

Dear CCH families,

Welcome to the start of the 2026-2027 school year! We are excited to welcome you all back soon and wanted to ensure that you had some important information before we begin classes on September 1, 2026.

1. Next year's full-year (2026-2027) calendar can be found here: [Calendars](#)
2. CCH's bell times for the 2026-2027 school year which can be found here:
https://cch.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/bell_times
3. CCH uses PowerSchool as its student information system. Students will be able to access their **timetables for the 2026-2027 school year (go to "Dashboard" and use the "Class Overview" to select full year or by quarter) through PowerSchool**. If you have a student who is new to CCH, who does not have a PowerSchool login, you will not be able to login until September 1 as this is the official first day of the new academic school year.
4. **PLEASE NOTE:** administrators and guidance counselors have checked that prerequisites have been met and, therefore, timetables might have been adjusted to reflect appropriate streaming needs.
5. If your student's timetable has "Accommodated Learning" on the schedule, this is NOT a class. This is simply a way for us (our administration and IEL teacher) to identify those students with Individualized Program Plans.
6. Timetable change requests and shuttle implications: Catholic Central has a rigorous process for creating timetables (a process that began in January) that balances numerous factors including high school graduation requirements, teacher availability and allocation, classroom space, dual campus programming, and individual student needs. As a result, we cannot continue to accommodate individual timetable change requests on a quarterly basis as all sorts of demands that are not emergent in nature, throws the timetable out of balance. Additionally, we have been directed by the school board to consider the rising cost of transportation when constructing timetables for students to limit the need to travel (via shuttle buses). Therefore, timetable requests will be considered on a "case-by-case" basis but administration and guidance counselors will reserve the right to not grant every request. We kindly ask that students and parents support the current timetable. Adjusting to the schedule provided is crucial for maintaining student access to programming while ensuring operational efficiency of our school. Flexibility and resilience are key skills that will benefit students throughout their educational journey and beyond.
7. Parents/ guardians who have NOT completed the re-registration form through SchoolEngage, this process MUST be completed before your child(ren) is provided with a timetable. Please go here to complete your child's re-registration form <https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/schools/registration> Should you require any assistance with this process, please contact Ms. Magill at magillk@holyspirit.ab.ca
8. Both CCH offices will reopen on August 20th to facilitate timetable changes and to answer any inquiries you might have. Our office hours for the weeks leading up to the first day will be:
 - Thursday, August 20
First day school reopens. Administrative Team and Counselors will be present on Campus East only for timetable change requests from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 - Friday, August 21
Campus East will be open for timetable change requests from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

- Monday, August 24
IMPORTANT NOTE: Campus East will be open for timetable change requests from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon but please note that there will only be one guidance counselor available as administrators are at meetings at the board office. Be prepared to wait or be turned away should/ come another day should you not be able to meet with the counselor.
- Tuesday, August 25
All staff return. School **closed** for Staff Meetings.
- Wednesday, August 26
Both Campus East and Campus West will be open for timetable change requests from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 27
Both Campus East and Campus West will be open for timetable change requests from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 28
Division Opening Mass - all schools **closed**
- Monday, August 31
Both Campus East and Campus West will be open for timetable change requests from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
New Student Orientation on both Campus East and Campus West - all students new to CCH are welcome to attend. Check Instagram for details closer to the date!
- Tuesday, September 1
First Day of Quarter 1 Classes!

An invitation from CCH Students' Council:

All students new to CCH are formally invited to attend the New Student Orientation, hosted by members of the CCH Student Council, on Monday, August 31st from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Tours will be given at both the East and West campuses, and students are welcome to visit either or both locations. A guided walk-through of each campus is available, and information will be provided about CCH Sports, Fine Arts, Clubs and Activities. Student Council members will also be available to answer many of the questions that come with starting at a new school and to share helpful information about life at CCH. Parents and guardians are also welcome to attend. Look for the "Welcome to CCH" tables at the main entrance of each campus when you arrive. We look forward to welcoming you to CCH and helping you feel ready for the year ahead. Hope to see you there!

9. **PLEASE NOTE:** While we understand that emailing guidance counselors and administration is easier than coming in to complete a timetable change, it is not "quicker." Any requests that have been emailed will not be addressed until in-person requests have been completed for the day and only if a student cannot come in to make the changes in person. This applies to any emails that have been sent during the summer break. All timetable requests for changes **MUST BE DONE IN PERSON.**
10. First Day back for all students is Tuesday, September 1, 2026.
11. School pictures will be on September 8, 2026 on Campus East and September 9, 2026 on Campus West.

12. Transportation: To access information about Transportation for students within Holy Spirit Catholic School Division please go here: <https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/schools/transportation>
13. School supplies for the first day are minimal. Students should come with a binder with paper and a pencil/pen. Once course outlines have been distributed by teachers, there may be additional supplies required.
14. Cell Phone Procedure: CCH will be adhering to Alberta Education's directive to ban the use of mobile phones during class time  [Cell Phone Procedure](#)
15. Other information about upcoming co-curricular activities that start right away:

Athletics:

Greetings CCHS Parents and Athletes,

As your Athletic Director, I wish you a warm welcome back to Cougar Athletics. Like many of you, I am incredibly excited to start the school year off and would like to invite you all to take note of the opportunities we have to offer. Below are a few updates for the sports running this fall.

Football:

- A Parent Meeting and Weight Training began Monday, August 17th @ CCHS East Campus from 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm (all equipment supplied on-site).
- If you missed this information and your child would still like to be considered for Catholic Central's Football Team, please contact Mr. Cavilla at cavillaj@holyspirit.ab.ca

Volleyball:

- Optional open gym sessions for all CCHS Boys and Girls players (gr 10-12) are as follows:
 - Girls: Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27 from 3:00-5:00 pm on Campus West
 - Boys: Tuesday, August 25 and Wednesday, August 26 from 3:00-5:00 pm on Campus East
- Tryouts will take place on September 1 & 2 from 3:30-5:30 Campus West for Girls and Campus East for Boys. After the tryouts are completed, one Junior Varsity and one Senior Varsity team will be selected to represent the CCHS Boys' and Girls' programs this season.
- The boys' program will be coached by Mr. Hammel, Mr. Mulder, and Mr. LeBleu. The girls' program will be coached by Miss. Miller-Shackleton, Mr. Lutz, and Claire Talbot.
- For further details, please contact Mr. Hammel or Mr. Lutz at hammelm@holyspirit.ab.ca or lutzj@holyspirit.ab.ca

Cross-Country:

- Those interested in cross-country can see Mr. Skaug in room E209 on Campus West or Mrs. Leroux in room W520 during the first week of school.
- Training will begin Thursday, September 10th, at 3:15pm, departing from Vasey Hall. All are welcome to join regardless of the athletes' experience in Cross Country.
- For further details, don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Leroux at lerouxch@holyspirit.ab.ca

Golf:

- Those interested in golf can speak to Mr. Mulder during the first week of school in room W517 on Campus west or email him at mulderd@holyspirit.ab.ca.
- Tryouts are currently scheduled for Thursday, September 10th at 12:00 pm at Henderson Lake Golf Course.
- For further details, don't hesitate to contact Mr. Mulder at mulderd@holyspirit.ab.ca

If you have any further questions about these sports or any upcoming sports offered throughout the year, please feel free to contact Mr. Lutz - lutzj@holyspirit.ab.ca - Athletic Director

Fine Arts, Student Activities, and Clubs:

Music (vocal and instrumental)

- Please contact Mrs. Ens and/or Mrs. Richards at ensj@holyspirit.ab.ca and richardse@holyspirit.ab.ca for information about the music program (both vocal and instrumental)

Musical Theatre:

- Our history of musical theatre will resume this year under the direction of Mr. Dalton. While the musical theatre performance does not begin in earnest until after the fall, questions regarding the musical and participation in it can be directed to Mr. Dalton at daltonb@holyspirit.ab.ca ... Stay tuned for an announcement regarding which production CCH will choose to perform!

Student's Council:

- Student's Council provides CCH students with the opportunity to provide voice and direction in school activities and programs. It will be led by Mrs. Kaci Hawker this year. Students who wish to have more information regarding opportunities and participation may contact her at hawkerk@holyspirit.ab.ca

Santa's Anonymous:

- Santa's Anonymous is a group that will focus on fundraising and events to raise money for hampers that are delivered to families in need prior to the Christmas break.
- For more information, please contact Mr. Spiess or Mrs. Christensen at spiessj@holyspirit.ab.ca, christensend@holyspirit.ab.ca

Athletic Leadership:

- Our Athletic Leadership Team consists of students from all grade levels who participate in helping to organize and operate our home games throughout the school athletics calendar. This is a vibrant group of students who contribute to helping run games and tournaments hosted by CCH throughout the year. Any students interested in participating can contact Mr Chris Leroux, lerouxcl@holyspirit.ab.ca for further information and to sign up.

Yearbook:

- Our yearbook club is responsible for documenting the school year and creating the lasting memory of it in the form of our annual yearbook. While we have yet to secure a staff member to oversee this club, students who wish to contribute their talents to this club can contact Mrs. Polec at polecj@holyspirit.ab.ca

Robotics:

- Robotics will resume again this year as well. The robotics club engages in year long activities and ultimately a build and design of a robot for competition with the FIRST Robotics organization. Students who wish to participate or receive more information about this program may contact Mrs. Kelsey Schwark schwarkk@holyspirit.ab.ca for further information.

While CCH offices will be closed until August 20th, should you have any pressing questions that cannot wait until we reopen, you may choose to email any one of the following administrators:

- Mrs. Polec, Principal - polecj@holyspirit.ab.ca
- Mr. Comchi, Associate Principal - comchid@holyspirit.ab.ca
- Mr. Lutz, Associate Principal - lutzj@holyspirit.ab.ca
- Mr. Vercillo, Associate Principal - vercilloa@holyspirit.ab.ca

Please note that we may not get back to you right away but we will be checking our emails and responding as we are able. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Many blessings as you soak up the last few weeks of summer holidays!

Joanne Polec

Principal, Catholic Central High