



**Bishop James Mahoney High School**

**Date:** July 4, 2025

**To:** BJM Students - Parents - Guardians

**From:** Cheryl Fenrich, Principal  
Kirby Frey, Vice Principal  
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**Re: School Opening Information For 2025-2026**

*Welcome to Bishop James Mahoney High School for the fall of 2025! We look forward to welcoming you on September 2. Have a wonderful summer break.*

**School Opening Schedule:**

**Wednesday, August 27 & Thursday, August 28**

- **8:30 am – 3:00 pm**
- **School Photos** – come to the school to get your photo taken. Please choose either Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to get your school photo taken. Pictures will be taken in the Church commons area. **(First-come, first-served). *\*If you are on holidays, you will be getting your photos taken on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>***
- **During our Photo Days**, Grade 9 students, and those students new to GSCS, are welcome to pick up a paper copy of your timetable for 2025-2026 and feel free to walk around the school to find your classes.
- **Timetables for students** will be accessible via the MSS portal on August 27. The MSS tile can be found on the GSCS portal on your student’s account.

**Friday, August 29**

- GSCS Opening Mass and Institute – **School closed.**

**Tuesday, September 2**

- First day of classes:

**AM – Grade 9 Students Only**

8:35 am – 9:00 am	Students meet in the theatre for Grade 9 Orientation
9:10 am – 10:00 am	Period 2/3 (core classes)
10:05 am – 10:30 am	Period 1
10:35 am – 11:00 am	Period 4
11:05 am – 11:30 am	Period 5

**PM – Grades 10 – 12 Students Only**

1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Period 1
1:25 pm – 1:45 pm	Period 2
1:50 pm – 2:10 pm	Period 3
2:15 pm – 2:35 pm	Period 4
2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	Period 5

**Wednesday, September 3**

- Regular classes begin for all students at 8:30 am.

## Information

### 1. Photographs and Student Cards

Photographers will be at the school on **Wednesday, August 27, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, August 28 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Photo retake day is scheduled for Monday, September 29.

### 2. Students Timetables

Schedules will be available on MSS as of Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The MSS tile can be found on the GSCS portal on your student's account.

### 3. Program Changes

Students are asked to please check their timetable. We are unable to accommodate timetable requests for friends or spare requests, or for personal preference. For schedule changes due to errors or omissions, we will send out a QR form to fill out in August.

### 4. Locks and Lockers

Locks and lockers will be assigned to students by their **Period 2** teacher. Students are to only use the school locks issued to them either this year or in past years. Students who do not have a Period 2 class should see Ms. Lloyd, in the main office, to be assigned a locker.

### 5. School Supplies

Students should come to school equipped with a small supply of pens, pencils, a binder, and paper. Teachers will advise students of specific needs.

### 6. Grade 9 Parent Information Night

A meeting for parents of Grade 9 students is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 PM** in the Commons. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's Core teachers and receive information regarding course objectives, expectations, and assessment for all Gr. 9 courses.

### 7. Bishop James Mahoney Catholic School Community Council (BJM CSCC) AGM

All parents and eligible community members are invited to the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM in the BJM commons (following the Grade 9 parent night). All members of the BJM school community are invited to attend.

### 8. Website

For further information regarding Bishop James Mahoney High School, please refer to our website at: [www.gscs.ca/bjm/](http://www.gscs.ca/bjm/)

### 9. School Fees

Students will receive a fee invoice outlining all fees later this fall.

### 10. Other Fees

Athletic fees are under the jurisdiction of SSSAD. Students participating on an athletic team will be charged \$20.00 per athletic team. Additional fees will be added depending on the cost of travel, tournaments, and sport apparel.

Band and Choir fees may be added to cover the cost of uniforms.

Band students who rent instruments from GSCS will see the rental fee statement on their student fees in the fall.

11. **Student Attendance**

To be academically successful, students must attend classes regularly and be on time. Students, parents, and teachers must work together to ensure students have the support necessary to be successful. Parents are responsible for ensuring their child’s regular attendance. Please notify the school before classes start if your child is absent that day. You have two convenient ways to report absences, and you can report planned absences in advance:

- Use [Edsby](#) to indicate when your child will be absent. If you do not have an [Edsby](#) account, you will be sent an invitation to set one up at the beginning of the school year. It is very important to set up an [Edsby](#) account, as this is where you will report absences, view marks and report cards, see upcoming exam or assignment dates, book parent-teacher conferences, and communicate with your child’s teachers.
- If [Edsby](#) is not an option, please call 306-659-7506. Voicemail is available twenty-four hours a day and will record your attendance information.

12. **Extended Absences**

Regular student attendance is very important to complete the outcomes for each curriculum. Please do your best to plan for vacations at the designated breaks, as extended absences may impact your child’s academic success. Options such as an outcome taken on cyber school may need to be considered for extended absences.

13. **Cafeteria**

The cafeteria operates on a non-profit basis and meals are provided at a reasonable cost. We are a nutrition positive school. Cash, debit and credit are accepted at the cafeteria.

**Daily Schedule: September 2025 – June 2026**

<b><u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></b>		<b><u>THURSDAY STAFF MEETING SCHEDULE</u></b>		<b><u>SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE</u></b>	
Period 1	8:30 - 9:40	Period 1	8:30 – 9:15	Period 1	8:30 - 9:30
Period 2	9:45 - 10:55	Period 2	9:20 – 10:05	Period 2	9:35 - 10:35
BREAK	10:55 - 11:05	BREAK	10:05 – 10:15	BREAK	10:35 - 10:45
Period 3	11:05 - 12:05	Period 3	10:15 – 10:55	Period 3	10:45 – 11:35
LUNCH	12:05 - 1:05	Period 4	11:00 – 11:40	Event	11:35 – 12:30
Period 4	1:05 - 2:05	Period 5	11:45 – 12:25	LUNCH	12:30 – 1:25
Period 5	2:10 - 3:10			Period 4	1:25 – 2:15
				Period 5	2:20 – 3:10