



TO: Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

FROM: St. Joseph High School
Jason Benson, Principal
Shaun Nechvatal, Vice Principal
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RE: **September Memo**

Welcome to St. Joseph High School. As a Catholic High School our mission is to be a welcoming community where we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others, making the world a better place.

We love because He first loved us. John 4:19

Principal's Message

Good afternoon, Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting school year. Thank you for choosing Catholic education at St. Joseph High School.

I am so excited to see all our students. There is an amazing energy throughout our school. Our students will find so many exciting opportunities to get involved. We encourage all students to find their niche or better yet, step beyond their comfort zone and discover new possibilities within themselves. There is something for everyone. Our club fair and welcome week starts Tuesday the 8th. It's time for everyone to get involved as Guardians!

As of today, we have 1703 students well above our registration numbers in June. Our vice principals and counsellors have been busy adding sections and adjusting schedules over the weekend. We have hired another teacher who will start Tuesday. As a result, many student schedules have been adjusted, primarily in grade 10. If students have class request, changes will only be made if there is an error. Contact a counsellor immediately if you are missing a class that will affect graduation. Changes should now be visible in MSS and Edsby.

Sincerely,

Jason Benson
Principal, St. Joseph High School

Chaplain's Message

Hello St. Joseph parents and guardians, my name is Hannah Berry and I have the privilege of being our school's teacher chaplain this school year. Last year, I got to see our school community grow deeper in faith and relationship with God, through the intercession of our patron, Saint Joseph, and I'm looking forward to another year of opportunities for our entire community to pursue the gifts of faith, hope, and love.

We will have schoolwide mass four times throughout the year, class mass for each student once per year, opportunities for reconciliation, daily prayer, and retreats, especially for our grade 9 and 12 students. Thank you again for your support of Catholic Education.

Construction update

We were fortunate to have several upgrades over the summer including new carpet in the band room and upgraded ventilation in the industrial arts room and football team room. All projects should be completed this week.

Progress is being made on the new portables. When completed, we will have four new classrooms and a link connecting the 200 and 300 wings. Construction should be finished in December.

Theft Prevention

The school is not responsible for personal property. Students are encouraged to use locks and lockers provided. They may not use their own locks. Bike theft is an issue across Saskatoon. Students should use high-quality locks. The frame and both tires need to be locked. Record bike serial numbers and consider a lock that provides insurance. We encourage students to use the bike racks nearest the cafeteria on the west side of the school.

School Safety

See the attachment regarding school safety. It includes the Assessment of Risk To Others (ARTO) fair notice. On that note, our local evacuation site is the soccer center. Should we need to evacuate the neighborhood, we will evacuate to Holy Cross.

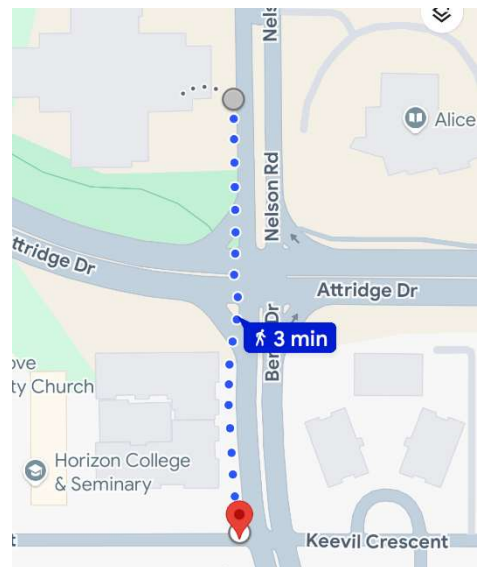
Our first lockdown drill will be Tuesday, September 22 during period 2. Fire drills will run through September and October.

Lates

We are currently developing a school-wide late policy and will be consulting both our School Community Council and Catholic School Community Council as part of that process.

With approximately 1,700 students arriving each morning, traffic at our main entrance can become quite congested. To help ease congestion and improve student access to the building, we encourage families to consider dropping students off on the south side of Attridge Drive.

Students can enjoy a short walk to school and, in many cases, arrive more quickly than if they remained in the vehicle lineup at the main entrance. While the weather is pleasant, we invite families to give this alternative drop-off option a try and see if it works for them.



Handbook

The 2026/27 student handbook is now on Edsby along with many important policies. Notice the update to the honour roll.

Math

See the attached STJ Calculator Policy for Math Classes

CSCC and Grade 9 parent night

Due to the size of our Grade 9 cohort this year, with approximately 440 students, we will offer our parent information presentation twice: once at 6:15 p.m. and again at 6:45 p.m.

Following the presentation, parents are invited to meet our department heads, connect with staff, and tour key areas of the school. In the gym, our volleyball teams will be in action,

We encourage you to get involved with the parent council. There are many positions available. Meeting immediately after grade 9 parent information presentation.

Noon Lunch Supervision Fees

For the 2026-27 school year, a noon lunch supervision fee of \$25 per student per year will be charged for students attending Saskatoon high schools. This cost will be added to student fee invoices and can be paid using [MySchoolBucks](#).

This cost-recovery fee helps cover the expense of supervision that is not funded by provincial operating grants.

The level of supervision needed for high school students (compared to elementary students) is different, but they still require monitoring and supervision. The modest fee reflects that and the fact that some students only occasionally spend lunch at school.

Instructions to create a [MySchoolBucks](#) account, login, and pay fees through [MySchoolBucks](#) can be found at <https://go.gscs.ca/nls>. You can also find some answers to some [frequently asked questions](#).

Technical questions about [MySchoolBucks](#) accounts and payments can be directed to 1-855-832-5226.

If you have general questions about student fees, please contact the office at 306-659-7650.

Up coming events September

Wednesday 9th – Final photo day

Thursday 10th Welcome Week Football Game 5:15 vs HC

Friday 11 – Grade 9 BBQ, 10-12 Welcome Mass Celebration

Wednesday 16 – 6:15 and 6:45 Grade 9 parent night, 7:30 CSCC AGM

Tuesday 22 – Lockdown drill

Tuesday 29 – Grade 9 Retreat, Photo retake day

Wednesday 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Professional Learning Day