



# Holy Cross High School

## MEMORANDUM

June 26, 2026

**TO: Students and Parents/Guardians**  
**FROM: K. Hayes, Principal**  
**RE: Welcome to Holy Cross High School**

Welcome to Holy Cross High School for the fall of 2026! Hope you enjoy the summer break and are looking forward to returning to school on September 2nd.

This memo is to provide information regarding school start up. Thank you for taking the time to read over this important information.

### 1. School Opening Schedule

<b>Tuesday, August 25</b>	8:30 am – 3:30 pm	School Photos in the main gym
<b>Wednesday, August 26</b>	8:30 am – 3:30 pm	School Photos in the main gym
<b>Monday, August 31</b>	Division Mass and Institute – School is closed	
<b>Wednesday, September 2</b>	First day of classes	

#### **Grade 9 students attend in the morning ONLY**

8:35 – Students meet in Theatre for Grade 9 Orientation

Period 1 9:10 – 9:30

Period 2 9:35 – 10:00

Period 3 10:05 – 10:30

Period 4 10:35 – 11:00

Period 5 11:05 – 11:30

#### **Grades 10 – 12 students attend in the afternoon ONLY**

Morning Class 12:00 – 12:25 (CMA20/30 – Rapin, Foods 30 - Wihak, Wellness10 Basketball - Rutten)

Period 1 12:30 – 1:00

Period 2 1:05 – 1:30

Period 3 1:35 – 2:05

Period 4 2:10 – 2:40

Period 5 2:45 – 3:10

\*\*Please note that city transit special bus service will only be available in the morning prior to the 8:30 a.m. start time and at the end of the day following the 3:10 p.m. dismissal. Students who use the special buses must make alternate transportation arrangements after the 11:30 a.m. dismissal and before the 12:30 p.m. start. \*\*

**Thursday, September 3** - Regular school day for all students.

### 2. School Photos

Photographers will be at the school on Tuesday, August 25 & Wednesday, August 26 from 8:30am – 3:30 pm to take a photo of each student for photo proofs and student cards. Students - please dress appropriately for school and no hats. We would like all students to get their school photos taken on these days. If you miss it, you will have to wait until retakes. Retakes will be available on Monday, September 28 in the library.

### 3. Student Timetables

Schedules will be available on MSS as of Wednesday, August 26th. The MSS tile can be found on the GSCS portal on your student's account. Schedules for students new to GSCS will be available for pickup at Student Services on August 26th, if they cannot access them on MMS.

### 4. Program Changes

Please note that 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 not be made in the fall unless there is an error. Please do not request a change for personal convenience or preference. For schedule changes due to errors or omissions please fill out this form (closes Thursday, September 3 at 3:30pm): <https://forms.office.com/r/FYqxqWwBCB>

## 5. Student Access to the School

The school is open on regular school days for students from 7:30am until 4:00 pm. Families should arrange for their children to be picked up by 4:00 pm unless they have a planned extracurricular activity with a staff supervisor.

## 6. Locks & Lockers

Grade 9 students will receive a lock and locker on September 2. Students who are in Grade 10 -12 can request a locker through this form: [Grade 10-12 Locker Request Form](#). **The form will be open until end of day on Friday, September 4.** All students must use the blue locks given out by the school. Grade 9 students will also receive a green lock from their Physical Education teacher which is to be used on Physical Education lockers only. Students who have misplaced their lock or whose lock no longer works may purchase a new lock from the main office. Locks not purchased from the school will be removed by Administration.

## 7. School Supplies

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

## 8. School Communication – Website and Edsby

The school's web site can be found at [www.gscs.ca/hch](http://www.gscs.ca/hch). On our web page you will find the daily student notices, a calendar of events, the school handbook, Edsby instructions, and other important information about Holy Cross High School. Be sure to check the website and Edsby regularly for updates and important information.

## 9. HC CSCC

The Holy Cross Catholic School Community Council (HCCSCC) will hold their Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, September 15 at 8pm** in the Holy Cross Library (following the Grade 9 parent night). All members of the Holy Cross Catholic school community are invited to attend. Parents wishing to volunteer can email Krista Hayes at [khayes@gscs.ca](mailto:khayes@gscs.ca) or come to the meeting on September 15 to sign up.

## 10. Cafeteria Services

Regular cafeteria services begin Thursday, September 3, 2026. The cafeteria operates on a non-profit basis and provides meals at a reasonable cost.

## 11. Absent Reporting Tool

All absence reporting can be completed on Edsby. Please find the link below for information on how to use Edsby. If you need to be invited to download the link, please contact the school after September 2.

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

## 12. Student Fees

School fee invoices will be issued through MySchoolBucks at end of September and are payable by November 2, 2026. If this is not possible, please speak with Mrs. D'Souza in the Main Office to make alternate arrangements for a partial/monthly payment schedule. If there are financial difficulties, please discuss them with Ms. Hayes.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque addressed to 'Holy Cross High School' or debit at the school main office. Credit card payment can be made by logging into [www.myschoolbucks.ca](http://www.myschoolbucks.ca)

We are updating course fees and will communicate an updated list in the fall. The current course fees are outlined in our registration handbook [REGISTRATION BOOKLET 2026-2027.pdf](#)

## 13. Band & Choir Costs – Assessed by the Music Parent's Association

<b>Gr. 9 Band</b>	No uniform
<b>Gr. 10 Band</b>	Golf Shirt purchase – \$25.00
<b>Gr. 11 Band</b>	<b>no additional charges – will use previously purchased shirts</b>
<b>Gr. 12 Band</b>	<b>no additional charges – will use previously purchased shirts</b>
<b>Choir</b>	\$20 uniform rental fee + \$100 damage deposit (postdated cheque for graduating year, or e-Transfer)

## 14. Transit Service - Please visit the Saskatoon Transit website at <https://transit.saskatoon.ca/route-and-schedules> for more information and route information.

## 15. Student Media Release: Please fill out our GSCS Media Release form. The form must be filled out by a parent/guardian; one per student attending Holy Cross. 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 note this form also includes permission for your child to be included in the yearbook.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** One Media Consent form is now "valid" for the entire duration of each student's time at school. If a student transfers to a new school, a new form will have to be completed, including transitioning from elementary to high school. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCKJ4U90\\_AfYWgt4F75guYCW-DQE\\_pNBskJIIJKjT-xj2V\\_w/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCKJ4U90_AfYWgt4F75guYCW-DQE_pNBskJIIJKjT-xj2V_w/viewform?usp=header)

*Holy Cross High School Regular Day Schedule 2026-27*

7:28 am – 8:30 am	Morning Class (specific classes only)
8:30 am	Warning Tone
8:35 am – 9:42 am	Period 1 & Morning Prayer
9:42 am – 9:49 am	Break - Cafeteria Service
9:49 am – 10:51 am	Period 2
10:51 am – 10:58 am	Break - Cafeteria Service
10:58 am – 12:05 pm	Period 3 & Daily Notices
12:05 pm – 1:05 pm	Lunch
1:05 pm – 2:07 pm	Period 4
2:13 pm – 3:15 pm	Period 5

**Shortened Day Schedule – dismissal at 12:30pm**

7:50 am – 8:30 am	Morning Class (specific classes only)
8:30 am	Warning Tone
8:35 am – 9:20 am	Period 1 & Morning Prayer
9:25 am – 10:05 am	Period 2
10:10 am – 10:55 am	Period 3 & Daily Notices
10:55 am – 11:05 am	Break – Cafeteria Service
11:05 am – 11:45 am	Period 4
11:50 am – 12:30 pm	Period 5

**Semester 1:** September 2, 2026 – January 28, 2027

**Semester 2:** February 2, 2027 – June 25, 2027

**Shortened Dismissal Days – 12:30pm**

- Thursday, Sept 17
- Thursday, Oct 1
- Thursday, Oct 22
- Thursday, Nov 5
- Thursday, Nov 19
- Thursday, Dec 10
- Thursday, Jan 14
- \*Tuesday, Feb 9\*
- Thursday, Mar 4
- Thursday Apr 8
- Thursday, Apr 22
- Thursday, May 6
- Thursday, May 20
- Thursday, June 3

**No School**

- Friday, Oct 16 – SPT Conferences
- November 12 & 13 – November Break
- Monday, Dec 21 – Friday, Jan 1: Christmas Break
- Friday, Jan 29 – Semester Turn around day
- Monday, Feb 1 – Semester Turn around day
- Monday, Feb 15 – Feb 20: February break
- Friday, Mar 19 – SPT Conferences
- Friday, March 26 – April 2: Easter Break
- Friday, May 17 – Staff Retreat
- Monday, June 28 – Semester Turn around day

**Closed Days**

- Friday, Aug 31 – Opening Institute
- Monday, Sept 7– Labour Day
- Wednesday, Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Monday, Oct 12 – Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, Nov 11 – Remembrance Day
- Monday, Feb 15 – Family Day
- Friday, March 26 – Good Friday
- Monday, May 24 – Victoria Day

**Graduation**

- Tuesday, June 29 – 9:00am

**Important Numbers/Links**

- Main Office: 306-659-7600
- Attendance Line: 306-659-7606
- Edsby : <https://edsby.com/help/parents/>
- Fax: 306-659-2167
- Web Page: [www.gscs.ca/hch](http://www.gscs.ca/hch)