



# Bethlehem Catholic High School

2024-2025 SCHOOL OPENING MEMO  
AUGUST 23, 2024

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> First Day of Classes**

#### **AM – Grade 9 Students Only**

\*if you are a Grade 9 student in a Grade 10 class, you will not have that Grade 10 class on Tuesday.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Regular school day for all students**

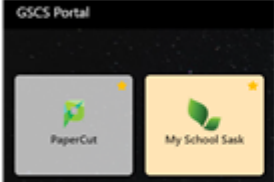
8:38 am	Music plays to alert students to proceed to class
8:40 am – 9:50 am	Period 1 and Morning Prayer
9:55 am – 10:55 am	Period 2
10:55 am – 11:05 am	Break
11:05 am – 12:15 pm	Period 3 and Daily Notices
12:15 pm – 1:05 pm	Lunch
1:05 pm – 2:05 pm	Period 4
2:10 pm – 3:10 pm	Period 5

## Student Timetables

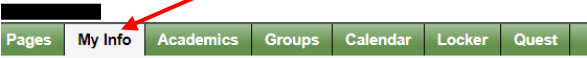
Timetables will be available on *My School Sask* as of Wednesday, August 28. Students are asked to review their timetable prior to the first day of school to ensure they have the correct classes. Students will not be provided with a hardcopy and are asked to come with a printed copy or a photo on their phone. Schedules for students new to GSCS, who didn't previously receive their schedule, can pickup at the main office on Tuesday, September 3.

To review 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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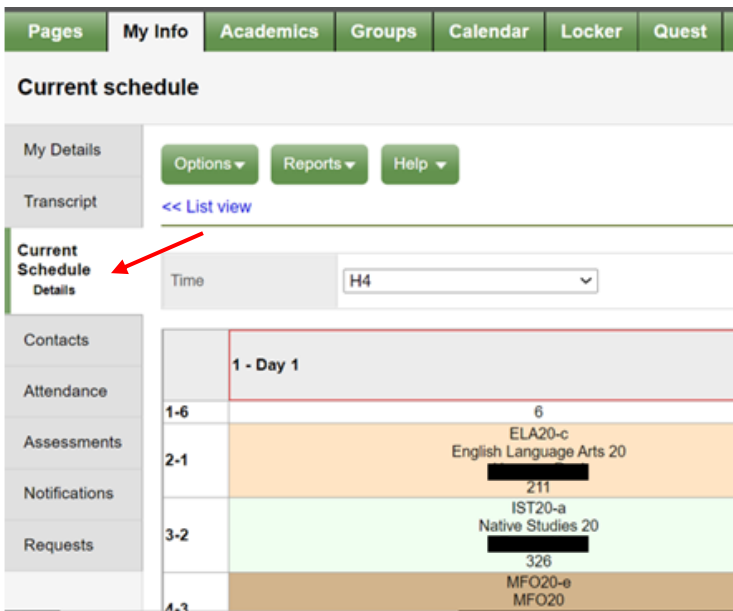
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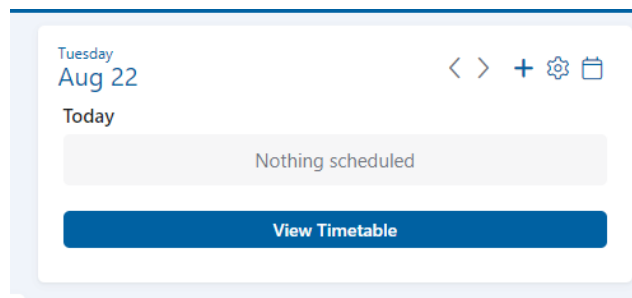
1 - Day 1

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

This will show you your Timetable by period.

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. Timetables will be available on EDSBY as of Friday, August 30.

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.



Tuesday  
Aug 22

Today

Nothing scheduled

View Timetable

### **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. All change requests must be submitted prior to 4:00 pm on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

For students in **Grade 9 & 10**, who have an error or omission in their timetable, please complete the online form: [HERE](#). Mrs. Bodnarchuk or Mr. Hoffman will message you through EDSBY or send an email to your GSCS account once the changes have been made.

For students in **Grade 11 & 12**, who have an error or omission in their timetable, please sign up in front of the main office for a 10 minute block to meet with one of the counsellors. There won't be online or email requests this year. Please schedule your meeting with the appropriate counsellor:

Grade 11 - Mrs. Becker  
Grade 12 - Mr. Boechler

They will be available for schedule changes on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, August 27 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Thursday, August 29 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM  
Tuesday, September 3 - 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

### **Photographs**

Photographers will be at the school on Wednesday, September 4 for Grade 9 & 10 students and Thursday, September 5 for Grade 11 & 12 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.

### **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 9. Several school sponsored activities will occur during the week.

### **Cafeteria Services**

Regular cafeteria services begin Wednesday, September 4. 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/Caregiver Information Night**

A meeting for parents of Grade 9 students is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM** in the theatre.

### **BCSCC**

The Bethlehem Catholic School Community Council (BCSCC) will hold their Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 pm** in the Bethlehem Library. All members of the Bethlehem Catholic School Community are invited to attend. This meeting is before 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 17 to sign up.

### **Student Fees**

School fee invoices will be sent home with students mid-September. Fees are payable to the main office by Friday, November 1, 2024. 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 doesn't accept 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](http://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/>

## Student Fee Structure 2024-2025

### Student Fees

School fees are assigned to all students based on their enrollment and courses they are registered for each school year. Fees are assigned to all courses that have consumable costs associated with them. Course fees are non-refundable if a student chooses to discontinue the course more than 15 days into the semester.

#### **General Fees**

GSCS High School Supervision Fee	\$ 22.50
SRC Fee	\$ 40.00
Yearbook <b>(optional) – must be paid prior to November 1<sup>st</sup></b>	\$ 40.00
Hallway Lock (purchased in Grade 9 year and used for all 4 years of schooling)	\$ 15.00

\*\* If you choose not to receive a yearbook, you will not be charged for it. The decision to receive a yearbook is a final decision. Yearbooks will be ordered based upon payments received.

#### **Graduation Fees** (assigned to all students in their grade 12 year)

This fee includes the rental of facilities, graduation gowns and stoles, and other costs related to school coordinated Graduation activities.	65.00
Eligibility for graduation is outlined in the Student Handbook	

#### **Honours Programs**

Advanced Placement Exams (occur in May of Grade 12 year)	125.00
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#### **Fine Arts Fees** (Expendable supplies for each program – additional fees may be required for projects)

Arts Education 90	15.00
Band 90 / 10 / 20 / 30	35.00
Band Instrument Rental (GSCS Division Instruments based on availability)	120.00
Band Percussion Rental	65.00
Choral 90 / 10 / 20 / 30	10.00
Dance 10 / 20 / 30	75.00
Drama 10 / 20 / 30	15.00
Graphic Arts 20 / 30	20.00
Guitar 10 / 30	10.00
Photography 10	20.00
Photography 20 / 30	30.00
Visual Arts 10 / 20 / 30	30.00

#### **Physical Education Fees**

Gym Uniform	25.00
Shorts Only	15.00
Shirt Only	10.00
Physical Education 90	5.00
Wellness 10	5.00
Personal Fitness 20 / 30	125.00
Physical Education Competitive Sports 20 / 30	125.00
Physical Education Rec & Leisure 20 / 30	125.00

#### **Practical Arts Fees** (Expendable supplies for each program – additional fees may be required for projects)

Animation Survey Course 20 / 30	25.00
Construction and Carpentry 10	150.00
Commercial Cooking 10 / 20	50.00
Cabinet Making 20 / 30	30.00
Communication Media 10 / 20 / 30	25.00
Computer Science 20 / 30	10.00
Clothing Textile Fashion 10 / 20 / 30	30.00
Career and Work Exploration 10 / 20 / 30	20.00
Digital Media 90	10.00
Food Studies 30	50.00
Home Economics 90	50.00
Hairstyle & Esthetics 30	30.00
Industrial Arts 90	70.00

Interior Design 30	30.00
Robotics & Automation 10 / 20	65.00
Welding A	150.00
Welding B	50.00
Wildlife and Habitat Studies 20	50.00

***Social Sciences Fees***

Indigenous Studies 10 / 20 / 30	30.00
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***Extra Curricular Fees***

There is a fee for all Athletic Extracurricular teams. These fees are assigned by SSSAD/Bethlehem Athletics and Coaches.

**SSSAD Fee** – this fee is assigned by SSSAD and varies for each sport. The fee is used to cover the costs of officials, facility rentals, and other costs incurred by SSSAD.

**Bethlehem Athletics Fee** – this fee is used to cover the costs of uniforms, equipment and other costs incurred by the school to maintain the sport.

**Team Fees** - The team fees are determined for each sport based on tournament costs (including travel and hotel), clothing orders, transportation for the team (Sr. Football buses), windup, etc.

**Regular Day**

<b>8:38 am</b>	Music plays to alert students to proceed to class
<b>8:40 am – 9:50 am</b>	Period 1 and Morning Prayer
<b>9:55 am – 10:55 am</b>	Period 2
<b>10:55 am – 11:05 am</b>	Break
<b>11:05 am – 12:15 pm</b>	Period 3 and Daily Notices
<b>12:15 pm – 1:05 pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1:05 pm – 2:05 pm</b>	Period 4
<b>2:10 pm – 3:10 pm</b>	Period 5

**Thursday Shortened Schedule**

<b>8:38 am</b>	Music plays to alert students to proceed to class
<b>8:40 am – 9:25 am</b>	Period 1 and Morning Prayer
<b>9:30 am – 10:10 am</b>	Period 2
<b>10:15 am – 11:00 am</b>	Period 3 and Daily Notices
<b>11:00 am – 11:10 am</b>	Break
<b>11:10 am – 11:50 am</b>	Period 4
<b>11:55 am – 12:35 pm</b>	Period 5

**Dates to Remember 2024/2025****Semester 1:**

Tuesday, Sept. 3 – Monday, Jan. 27

**Semester 2:**

Wednesday, Jan. 29 – Friday, June 20

**Final Assessments:****Semester 1:**

Tuesday, Jan. 21 – Monday, Jan. 27

**Semester 2:**

Monday, Jun. 16 – Friday, Jun. 20

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

Thursday, Sept. 26

Thursday, Oct. 10

Thursday, Oct. 24

Thursday, Nov. 7

Thursday, Nov. 21

Thursday, Dec. 12

Thursday, Jan 16

**Semester 2:**

Thursday, Feb. 6

Thursday, Mar. 6

Thursday, Mar. 20

Thursday, Apr. 10

Thursday, May 8

Thursday, May 29

**No School:**

Friday, Oct. 18 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, Jan. 28 – Semester Turn Around

Friday, Mar. 14 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, Jun. 23 – Friday, Jun. 27 – Semester End

**Statutory Holidays – School Closed:**

Monday, Sept. 2 – Labour Day

Monday, Sept. 30 – Truth &amp; Reconciliation Day

Monday, Oct. 14 – Thanksgiving Day

Monday, Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day

Monday, Feb. 17 – Family Day

Friday, Apr. 18 – Good Friday

Monday, May 19 – Victoria Day

**Christmas Break:**

Monday, Dec. 23 – Friday, Jan. 3

Classes Resume Monday, Jan. 6

**Mid-Winter Break:**

Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Friday, Feb. 21

Classes Resume Monday, Feb. 24

**Easter Break:**

Monday, Apr. 21 – Friday, Apr. 25

Classes Resume Monday, Apr. 28

# 2024 – 2025 Student Media Release

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Collection of Personal Information for Use in Educational Tools**

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools utilizes various software, websites, and mobile applications in our educational programs, some of which require the collection of personal information from students. This information may include names, school, grade, email addresses, and other data that is necessary for the proper functioning of these tools and services.

We want to assure you that the collection, use, and storage of personal information is done in accordance with the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (LA FOIP). We take the privacy of our students seriously and we follow all applicable laws and regulations to ensure that their personal information is protected.

More information on how we protect the privacy of you and your child can be found in Administrative Policy [DJB Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy](#)

## **Additional Information Regarding Media Consent**

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools occasionally publishes students' names, photographs and academic/extracurricular achievements in a variety of formats within the division. This information is used for educational, instructional, informational or promotional purposes at the classroom, school and division levels. At times, we may also invite the media to school events where your child is a participant.

It is important for us to know your wishes regarding division and media coverage of student achievements and events during the time your child is a student within our school division.

**Please complete the form below and return it to your child's school.** *This consent may be revoked at any time in writing and delivered to the school office.*

## **Part 1 - Use of Student Images and Online Services for Learning Purposes**

I understand that students and teachers use various online cloud services for teaching and learning, assessing outcomes and sharing student work. Online services may include the use of student work, pictures and/or videos in the classroom or at home, as determined by teachers.

***Please choose ONE of the following options:***

- I give permission for my child's image and work to be used for educational purposes as indicated above.
- I do not give permission for my child's image and work to be used for educational purposes as indicated above.

## **Part 2 – Permission for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Division Use**

**A.** I agree and give permission for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS) to photograph and record (including audio and video), my child's image, student work and performance for division use. GSCS may display, publish or distribute these works in GSCS promotions and publications. This may include posting on the GSCS website, posting on social media sites, and/or broadcasting on television, radio or online, as determined by GSCS. Please note that this includes the use of your child's first name.

***Please choose ONE of the following options:***

- I give permission for my child's image, student work, performance and first name to be used for division use as described above.



- I do not give permission for my child's image, student work, performance and first name to be used for division use as described above.

**B.** I understand that my child's image, student work and name may be used in the publication of a school yearbook. Student images include individual composite photos as well as group pictures of school events or activities (including sports teams, concerts, field trips, spirit days etc.) Yearbooks will be distributed to students within the school community. Please note this includes the use of your child's first and last names.

**Please choose ONE of the following options:**

- I give permission for my child's image, student work and name (first/last) to be used for division use as described above.
- I do not give permission for my child's image, student work and name (first/last) to be used for division use as described above.

### **Part 3 – Permission for External Media Coverage**

I understand that external media organizations may attend school events, and as a result, my child's full name, image, student work, performance, and/or interview may be photographed and recorded (including audio and video) for the purpose of being published and/or broadcast online (including social media), on television or radio. Please note that external media coverage includes the use of your child's full name.

**Please choose ONE of the following options:**

- I give permission for my child's image, student work, performance and full name to be used for external media coverage as described above.
- I do not give permission for my child's image, student work, performance and full name to be used for external media coverage as described above.

**I have read this *Student Media Release Consent Form*, and I fully understand the contents and meaning of this release. I understand that I am free to contact the principal with any questions regarding this release.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of parent or guardian (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Signature of student (If 18 years or older):** \_\_\_\_\_



**Understanding Student Extended Leaves**

The Education Act outlines the legal responsibilities of parents/guardians with respect to their children’s attendance at school, and explains exceptions and special situations that are pertinent to the following information. Bethlehem Catholic High School offers parents and students the following information in accordance with The Education Act.

- Students and parents should ask questions and gather information to make an informed choice about taking extended time away from school (5 days and longer).
- The personal benefits of out-of-school activities must be weighed against the academic costs associated with absence.
- High school education is interactive, experience-based, and collaborative, therefore, simply ‘getting the work you missed’ isn’t an effective substitute for what happens in the classroom, lab, athletic venue, studio, or shop.
- High school teachers do not have pre-packaged lessons to hand out.
- Missing out on instruction, discussion, and hands-on learning will be an unavoidable consequence of extended absence.
- Students are responsible for completing the provided learning and assessments during their absence and upon their return, being caught up in the class so they can progress with the other students.

Students: *I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the information provided.*

**Student signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Process before the leave:**

\_\_\_ Students/parents will pick up a *Student Extended Leave form* from the Attendance Secretary at least **two weeks before the absence**.

**Date picked up:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ The student will ask their teachers about the instruction and assessment that will be missed and to indicate this information on the form. The instruction and assessment that will be missed may be provided by the teacher or may be completed online through cyber school.

\_\_\_ Parents will sign the form after reading the information provided above and after their child has discussed the plan with their teachers. Will your child have access to internet and a computer (please circle)? **Yes/No**

**Parent signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ At least one week before the absence and once the form is **completed**, the student meets with the principal to discuss the plan for the instruction and assessment missed during the absence.

**Principal signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ If an online cyber school option is being provided, the student will meet with a vice-principal. VP/counsellor will email teachers and provided completed form to Ms. Okemwa.

**Vice-Principal:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Process after the leave:**

\_\_\_ The student will speak with each of their teachers regarding their progress with their instruction and assessments missed during their absence. If an online cyber school option was provided, the student will also meet with the vice-principal who set it up.