

# HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

## A Tradition of Excellence



School Website:

[www.gscs.ca/HCH](http://www.gscs.ca/HCH)

## Grade 8 Parent Information 2021

### ABOUT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

#### **MISSION**

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools: a welcoming community where we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others, making the world a better place.

#### **VISION**

##### **We are Rooted in Faith . . .**

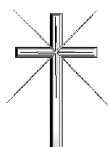
In our schools, our Catholic faith is living and growing. Staff and students seek spiritual growth in many ways: through prayer, scripture study, liturgical celebrations, retreats and faith instruction. We see and learn about God not only in religion class, but throughout every school day.

##### **Growing in Knowledge . . .**

Students pursue academic excellence, based on their God-given talents. At the same time, our staff members maintain a concern about the successful development of the whole child. We are committed to working with students and families to see all children reach their full potential.

##### **Reaching Out to Transform the World**

With our distinctive, faith-based program, students learn they have the skills, talents and responsibility to reach out and make a difference in the world . . . to transform it by their actions. The well-rounded education provided by Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools encourages students to become contributing citizens in their schools, cities and beyond.



### TRANSITION

- All Grade 9 students have the same teacher and group of students for two consecutive periods for both semesters
- Courses include English Language Arts, Catholic Studies, and Social Studies
- Helps students transition successfully from elementary to high school
- Enhances communication with the home and allows for early intervention should problems arise
- Helps students with organizational and study skills necessary at the secondary level

#### **Co-teach Transition**

- Students cover the same outcomes as all other transition classes and receive a regular credit
- Provides students the opportunity to access additional strategies and supports
- Taught by subject area teacher and LAT

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM

- Grade 9 – Spring application for AP
- AP courses: Art, Chemistry, English, French, Math, Music
- Grade 8 students who complete Cyber Math90 can apply for the AP stream for their Grade 9 or 10 year.

### FRENCH PROGRAMS

- French Immersion grades 9 – 12 (students can graduate with a Bilingual Diploma)
- Core French grades 9 – 12

### SCHEDULES AND TIMETABLES

#### **Two Semesters:**

- Dates will be shared after approval from the Ministry of Education and will be posted at [www.gscs.ca](http://www.gscs.ca)

## Typical Grade 9 Timetable

The daily schedule for the 2021-22 year has not been finalized. This is an example of a Grade 9 schedule from the 2019-20 school year before pandemic protocols were in place.

Typical Grade 9 Schedule (English Program)		
	Semester 1	Semester 2
8:35-9:42 – Per 1	Health/Phys. Ed 90 (odd) General Fine Arts <i>or</i> Band (even)	Health/Phys. Ed 90 (odd) General Fine Arts <i>or</i> Band (even)
9:47-10:49 – Per 2	English A90	English B90
10:49-10:59	BREAK	BREAK
	Transition	Transition
10:59-12:06 – Per 3	Catholic Studies 90	Social Studies 90
12:06-1:01	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:01-2:03 – Per 4	Practical Arts 90	Science 90
2:08-3:10 – Per 5	Mathematics B90	Mathematics A90

## ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

### EAL (English as an Additional Language)

- Provides support to English Language Learners
- Replaces one of the courses in the schedule
- By recommendation only

### Learning Assistance

- Provides support for assignment completion, adaptations, and study skills and strategies in mainstream classes
- Replaces one of the courses in the schedule
- By recommendation only

### Bridge Math

- Provides support for students who struggle with Mathematics the opportunity to learn outcomes from the previous grades and to work towards grade 9 outcomes

## OTHER SUPPORTS

### Chaplaincy

- Provide spiritual counselling and support for students and staff to grow in their Christian faith

### School Counsellors

- Provide counselling and support related to academic concerns, mental health issues, career plan, and personal matters

### Restorative Action Program (RAP)

- Helps transform the cycle of bullying and conflict affecting youth into opportunities for learning, growth, and change
- The RAP worker is available to students to help mediate conflict and provide support

### Social Worker

- Provides support with home issues that may interfere with success in school

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