



Holy Cross Catholic Academy FAQs

1. **I live outside of the designated area for Holy Cross Catholic Academy; how do I register my child for your school?**
 - If you would like to register for Holy Cross Catholic Academy, please click on this link: [YCDSB - Holy Cross CA Registration](#)
 - If you would like to apply for the Holy Cross High Performer Athlete Program, please click on this link: [HPA Application](#)
 - If you would like to apply for the Holy Cross Catholic Academy Pre-IB Programme, please click on this link: [Pre-IB Application](#)

 - **If you have additional questions that you would like answered regarding REGISTRATION, please email: anna.moro@ycdsb.ca**

2. **Is there a Student Activity Fee (SAF) with the application process? What does the SAF cover?**
 - Yes, there is a **Student Activity Fee** for all students attending Holy Cross Catholic Academy of **\$110:**
 - Athletics/ Team Sports: \$17
 - Clubs/ Awards: \$8
 - Student Government: \$5
 - Communication: \$5
 - Yearbook: \$25
 - Student Religious Retreats: \$25
 - Locks: \$10.00
 - *Donation to Catholic School Council \$15

*Funds are used to upgrade school facilities and classroom materials which benefit the entire school

- Students applying to the **Holy Cross High Performer Athlete Program** will be required to pay an application fee of \$50
- Students applying to the Holy Cross Catholic Academy **Pre-IB Programme** will be required to pay an application fee of \$25

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a **\$30.00 Administration Fee** for students withdrawing their registration

The **Student Activity Fee** of **\$110.00** must be submitted at the time of registration by e-transfer to analisa.nasso@ycdsb.ca (must include student's name in the e-transfer). Use the password "Hawks 2021" and indicate "Student Activity Fee".

3. How can I verify whether or not I qualify for bussing to your school?

- Please visit School Bus City - York Region: [School Bus City](#)

4. How does Holy Cross Catholic Academy communicate important information?

- Via SchoolMessenger (email and telephone calls)
- School website: [Holy Cross Catholic Academy](#)
- Guidance website: [Holy Cross Catholic Academy Guidance Website](#)
- Special Education website:
[Holy Cross Catholic Academy Special Education Website](#)
- Twitter link [@Holy_Cross_News](#) and [@HolyCrossSAC](#)

5. I have an IEP (Individual Education Plan); do I still have one in high school?

- YES, it is part of your transition plan to secondary school. Accommodations are available for students who require them. Your Special Education Teacher will be happy to help you.

6. What can I do to help support my child's learning from home?

- Remind your child to check their teacher's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), such as D2L or Google Classroom and School Email Account (YCDSBK12 account) for course information
- Encourage your child to use an organizational tool for course work and to help manage their time appropriately to ensure classwork responsibilities are met
- Support your child in advocating for themselves such as speaking to their teacher for clarification and/or extra help, as needed

- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are encouraged to communicate with subject teachers, as needed
- **Homework Helper** Non Credit: [Homework Helper](#)
- **TVO Mathify** offers free 1:1 Grade 6-10 math tutoring with Ontario Certified Teachers: [TVO Mathify](#)
- **Learn at Home** created by the Ministry of Education consists of activities and resources for high school students to use at home to supplement their learning: [Learn at Home](#)
- **PhET:** Interactive Simulations for Science and Math: [PhET](#)

7. Are there additional resources available to help make the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9?

- Kick Start Program: The **Kickstart Summer Program** is a great way for in-coming Holy Cross Academy's Grade 9 students to address both challenges and opportunities. It helps to facilitate a soft-landing into secondary and their new home for the next four years.
- The **Kickstart Summer Program** will focus on helping current Grade 8 students develop the foundational literacy and numeracy skills for a successful transition into high school.
- In addition to these skills, the program will also focus on student well-being, which could include pathways planning, mindfulness, and time and stress management techniques and will include daily physical activity.
- Students in the **Kickstart Summer Program** at Holy Cross Catholic Academy will earn their first High School credit in **HIF101 – Individual and Family Living (Open) Grade 9**. This course will count as one (1) high school credit that students will use towards graduation.

8. Are there opportunities for parents to get involved?

- Holy Cross Catholic Academy has a strong Catholic School Council who welcome parent involvement and input: [Catholic School Council](#)
- Attend Parent-Teacher Interview Night, offered once per semester to meet your child's teachers, to discuss your child's progress and next steps

9. Can I change course types?

- YES, you can change course types when moving from Grade 9 to Grade 10. This can only be done in the subjects of English and Science. You can move to academic from applied depending on achievement.

- Math can also be changed, however, a transfer course is required to be completed in Summer School. This is also dependent on achievement and teacher recommendation.
- Please refer to the Guidance website for more information. Click on the “Transitioning to High School” tab. Please click on this link: [Guidance Website](#)

10. Can I take courses in applied and academic for different subjects?

- YES - You are encouraged to take the types of courses that best suit your interests, goals, and learning styles. For more information visit the Guidance website and click on the “Transitioning to High School” tab. Please click on this link: [Guidance Website](#)
- If you have any other additional questions that you would like answered, please email us at: hcca@ycdsb.ca

