

Holy Heart of Mary High School

International Baccalaureate

<http://www.holyheart.ca>

Good afternoon,

Please review the important information below:

Important Dates

Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Holiday, School Closed

Oct. 17 - District Closeout, No school for students

Announcements

Daily announcements can be found on the school website: www.holyheart.ca. These announcements are updated daily.

School Council Nomination

This is a general call of interest for Holy Heart of Mary School Council members. We are currently looking for a :

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

More information may be found in the below nomination form to be completed by October 9, 2023.

[2023-24 Holy Heart School Council Nomination Form](#)

Parking Lot Changes

There will be changes to our loading and unloading procedures and parking lot access. These changes were requested following consultation and observations by Student Transportation (Avalon). These changes go into effect on **Wednesday, October 11**.

1. School buses will continue to have the **right of way** on the parking lot.
2. **Only** Student transportation vehicles are permitted on the parking lot during dismissals.
 - a) This means that starting October 11, families **will not have access** to the HHM parking lot between 2:40-3:15 each day.
 - b) Traffic cones and additional staff will be in place to help families and their vehicles as we work with this new parking process

These changes will help support Student Transportation's initiative to enhance student safety while also creating less congestion and person-vehicle contact during dismissal.

Senior IB

Senior IB registration forms sent to students September 27 are to be completed and returned to Ms. O'Connell by October 16.

HHM Volunteer Information

Volunteer HHM supports level I, II and III (IV) students and provides meaningful volunteer opportunities. All high school students must complete Career Education and are expected to complete 30 hours of mandatory volunteer service within the community.

As you know, volunteering is about so much more than that. It's about kindness, giving and helping our communities. There are many opportunities available....

Information is posted on the Volunteer Boards outside Ms. Rossiter's room - Room 307

Many students need volunteer hours so the earlier students begin this process the better 😊
Please contact Leanne Rossiter (leannerossiter@nlesd.ca)

RYCOR

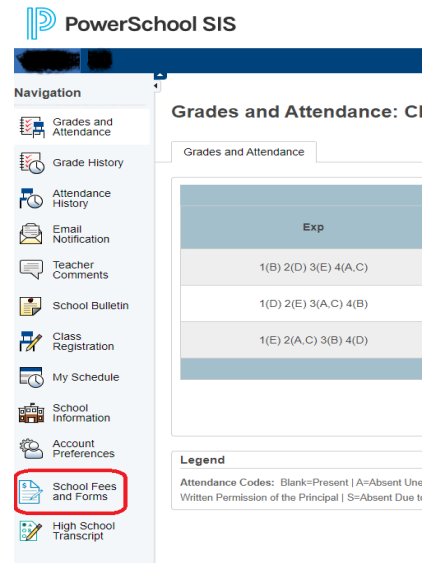
It is very important that parents and guardians create a RYCOR account. Moving forward, this will be how our school shares permission forms and fee payments. It is an online service for parents and students. Please review the following instructions on how to create a RYCOR account.

Please see the following instructions below on how to log onto the RYCOR system:

Grade 10-12 Parents

No need to create an account!

Simply login to your [Powerschool Parent Portal](#) account and click on the "Student Fees and Forms" link under the Navigation section:



The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS interface. The navigation menu on the left includes options like Grades and Attendance, Grade History, Attendance History, Email Notification, Teacher Comments, School Bulletin, Class Registration, My Schedule, School Information, Account Preferences, School Fees and Forms (highlighted with a red box), and High School Transcript. The main content area displays 'Grades and Attendance: CI' with a table of attendance codes and a legend below it.

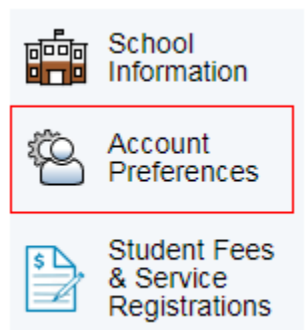
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Legend
Attendance Codes: Blank=Present | A=Absent Une
Written Permission of the Principal | S=Absent Due to

RYCOR Parent Login Troubleshooting Using Powerschool

1. Be sure to log in to Powerschool using your Parent Portal account (not your child's Powerschool account) because the "School Fees and Forms" icon will only appear in the Parent Portal account
2. If your parent Powerschool account username has a space or a special character in it (ex. _, \$, @, !), you will need to change it (otherwise you will receive an error when clicking on the "School Fees and Forms" icon).

To change your username or password, select the "Account Preferences" icon in the left-hand menu (second last option) in MyCBE / PowerSchool. Click on your username to change it. Enter a new username. Your username must not contain any spaces or special characters. Click on your password to change it. First enter your current password and then your new password. Your password must meet the listed criteria. Click save. Make sure to save your username and password.



The screenshot shows a vertical list of navigation icons: School Information, Account Preferences (highlighted with a red box), and Student Fees & Service Registrations.

RYCOR - Technology Agreement and Social Media Forms

At this time, we are asking all parents to complete the following two forms online through the RYCOR system for each child:

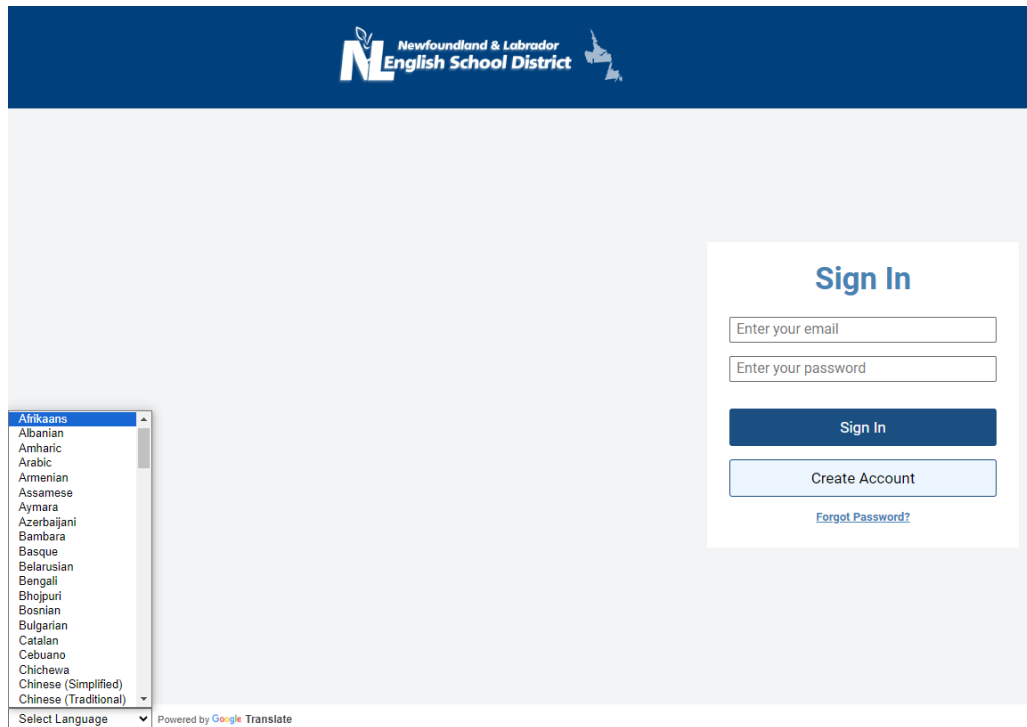
- Acceptable Use of Technology Form 2023-24
- Social Media Consent Form 2023-24

Parents must use their own Parent PowerSchool account in order to complete the online forms. In order to complete these forms online, please log into your RYCOR account.

In order for students to continue to use our school wifi and network, this form must be signed and submitted through RYCOR by **Friday, October 13**. After this time, accounts will be disabled until we have received the Acceptable Use of Technology Form. Thank you.

NEW FEATURE: RYCOR and Multiple Languages

Below is a screenshot of RYCOR as if logged in as a parent. Your family can now pick an alternate language to display RYCOR information from the school.



Bus Routes

All parents are kindly asked to refer to [My Bus Planner](#) for the most up to date information on bus routes. It is also important that students know their bus route number so they know which bus to get on. Students can only take the bus for which they are assigned.

Study Hall

A reminder to parents that if you have a student with a Study Hall please complete this link [HHM Study Hall Parent/Guardian Permission Form](#). This form will enable parents/guardians to sign consent indicating permission for their child to leave the school during study hall.

Door Opening/Closing

Please be advised that as of **Monday, September 25, 2023**, the main doors of the school are locked until 8:40. Therefore, students will not be permitted into the building until 8:40. Doors will remain open until 9:00 am each day.

SafeArrival

Holy Heart is using the School Messenger - SafeArrival system to record student absences. Please review the SafeArrival guide [School Messenger](#)

Note: When creating an absence, you will always be asked to select FULL DAY. School Messenger will automatically adjust to a partial day if your child has attended classes. This is regardless of the reason for the absence.

Early Dismissal and Signing In/Out

A reminder that Holy Heart no longer accepts a text message as a valid reason for student arrival or dismissal. It is expected that the family uses **School Messenger** to communicate this information or be available to accept a phone call for confirmation when your child arrives at the office.

Video Surveillance

We want to inform and remind our community that Holy Heart operates video cameras in and around our school.

