

Holy Cross High School

“A Tradition of Excellence”



**Welcome to Grade 9
2025 – 2026**

Our Catholic Identity

We begin each day with prayer at Holy Cross, as well as anytime we gather as a larger group. We always end our prayer by asking St. Paul, the patron saint of our school division, to pray for us.



School Prayer

Almighty Father, thank You for being with us.

**Open our hearts and our minds to receive You
as You reveal Yourself to us today.**

**Thank you for the many gifts You have given
us; help us to use them wisely.**

**Thank You for the many challenges that help
us grow.**

As we come before the Holy Cross of Your Son Jesus Christ, may we believe in the depth of Your love, and know the healing power of Your mercy and forgiveness.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may have the courage and strength to do Your will.

Unite us and inspire us to be people of faith, hope and love, so that through us You may build Your kingdom of peace and justice on earth, and we may enjoy the fullness of Your kingdom forever in heaven.

Amen.



What makes us unique?

- **Our Catholic Identity**
- **A Wonderful Facility**
- **Supports for Learning**
- **Specialized Programming**
- **Many Exceptional Extracurricular Programs**
- **Transition Program in Grade 9**

Holy Cross offers a faith-based education that celebrates our Catholic values and provides unique experiences for personal growth.



Our Facility



Supports for Learning

- **Teacher Chaplain**
- **Student Services**
- **School Counselors**
- **RAP Worker**
- **SWIS Worker**
- **School Social Worker**
- **School Resource
Police Officer**
- **Administration Team**
- **Outreach Worker**
- **School Nurse**



Specialized Programming

- **French Immersion**
- **Advanced Placement Programs - Art, Biology, Chemistry, English, French, Math**
- **EAL - English as an Additional Language**
- **Functionally Integrated Programming**
- **Alternative Education Programming**
- **Learning Assistance Team**
- **Focused Classes (Co-taught, Supported, Bridge)**
- **Extension**
- **Lunch Tutorials**

Extracurricular Programs

ATHLETICS

Badminton

Basketball

Cross Country Running

Curling

Football

POM Team

Golf

Soccer

Track & Field

Volleyball

Wrestling





CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



- ▶ **Art Club**
- ▶ **Chess & Games Club**
- ▶ **Coffee House**
- ▶ **Choose Kind**
- ▶ **Choral Groups**
- ▶ **Culture & Beading Club**
- ▶ **Drama/Musicals**
- ▶ **Environmental Club**
- ▶ **Film Club**
- ▶ **Indigenous Student Leadership**
- ▶ **Jazz Band**
- **Knitting and Stitching**
- **Living in Harmony**
- **Lyngr**
- **Math Contests**
- **Outdoor Education**
- **Photography Club**
- **Rosary Club**
- **SADD**
- **Student Representative Council (SRC)**
- **Travel Club**
- **Yearbook**
- **Youth Alliance Circle**



Grade 9 Transition & Courses

Transition Program in Grade 9

Benefit of one teacher & same group of students for two classes each semester (includes 4 of the required classes)

- ▶ English A90
- ▶ English B90
- ▶ Catholic Studies 90
- ▶ Social Studies 90

Full List of Grade 9 Required Classes:

REQUIRED COURSES

Transition

- ✓ Catholic Studies 90 (CST90)
 - ✓ English A90 (ELA90)
 - ✓ English B90 (ELB90)
 - ✓ Social Studies 90 (SST90)
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Math

- ✓ Mathematics A90 (MAA90)
 - ✓ Mathematics B90 (MAB90)
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- ✓ Science 90 (SCI90)
- ✓ Physical Education 90 (PEB90/PEG90) -\$38 fee (gym strip, lock)

Grade 9 Class Choices:

ELECTIVE COURSES

To complete the requirement of ten courses students must select one course from Group "A" and one course from Group "B".

In Group "B" please select your 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choice by placing a 1, 2, 3, 4 on the line to the left of the class.

Group A Arts Education

- Arts Education 90 (AED90) -\$25 fee
(Art, Drama, Music)
- Band 90 (BAR90) -\$30 fee

Instrument: _____

Group B Electives

- ___ Construction & Carpentry 90 (CCA90) -\$70 fee
- ___ Digital Arts 90 (DAR90) -\$20 fee
- ___ Foods & Clothing 90 (FCL90) -\$50 fee
- ___ French 90 Core (FRE90)
- ___ General Practical Arts 90 (GPA90) -\$55 fee
(Combination of Construction & Carpentry 90
and Foods & Clothing 90)

Group C Optional Elective Course

- Choral 90 (CHO90) – \$20 fee
(noon hour class)

Current Grade 8 Support:

- Learning Assistance Program
- English as an Additional Language Program

Grade 9 Group A Elective: Choice #1 - Arts Education – Art, Drama, Music



Grade 9 Group A Elective: Choice #2 - Band



Grade 9 Group B Elective Choices:

Construction and Carpentry 90 – Woodworking

Food and Clothing 90 - Cooking and Sewing

General Practical Arts 90 – Half Food and Clothing, Half
Construction and Carpentry

Digital Arts 90 - Components of Design, Photography, Graphic Arts,
Animation, and Communication Media

French 90 - Core French Language Instruction

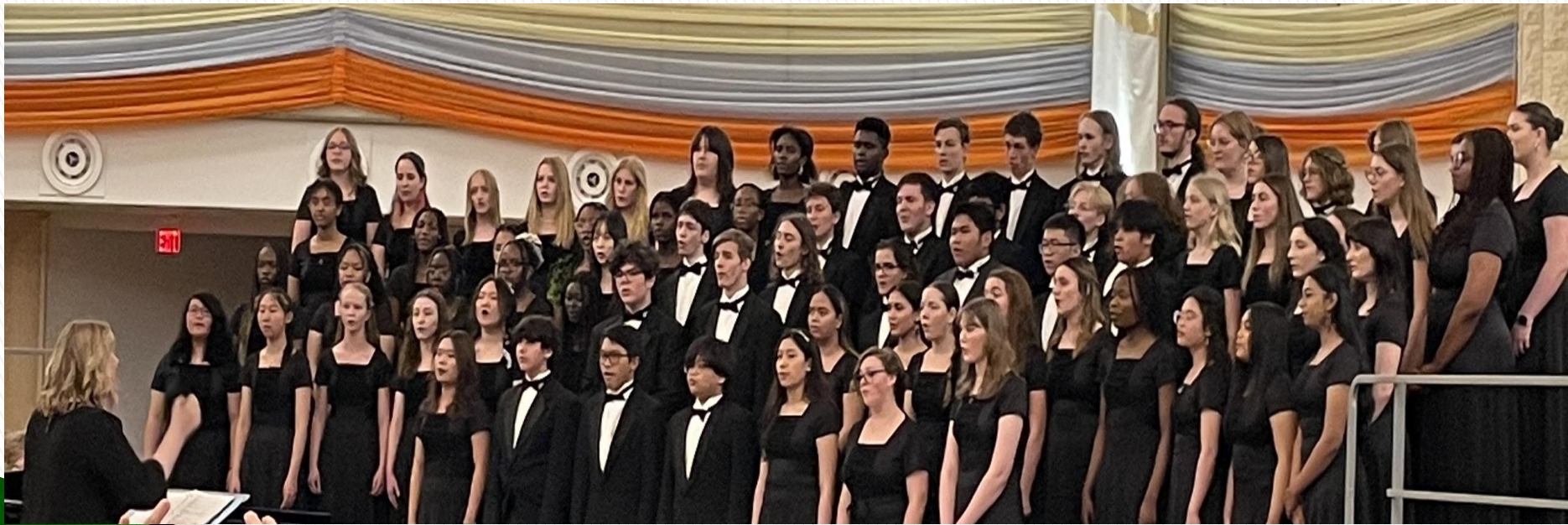




Grade 9 Group C Elective Choice:

Choral 90 – elective credit for an 11th class

- class takes place over two lunch hours each week



Preparation for Life After High School

- **Career planning starts in Grade 9 (part of Math B90).**
- **At all grade levels, support is provided for the transition to life beyond high school - post-secondary education, trades, or direct transition to the work force.**

Regular Day.

<i>8:30 am</i>	Warning Tone
<i>8:35 am – 9:42 am</i>	Period 1 and Morning Prayer
<i>9:47 am – 10:49 am</i>	Period 2
<i>10:49 am – 10:59 am</i>	Break
<i>10:59 am – 12:06 pm</i>	Period 3 and Daily Notices
<i>12:06 pm – 1:01 pm</i>	Lunch
<i>1:01 pm – 2:03 pm</i>	Period 4
<i>2:08 pm – 3:10 pm</i>	Period 5

Sample Grade 9 Schedule (English Program)

Semester 1	Semester 2
Per. 1 – (Day A) Physical Education 90 (Day B) Arts Education 90 or Band 90	Per. 1 – (Day A) Physical Education 90 (Day B) Arts Education 90 or Band 90
Per. 2 – English B90	Per. 2 – English A90
Per. 3 – Catholic Studies 90	Per. 3 – Social Studies 90
Per. 4 – Science 90	Per. 4 – Elective
Per. 5 – Mathematics A90	Per. 5 – Mathematics B90

Transition

Transition

Sample Grade 9 Schedule

Semester 1	Semester 2
Per. 1 – Mathematics A90	Per. 1 – Mathematics B90
Per. 2 – (Day A) Physical Education 90 (Day B) Arts Education 90 or Band 90	Per. 2 – (Day A) Physical Education 90 (Day B) Arts Education 90 or Band 90
Per. 3 – Science 90	Per. 3 – Elective
Per. 4 – English B90	Per. 4 – English A90
Per. 5 – Catholic Studies 90	Per. 5 – Social Studies 90
Transition	

Other Details

- **There is a final assessment for each course at the Grade 9 level (non-comprehensive).**
- **Classes are numbered based on the grade level.**
 - **90 are Grade 9**
 - **10 are Grade 10**
 - **20 are Grade 11**
 - **30 are Grade 12**

Math Pathway for Students Completing Cyber Math 90 in Grade 8 (with min 85% overall avg)

Possible pathways for students:

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Grade 9		
Grade 10	Foundations 10	Foundations 20
Grade 11	Precalculus 20	Precalculus 30
Grade 12	Calculus 30P	Int. Calculus 30P

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Grade 9	Foundations 10	
Grade 10		Foundations 20
Grade 11	Precalculus 20	Precalculus 30
Grade 12	Calculus 30P	Int. Calculus 30P

Electives for Students Completing Cyber Math 90 in Grade 8 (with min 85% overall avg)

ELECTIVE COURSES

To complete the requirement of ten courses students must select:

- 1) **one** course from Group "A"
- 2) **one** course from Group "B" (indicate 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice on line to left)
- 3) **two** courses from Group "D" (indicate 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice on line to left)

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(Combination of Construction & Carpentry 90
and Foods & Clothing 90)

Group C Optional Elective

- Choral 90 (CHO90) -\$20 fee
(noon hour class)

Group D (Choose 2)

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| ___ Animation 10 | ___ Math: Foundations 10 |
| ___ Clothing, Textiles & Fashion 10-\$25 fee | ___ Math: Work & App. 10 |
| ___ Commercial Cooking 10 -\$55 fee | ___ Photographics 10 -\$25 fee |
| ___ Construction 10 -\$160 fee | ___ Robotics 10 -\$65 fee |
| ___ Drama 10 | ___ Science 10 |
| ___ Indigenous Studies 10 | ___ Visual Art 10 -\$40 fee |

Tips for High School Success

1. Attendance

- **Attend class regularly and get involved in extracurricular activities**

2. Behavior

- **Be a positive member of our school community**

3. Academics

- **Do your best and access supports – we are here for you!**
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Welcome Week



Registration Process

- ▶ **You will receive a registration card and a cover letter from your teacher at the end of the presentation today. Registration cards will be returned to your Grade 8 teacher.**
- ▶ **Registration forms will be brought by Grade 8 teachers to the Grade 8 afternoon at Holy Cross on Thursday, Feb. 6. Note – This is for feeder schools only.**
- ▶ **Any remaining registration cards will be picked up at elementary schools by prior to the February break.**
- ▶ **The Registration Handbook and this Power Point can be found on our Holy Cross homepage. The homepage address can be on the top of the cover letter.**

Join Us! Grade 8 Parent Night

**Tuesday, February 4th,
7 PM**

**Let's hear from some
Holy Cross students!**



Questions ?