

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL
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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our Holy Cross families and a warm welcome to our new families joining us for the first time this September. The first day of school will be on **Tuesday, September 8th from 8:40 – noon.**

We are pleased to welcome our new principal, Mr. Jeff Brophy, as well as Mrs. Heather Raymond, Ms. Jamie Arnett and Mrs. Erin Mulhern to our staff.

STAFF 2009-2010

Mrs. Heather Raymond	Kindergarten
Ms. Jamie Arnett	Grade 1/2
Ms. Deanna Bates	Grade 3
Ms. Michele Angell	Grade 4
Ms. Dianne Letendre	Grade 5
Miss Stephanie Tofin	Grade 6
Mr. Tim Keilty	Grade 7/8
Mrs. Julianne Beauchamp	Music / Grade 7/8
Mrs. Anita Halverson	Learning Assistance
Mrs. Dora DeCosse	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. Erin Mulhern	Certified Education Assistant
Mr. Alan Degenhardt	Custodian
Mr. Jeff Brophy	Principal / Grade 7/8
Mrs. Gail d'Aoust	Secretary

SCHOOL HOURS

*Please note there will be a noon dismissal on the first day of school

8:40	School begins
10:15 – 10:30	Morning Recess
11:50 – 12:05	Lunch
12:05-12:30	Lunch Recess
12:30	Afternoon classes begin
2:35	Dismissal

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

A reminder that vehicles should enter the parking lot from the west (**Main or Bennett**) and exit east onto **Manitoba Street**. Please drop students off in the alley next to the playground gate. If you are parking, please walk with your children through the parking lot. **No children should be walking through the parking lot unaccompanied.** We appreciate the extreme care and caution you take within the parking lot. If you have any questions or concerns about traffic flow please see the map on our bulletin board in the foyer or speak to Mrs. d'Aoust or Mr. Brophy. Thank you.

NUT SAFE AND SCENT FREE SCHOOL

Due to the fact that some of our students and staff members have severe allergies, we ask for your cooperation in keeping our school safe from products (nuts, perfumes, colognes, etc) that provoke these reactions. I understand this is a large task, but your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

MONTHLY TUITION FEES 2009/2010

Regular Rates

Kindergarten \$110

All other grades

1st Child \$165

2nd Child \$120

Max. \$285 per month per family

Parish Family Rates

Kindergarten \$95

All other grades

1st Child \$140

2nd Child \$100

Max. \$240 per month per family

We would appreciate post-dated cheques for the whole year in September. Please feel free to date the cheques to suit your paydays.

AGENDAS, LIBRARY FOLDERS, RECORDERS

Agenda \$8

Library Folder \$2

Recorder \$8

All students from Kindergarten to grade 8 will require an agenda and a library folder. Students in grades 4 & 5 will require a recorder. Please send payment for these items to the classroom teacher.

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES

Please make note of the additions (highlighted) to the attached 2009-2010 school calendar.

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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

From the Principal's Messy Desk:

Again, I would like to welcome back all staff, students, and parents to the Holy Cross Community. We have had a wonderful beginning to the school year. The students bring such life and enthusiasm into this building. Now, I can say with certainty that school is open. On a personal note, I am excited to be at Holy Cross School. I have been welcomed very warmly and I look forward to getting to know you and working with you to provide a wonderful Catholic education for your children. Please don't hesitate to drop by and introduce yourself at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Mr. J. Brophy



H1N1 Information

At Holy Cross, we realize that the spread of infectious disease is a serious matter that we do not take lightly. We are taking the following steps to reduce the spread of these viruses.

1. Information packages have been sent home to parents.
2. Teachers are using Interior Health and Ministry of Education resources to teach students about infectious diseases.
3. Teachers are allowing extra time for students to wash hands during various times of the day.
4. Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer will be provided for all the classrooms.
5. Presentation by Skaha Pharmacy entitled "Bugs and Drugs".
6. Daily cleaning of desks, door knobs, water fountains etc.

In addition to the precautions taken at school, I urge all parents to speak to their children about infectious disease control. If your son or daughter is experiencing any flu like symptoms, please keep him or her home until the illness has passed. Your continued support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

For more updated information on H1N1 visit Interior Health website at www.interiorhealth.ca or by calling Healthlink BC, 8-1-1.

Parent Needed for Playground Supervision

If any parents are interested in becoming playground supervisors during lunch recess (12:00pm-12:30pm), please leave your name in the office. You will be contacted with more particulars on this new program. Training will be provided.



Dress Code

All students are expected to wear clean, neat clothing. The following may not be worn:

- *Halter tops, spaghetti straps, 'belly shirts', etc
- *Logos/slogans not in line with Christian ethics
- *Outside footwear during class
- *Skirts, shorts or dresses above mid-thigh

A separate pair of shoes, to be worn indoors only, should be kept with the student's belongings at the school. It is preferable that these shoes be appropriate for gym wear, to reduce the number of indoor shoes the child will require at school.

Upcoming Events in September

September 18 th	Terry Fox Run 12:30pm-2:30pm
September 22 nd	Band Rental Night 7:00pm
September 24 th	Open House
September 25 th	Walk-a-thon Pledge Forms to be sent home

Holy Cross School Calendar Changes

*** December 18th Christmas Holidays---NOON DISMISSAL***
*** May 15th Spring Fling---mark your calendars***

Playground Supervision Schedule

Parents are reminded that playground supervision begins at 8:25am and finishes at 2:50pm. If students are on the grounds before or after that time, they will not be supervised. The school accepts no responsibility for any incidents that may occur during unsupervised times. The staff appreciates all the efforts that parents make to adhere to our supervision schedule.

Walk-a-thon

It's that time of year again... pledge forms will be sent home on Friday, September 25th. As you are aware, this event is a major fundraiser for our school. With the support of the entire community, I am confident that we can make this year's walk-a-thon the most successful ever!!!



Cross Country Practice

Calling all runners in grade 4 and 5. Preliminary running practices will begin next week and more formal workouts starting on the week of September 21st. All practices will take place during recess and/or P.E. classes. There will be more information to follow on this revised program.

Nelson Diocese Youth Rally

A Diocesan Youth Rally will take place on the weekend of October 16th-18th at St. Michael's School in Trail, BC. This rally is open for all youth in grades 7-12 and it promises to be a great weekend of dance, worship, praise and friendship. More information is going home with students today. Please don't delay, registration deadline in October 2/09. Transportation will be provided. For more information, please contact Tony at cpopyg@gmail.com

