

# Holy Cross High School

**“A Tradition of Excellence”**



**Welcome to Grade 9  
2026 – 2027**

# 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 in Grade 12 – 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
- ▶ Bannock and Tea
- ▶ Chess & Games Club
- ▶ Coffee House (Variety night)
- ▶ Choral Groups
- ▶ Culture & Beading Club
- ▶ Drama/Musicals
- ▶ Environmental Club
- ▶ Film Club
- ▶ Indigenous Student Leadership
- ▶ Jazz Band
- Knitting and Stitching
- Living in Harmony
- Lyngr (Love Your Neighbour Group)
- 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:

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## REQUIRED COURSES

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### Transition

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

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### Math

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- ✓ 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

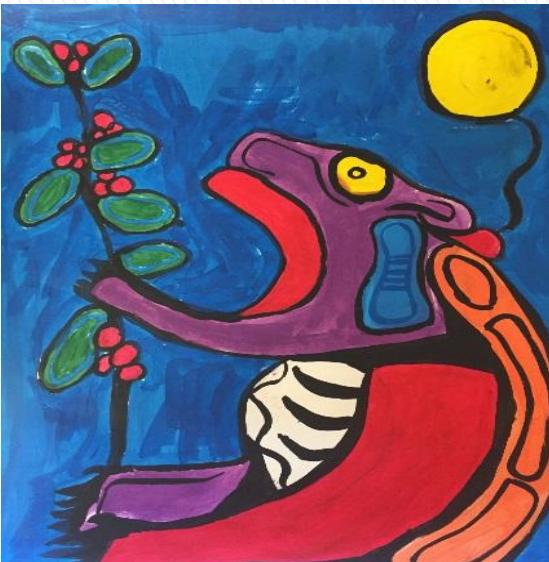
- Choral 90 (CHO90) – \$20 fee  
(noon hour class)

### 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 - Beginner French Language Instruction**





# Grade 9 Group C Elective Choice:

## Choral 90 – elective credit for an 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Schedule*

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

# Sample Grade 9 Schedule (English Program)

Semester 1	Semester 2
Per. 1 – Physical Education 90	Per. 1 – Arts Education 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

# Sample Grade 9 Schedule (English Program with Band)

Semester 1	Semester 2
Per. 1 – (Day A) Physical Education 90 (Day B) Band 90	Per. 1 – (Day A) Physical Education 90 (Day B) 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

# 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**

# *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!**

# 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 as well as permission forms for supportive programming 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. 5. Note – This is for feeder schools only.
- ▶ Deadline for registration forms and permission form is Friday, February 13 (before the break as we start working on the Grade 9 timetable)
- ▶ Any remaining registration cards will be picked up at elementary schools by prior to the February break.

# Registration Process

- ▶ 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.

# Grade 8 Afternoon at Holy Cross

- ▶ **We are excited to host you at Holy Cross!**
- ▶ **All Grade 8 feeder students get to come to Holy Cross on Thursday, February 5th in the afternoon.**
- ▶ **You will receive a tour of the school and experience your first high school pep rally.**

# Grade 8 Parent Night

Monday, February 9th,  
7 PM

- ▶ This night is designed for your parents as you will have already seen the school on February 5

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





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# Questions ?