



August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I trust that you and your family have had a restful summer break. I look forward to welcoming your son or daughter at Holy Cross CSS for the 2018/19 school year! As we approach the return to school, I thought it would be helpful to share some information relevant to our September start-up. For up to date information about events at Holy Cross CSS, I encourage you to regularly visit the school website at [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca)

**Timetable questions or changes:** All students can access their timetables online via the Maplewood portal on the school website. Our guidance counsellors are taking appointments to meet with students between Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Mrs. Conway in Student Services at x. 3405. Students can also find their locker number on their timetable. Please ensure that you occupy the locker assigned to you!

**Student Activity Fees for 2018/19:** The fees for incoming students are, as follows: \$85 for grade 9 students, \$65 for grades 10, 11 and returning grade 12 students and \$100 for grade 12 students that are graduating in June 2019. Information about the fee breakdown can be found on the school website. School Cash Online is our school's preferred method of payment and is a great way to pay without the need for cash or cheques. Please visit [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca) to register and make your student activity fee payment.

**Textbook Pickup and Deposit:** All students are required to provide a \$100 cheque (**post-dated to March 1, 2019**) as a deposit for their textbooks at Holy Cross. The cheque should be made out to **Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School** and students are required to bring this (and their HC green textbook card) in order to obtain their textbooks. *It's worth noting that this cheque will not be cashed if your son or daughter's books are returned in good condition at the end of each semester.* Grade 9 and new students to HC will be given their green textbook card when they pick up their books. Students in grades 10-12 can pick up their textbooks on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> between 9-3 at the school. Students in grade 9 can pick up their textbooks on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>st</sup> at the school (during our Movin' on Up orientation program for incoming grade 9s). The textbook room will also be open on Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup> between 6-8 p.m. for all grades. See the school website for all textbook pickup dates and times.

**Uniform Information:** Summer hours for the McCarthy Uniform shop at HC are posted on the school website.

**Movin' on Up – Crusader Camp:** Our annual 2-day orientation program for grade 9 students takes place at the school on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>st</sup> from 9-3. If you have an incoming grade 9 student that hasn't yet registered, but would like to attend, please call the school for details.

I am looking forward to a great school year at HC in 2018/2019.

Sincerely,

Michael Faught