



Bishop James Mahoney High School

Date: August 2024

To: BJM Students - Parents - Caregivers

From: Cheryl Fenrich, Principal
Kirby Frey, Vice Principal
Hailey Campbell, Vice Principal

Re: **School Opening Information For 2024-25**

Welcome to Bishop James Mahoney High School for the fall of 2024! We look forward to welcoming you on September 3rd. Have a wonderful summer break.

School Opening Schedule: August 2024

Wednesday, August 28

- **8:30 am – 3:00 pm**
- ***School Photos – come to the school to get your photo taken. Please choose either Wednesday, August 28th or Thursday, August 29th to get your picture taken. Pictures will be taken in the Church commons area.***
- Grade 9 students, and those students new to GSCS, can pick up a paper copy of your timetable for 2024-2025 and feel free to walk around the school to find your classes.
- Timetables for students will be accessible via the MSS portal. The MSS tile can be found on the GSCS portal on your student's account.

Thursday, August 29

- **8:30 am – 3:00 pm**
- ***School Photos – come to the school to get your photo taken. Please choose either Wednesday, August 28th or Thursday, August 29th to get your picture taken. Pictures will be taken in the Church commons area.***
- Grade 9 students, and those students new to GSCS, can pick up a paper copy of your timetable for 2024-2025 and feel free to walk around the school to find your classes.

Friday, August 30

- GSCS Opening Mass and Institute – School closed.

Tuesday, September 3

- 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 1
10:05 am – 10:30 am	Period 2/3 (core classes)
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 4

- 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 28, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, August 29 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** All students must attend one of the days. If your student is unable to attend one of the above photo days, they can get their picture taken on Photo retake day, which is scheduled for Thursday, September 26.

2. **Students Timetables**

Schedules will be available on MSS as of Wednesday, August 28th. 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, please fill out the form below (use the link or the QR code);

<https://forms.office.com/r/F9Pdv007QH>



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, 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 17th, 2024, 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 17th at 8:00 PM in the BJM library (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/

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 uniform.

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 will be absent that day. You have two convenient ways to report absences, and you can report planned absences in advance:

a. 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 and communicate with your child's teachers.

b. For attendance reporting and/or attendance information call 306-659-7506. Voicemail is available twenty-four hours a day and will record your attendance information if the phone line is busy.

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 cyber school may need to be considered for extended absences.

13. Cafeteria

The cafeteria operates on a non-profit basis. Meals are provided at a reasonable cost. We are a nutrition positive school. Reloadable meal cards are available to purchase. Parents and students may purchase cards or reload cards in the cafeteria from 8:00-8:25 daily.

Daily Schedule: September 2024 – June 2025

<u>Regular Schedule</u>	
Period 1	8:30-9:40
Period 2	9:45-10:55
Break	10:55-11:05
Period 3	11:05-12:05
Lunch	12:05-1:05
Period 4	1:05-2:05
Period 5	2:10-3:10

<u>Early Dismissal Schedule</u>	
Period 1	8:30-9:15
Period 2	9:20-10:05
Break	10:05-10:15
Period 3	10:15-10:55
Period 4	11:00-11:40
Period 5	11:45-12:25

<u>Special Event Schedule</u>	
Period 1	8:30 - 9:30
Period 2	9:35 - 10:35
BREAK	10:35 - 10:45
Period 3	10:45 – 11:35
Event	11:35 – 12:30
LUNCH	12:30 – 1:25
Period 4	1:25 – 2:15
Period 5	2:20 – 3:10