

## Holy Cross - Important Information and Updates – February 2026

Welcome back - Semester 2 has begun!

**February is 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 5th** 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.

**Staff Appreciation Week (February 9 – 13)** – Thanks to all our staff for all they do to support our students! The CSCC will be providing some treats and lunch for our staff to thank them for all their hard work and efforts. Thank you to our parents and CSCC for their support.

**No school** - February Break is from February 16 - 20. The school is closed for the week.

**Grade 12 Graduation applications** – We will be meeting with all the Grade 12 Period 3 classes this month to walk them through the Grad application process and review graduation requirements. If you are in Grade 12 and have a Period 3 spare, please attend the session on Thursday, February 12 at noon in the library. Sign up in student services.

**Grade 10 – 12 Course Registration for 2025-26 school year** – We will be presenting to our students about the registration process from February 2 - 9 and will post the registration handbook and registration information on our Holy Cross website for parents to view. Students need to register online and the deadline to complete course selection is Friday, February 27. If your child has any questions about the registration process, please have them see an Administrator or counsellor at the main office.

**Tuesday, February 24 at 7pm** - We will be having Registration Information Session for parents:

Current Grade 9 parents – theater, Current Grade 10 parents – commons, Current Grade 11 parents – library

**Advanced Placement Presentation at 8pm in the library** - Advanced Placement programming is for students in Grade 12 who excel in the academic area and want to potentially earn a University Credit. We currently offer AP programming for Biology, Chemistry, Calculus, English, French Immersion, Art, and Music. Students register for

these programs in Grade 11. Students and parents are invited to come to this presentation to learn more about the program.

**Wear Pink to promote Anti-Bullying on Wednesday, February 25**



**Orange Shirt Day** – We encourage staff and students to wear orange on Friday, February 27 to show support for Truth and Reconciliation. 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 accessibility needs 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.