for a partial payment schedule. If there are difficulties with payment, please contact Ms. Hanlan Stroh. Payments are accepted at the school in the form of cash or debit. **The school no longer accepts personal cheques for payments of any fees including team/travel fees.** Families wishing to pay by credit card can do so on the MySchoolBucks app at www.myschoolbucks.ca.

Students participating in extracurricular sports and activities with fees will receive an additional invoice once the fees for the activity have been assessed. These fees must be paid 15 days within receipt of the invoice.

Website

The school's website can be found at <https://www.gscs.ca/bet>. On our website, you will find regular updates to our daily notices, our school calendar, and other important information.

Transit Service

City of Saskatoon provides bus stops by all Saskatoon high schools. Bus passes and tickets are available for purchase on a reloadable card at the school in 10 ticket, 20 ticket or full month passes. City transit now offers an app where bus passes/tickets can be loaded onto android devices or iPhones. Please visit the Saskatoon Transit website at <http://www.city.saskatoon.sk.ca/org/transit/> for more information.

Current transit rates for high school students are \$2.75 for a single ride (exact change only).



Reloadable student bus cards are available for monthly passes and tickets in multiples of 10 or 20 rides. The cost for these items is:

Reloadable card - \$5

Monthly Pass - \$59 (valid for the month of purchase)

10 rides: \$21

20 rides: \$42

Cards must be registered with Saskatoon City Transit in the event of a card being lost or stolen.

Frequently Called Numbers and Websites

Main Office: 306-659-7900

Fax: 306-659-2203

Attendance: 306-659-7906

Web Page: <http://www.gscs.ca/bet>

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

Regular Day

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Thursday Shortened Schedule

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11:10 am – 11:50 am	Period 4
11:55 am – 12:35 pm	Period 5

Dates to Remember 2023/2024**Semester 1:**

Tuesday, Sept. 5 – Friday, Jan. 26

Semester 2:

Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Tuesday, Jun. 25

Shortened Days – 12:35 pm Dismissal:**Semester 1**

Thursday, Sept. 21

Thursday, Oct. 5

Thursday, Oct. 26

Thursday, Nov. 16

Thursday, Dec. 7

Thursday, Jan. 18

Semester 2

Thursday, Feb. 8

Thursday, Mar. 7

Thursday, Mar. 21

Thursday, Apr. 11

Thursday, Apr. 25

Thursday, May 9

Thursday, May 23

No School:

Friday, Oct. 20 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, Jan. 29 – Semester Turn Around

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Friday, Mar. 15 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, May 27 – Staff Retreat

Statutory Holidays – School Closed:

Monday, Sept. 4 – Labour Day

Friday, Sept. 29 – Truth & Reconciliation Day

Monday, Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving Day

Monday, Nov. 13 – Remembrance Day

Monday, Feb. 19 – Family Day

Friday, Mar. 29 – Good Friday

Monday, May 20 – Victoria Day

Christmas Break:

Monday, Dec. 25 – Friday, Jan. 5

Classes Resume Monday, Jan. 8

Mid-Winter Break:

Tuesday, Feb. 20 – Friday, Feb. 23

Classes Resume Monday, Feb. 26

Easter Break:

Monday, Apr. 1 – Friday, Apr. 5

Classes Resume Monday, Apr. 8