



Bethlehem Catholic High School

2026-2027 SCHOOL OPENING MEMO
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

Welcome to Bethlehem Catholic High School!
Although this year will be unique,
we remain hopeful, grateful, and excited to begin the upcoming school year together.
Please read the information below and share with your parents/caregivers.

School Schedule for Semester 1

Wednesday, September 2 (Day A) First Day of Classes

AM – Grade 9 & 10 Students

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Administration Welcomes Students (gym)
8:35 am – 9:10 am	Period 1 AM
9:13 am – 9:48 am	Period 2 AM
9:51 am – 10:26 am	Period 3 AM
10:29 am – 11:04 am	Period 4 AM
11:07 am – 11:42 am	Period 5 AM

PM – Grades 11 & 12 Students

11:48 am – 12:18 pm	Administration Welcomes Students (gym)
12:23 pm – 12:58 pm	Period 1 PM
1:01 pm – 1:36 pm	Period 2 PM
1:39 pm – 2:14 pm	Period 3 PM
2:17 pm – 2:52 pm	Period 4 PM
2:55 pm – 3:30 pm	Period 5 PM

Thursday, September 3 (Day B) (Students will follow this daily schedule each day for Semester 1):

AM – Grade 9 and 10 Student

8:00 am – 8:42 am	Period 1 AM
8:45 am – 9:27 am	Period 2 AM
9:30 am – 10:12 am	Period 3 AM
10:15 am – 10:57 am	Period 4 AM
11:00 am – 11:42 am	Period 5 AM
11:48 am - 3:30 pm	Supported Learning Time

PM – Grades 11 and 12 Students

8:00 am – 11:42 am	Supported Learning Time
11:48 am – 12:30 pm	Period 1 PM
12:33 pm - 1:15 pm	Period 2 PM
1:18 pm - 2:00 pm	Period 3 PM
2:03 pm - 2:45 pm	Period 4 PM

Supported Learning Time

Supported Learning Time is a flexible learning opportunity designed to ensure that students have access to additional teacher support and learning opportunities when needed. Please see the additional attachment for more information regarding Supported Learning Time.

Student Access to the School

Students are asked to arrive at the school no more than 20 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled school day and leave no more than 20 minutes after their scheduled day unless they are accessing Supported Learning Time. Students who remain at school due to extracurricular commitments, transportation arrangements, or other school-related responsibilities are required to attend Supported Learning Time. To maintain a productive learning environment, students will not be permitted to congregate in hallways, the commons area, or other unsupervised spaces during SLT, as this may disrupt the learning of others.

Locks & Lockers

All lockers are assigned through the main office of the school to students in Grade 9 and 10 each school year. All students must use a lock purchased from the school (black lock) on their hallway lockers. If you have misplaced your lock from previous years, you may purchase a used lock from the attendance office for \$10.

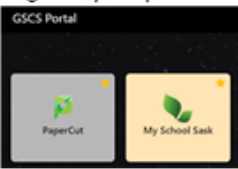
- Students in Grade 9 will receive their locker assignment and lock from their period 3 teachers on the first day of classes.
- Students in Grade 10 will receive their locker assignment from their period 3 teachers on the first day of classes. Please bring your lock from last school year with you and place it on your locker once you have received your new locker assignment.
- Students in Grades 11 and 12 may request a lock from the attendance office beginning Tuesday, September 8.

Student Timetables

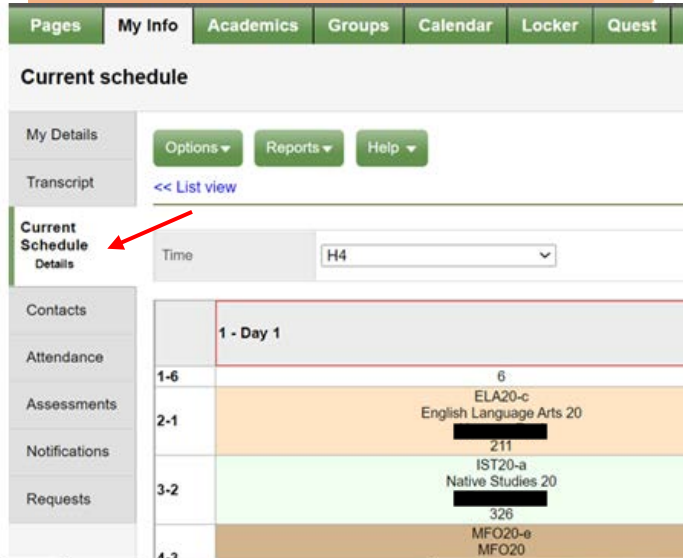
Timetables will be available on EDSBY and *My School Sask* by 12:00 pm on Wednesday, August 26. Students are asked to review their timetable prior to the first day of school to ensure they have the correct classes. Students will not be provided with a paper copy and are asked to come with a printed copy or a photo on their phone.

To review your timetable, please go to *My School Sask* in your GSCS portal and follow the instructions below:

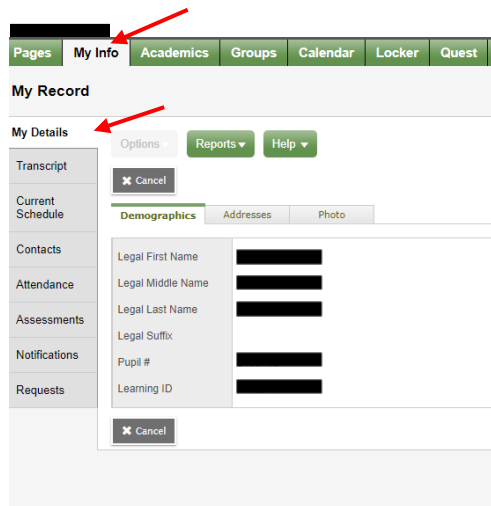
Step 1.
Log into your portal and sign in to "My School Sask."



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



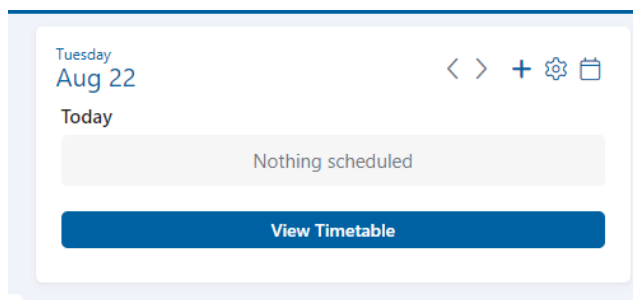
1 - Day 1	
1-6	6 ELA20-c English Language Arts 20
2-1	211 IST20-a Native Studies 20
3-2	326 MFO20-e MFO20
4-3	



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 to students on EDSBY as of Wednesday, August 26. Parents will not be able to view next year's classes through EDSBY at this time.

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.



Schedule 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 changes in enrolment.

During course selection 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 3**.

For students who notice an error or omission in their timetable, please send an EDSBY message to the appropriate staff member(s). For example, if you are a Grade 11 student requesting a timetable change, please message both Ms. Puto and Ms. Deacon. In your message, clearly outline the requested change and the reason for it. Please note that timetable change requests may result in additional adjustments to your overall schedule. Be sure to check EDSBY regularly for updates regarding your request and any schedule changes.

Grade 9 – Mr. Fenrich
Grade 10 – Mrs. Bodnarchuk & Mr. Herrick
Grade 11 – Ms. Puto & Ms. Deacon
Grade 12 - Mr. Boechler & Ms. Pewapisconias

If you would like to meet with a counsellor to discuss credits, graduation, and/or post-secondary requirements, please make an appointment at student services with Ms. Okotinsky, 306-659-7909. All change requests, including appointments for changes, must be made prior to 4:00 pm on Thursday, September 3.

If you are leaving French Immersion, Band and/or Choir, please speak with Mme. Vermette (French) or Ms. Strong/ Mr. Snell (Band/Choir) prior to requesting a change.

Photographs

Photographers will be available at the Shaw Centre on Wednesday, September 2 and Thursday, September 3 for students to have their school photos. Students in Grades 11 and 12 are asked to go to the Shaw Centre in the morning and students in Grades 9 and 10 are asked to go to the Shaw Centre in the afternoon on either of these days to have their photo taken. Please do not go for your school photo when you are scheduled to be in class. Please report directly to the photo area and exit the Shaw Centre immediately after having your photo taken.

These photos will be used for your Student ID card, yearbook, and EDSBY. All students are required to have a photo taken. Students missing having their photo taken on either of these days may not receive a student ID card or have an image for the yearbook.

Students will receive a proof package from this sitting later in September. At that time, they may order their photograph. Please dress appropriately (no hats) as these are used for student cards and in the yearbook.

Cellphones

Cellphones are not permitted during class time across K-12 schools in Saskatchewan. Students will keep personal electronic devices out of sight and on silent mode or off during instruction. This includes texting, calling, accessing social media, browsing the internet, or using any applications. As well, students are not permitted to use headphones and/or ear buds during instructional time, as all phones are to be out of sight, in silent mode or off during class time. Therefore, students aren't allowed to listen to music in class, from their phones.

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/>.

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 students chose to discontinue the course more than 15 days into the semester.

School fee invoices will be sent home with students mid-September. Fees are payable to the main office by Friday, October 30. If this is not possible, please speak with Ms. Chomitzky in the Main Office to make alternate arrangements for a payment schedule. If there are difficulties with payment, please contact Ms. Hanlan Stroh. Payments are accepted at the school in the form of cash, credit 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.

Students with past due amounts from previous school years will be receiving an invoice during the second week of school. Families are asked to please take care of these invoices prior to Monday, September 21.

Students wishing to participate in extracurricular activities, including participation on school teams; and out of school excursions such as music tours, outdoor education excursions, etc. must have all school fees paid in advance of extracurricular fees and excursion payments being accepted.

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: \$62.00 (valid for the month of purchase)

30 Day Pass: \$62.00

20 rides: \$45.00

10 rides: \$22.50

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/



GSCS Student Media Release Consent Form

Name of Student: _____

Grade: _____

Collection of Personal Information for Use in Educational Tools

Within Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, students and staff utilize Division-approved online educational tools, 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. Please note this consent form does not apply to student images and work on Edsby. Edsby is password protected and not accessible to the public. Information is shared with students and parents/caregivers within the class for educational purposes.

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 a particular school 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. Otherwise, it is valid as long as your child attends this school.

Part 1 - Use of Student Images & Work for Learning Purposes

I understand that students and teachers use various online educational tools for teaching and learning, assessing outcomes and sharing student work. Online tools may include the use of student work, pictures and/or videos as determined by teachers. Each educational tool undergoes review to ensure compliance with privacy and data security standards, educational merit, and to prevent unnecessary sharing of student information.

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.



GSCS Student Media Release Consent Form

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):** _____



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STUDENT EXTENDED LEAVE FORM

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 the attendance secretary.

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.