



2024-25 School Year

It is our pleasure to welcome back new and returning students to this upcoming school year! Our staff is looking forward to seeing our students again and resuming the valuable work of teaching and learning.

We would like to introduce the administrative team at Holy Heart of Mary High School:

Carla Roberts - Principal

Jamie Parsons - Assistant Principal

Mark Goulding - Assistant Principal

In the coming days, our website will also reflect new and returning staff of Holy Heart!

Communication with families

The following are regular methods of communication:

School Messenger emails

School Website: [HHM](#)

School email: holyheartreghigh@nlesd.ca

Twitter: [@hhmoffice1](#)

School Memos

Teacher Google Classroom

Important Dates

September 13 - School Photos

September 19 - Curriculum Night (7-8pm)

School Calendar

This is the link for the school calendar for the [2024-2025 school year](#).

School Opening

All students must check PowerSchool for their **homeroom class** before arriving for their first day of school. Homeroom numbers are located on the top of a student schedule.

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

9:00 - 11:00 am

- Level 1's meet in the Theatre
- Bus provided for pick up ONLY, students must find their own way home at 11:00 am

1:00 - 3:00 pm

- Level 2's meet in the Theatre
- Bus provided for drop off ONLY at 3:00 pm, students must find their own way to school for 1:00 pm.

Thursday, September 5, 2024

- Regular classes for ALL students
- Day 1
- Level 3's meet in the Theatre to begin the day

Any student wishing to register as a **Level 4 student** is asked to complete the following google form - [Level 4 Registration](#). Students are expected to remain home until they are notified by email that they are scheduled and ready to begin classes.

PowerSchool

PowerSchool is currently disabled as we are finalizing the school schedule. Students will be able to log into PowerSchool to view their schedules on Tuesday, September 3rd at 3:00 pm. **The school will NOT be providing paper copies of student schedules.** It is imperative that all parents/guardians have a Parent PowerSchool account in order to access students' attendance, grades, transcripts, and RYCOR (online system for all school-related finances and forms).

If you do not have access to your child's PowerSchool account, please contact holyheartreghigh@nlesd.ca

Attendance

Consistent attendance is crucial for academic and social success as it ensures that students are actively engaged and able to fully benefit from the educational opportunities we provide. When students attend school consistently, they not only keep up with their lessons and assignments, but they also develop important life skills such as: responsibility, time management, and perseverance. Being present and engaged in the classroom allows students to participate in discussions, collaborate with peers, and build strong relationships.

Please see the attached [infographic](#) regarding attendance and success.

Class Arrival

Students are expected to be in the building by 8:55 in the morning and 12:25 in the afternoon. This facilitates the timely start of classes at 9:00 and 12:30. By being late, students will miss valuable instructional time and impact the learning of others. If your child is late for excused reasons (eg. family issue, appointment), school messenger-safe arrival should be entered by the family before they arrive.

School Messenger-Safe Arrival System (notifying of student absence)

Holy Heart uses the **School Messenger - SafeArrival** system to record student absences. To create an account and learn how to update your child's attendance, please view the following document:

[School Messenger](#)

Electronic Personal Electronic Devices In Schools

Please see the [Dept. of Education Press Release](#). As noted in the release, the use of cell phones during instructional time does not support optimal learning environments for students. We are encouraging parents, guardians and families to have thoughtful discussions with their teenagers about the use of cell phones in school.

The Department of Education is drafting a new personal electronic device policy to support students and teachers which will consider increasing restrictions on the use of personal electronic devices, including the use of cell phones in schools. In September, school communities will be consulted on the draft policy.

Parking

- Parking is for school employees and is unavailable for student use in the 2024-25 school year.
- Students are **NOT** permitted to park on school property as parking spaces have reduced due to enhanced bussing requirements.

- Students are encouraged to use the available bussing system or to be dropped off to school to help reduce congestion on the school parking lot.

School Safety

A reminder to our school community to use caution during the morning, lunch and dismissal times around the school and neighboring area. Exercise caution on the school parking lot and be sure to use crosswalks when crossing the street!

A reminder also that parents are not permitted to park or pick up their children in the school parking lot **from 2:45 to 3:10 each day** in order to allow the safe arrival and departure of our school buses.

Drop and Add Procedure

Students will have an opportunity to request course changes beginning Tuesday, September 3rd at 3 pm once PowerSchool schedules are released. Attached is the link to the [Drop and Add](#) google form. In the coming days, this link will also be found in the “2024-25 School Opening Information” Tab at the top of the school website. Priority will be given to Grade 12 students, based on graduation requirements. Students must fill out the drop and add form using their NLESD email address!

Note: No changes will be made due to friend or teacher requests.

Deadline for requests: Friday, Sept. 6th at 12:30 pm.

Daily Schedule and Bell Times

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3 *	Day 4	Day 5
8:00 – 8:58	IB classes	IB classes	IB classes	IB classes	IB classes
Warning Bell 8:55	Students should be in the building and headed to class.				
9:00 – 10:13	A1	D2	A1/A2	C1	B2
10:15 – 11:28	B1	A2	B1/B2	D1	C2
11:28- 12:30	Lunch				

Warning Bell 12:25	Students should be in the building and headed to class.				
12:30 – 1:43	C1	B2	C1/C2	A1	D2
1:45 – 2:58	D1	C2	D1/D2	B1	A2

Cafeteria Service

There will be NO cafeteria service this year.

Student Transportation / Bus Portal

The Bus Planner Parent Portal is now open and activated for your busing information. Parents who created an account last year can now login and view their child's eligibility, and if eligible, view their transportation schedule for the first day of school. Please verify your PowerSchool demographics are accurate to ensure bussing eligibility.

Parent Bus Portal Login

Parents who have not already created an account (and wish to do so) can go in, create an account and add their child to their account at the above link as well.

Parents will need the following information in order to add their child:

1. Student Number (found on PowerSchool)
2. Student Date of Birth
3. School
4. Grade

Bus Courtesy Seat Requests

We will be taking requests for Courtesy Bus seating once all eligible students are seated first. Once we are aware of the availability of seats on each bus we will be able to issue courtesy seats. Please email assistant principal Mark Goulding (markgoulding@nlesd.ca) if required and you will be provided a Bus Courtesy application form on Rycor.

Demographic Forms

Please take the time to review your child's demographic information to ensure all information is accurate and up to date - especially contact information (phone numbers; emails). This is important for many reasons beyond home contact (transportation and bussing; release of transcripts, etc).

You can find all the school's demographic information for your child on PowerSchool. If changes need to be made, a blank demographic information form is available on [Rycor](#). Please complete the required changes and submit.

Media Consent /Core Digital Tools/Technology Agreement Forms

The above forms **are now available** to families on [Rycor](#). Please login to your Rycor account (through the Parent PowerSchool portal) and sign these forms for the 24-25 season. This will provide your child access to the wifi network and technology at Holy Heart for the upcoming school year!

Lockers

Students may request lockers from their **Day 1, Period 1** teacher on the first day of school.

Extracurricular Activities

We encourage students to sign up for group activities they are interested in or try something new. Being involved in school activities makes for a much better high school experience. Please speak with your child(ren) and encourage them to participate!

Video Surveillance

We want to inform and remind our community that Holy Heart of Mary High School operates video cameras in and around our school to help keep our school safe.

Please enjoy the last few days of summer, and we look forward to our 2024-25 school year!

