



FAQ

Holy Cross Catholic Academy FAQs

1. I live outside 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 - 2024-2025 Holy Cross CA Registration Checklist](#)
- The [Holy Cross High Performer Athlete Program](#) Application link can be found within the [Registration Checklist](#)
- 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 **\$63**. See the breakdown below.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE BREAKDOWN	AMOUNT
Student Engagement (e.g. special events, student recognition, guest speakers, clubs, and councils)	20.00
Wellness and Inclusivity (e.g. faith development, stewardship, physical and mental well-being)	20.00
School issued lock to <u>GRADE 9</u> and <u>ALL NEW</u> students	13.00
TOTAL	\$53.00

Note: This fee is voluntary.

Catholic School Council Contribution	\$10.00
These funds are directly reinvested back into our school community. Various groups within the school, including departments, clubs, and councils, submit proposals on the use of these funds. In consultation with the Administration, the Catholic School Council supports these various initiatives and projects that are designed to be of direct benefit to the students. Thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross Catholic Academy	
TOTAL FEE TO BE COLLECTED FOR <u>GRADE 9</u> AND <u>ALL NEW</u> STUDENTS	\$63.00

NOTE: There are additional/separate fees that will be charged for but not limited to the following: yearbook, athletic and team fees, retreats, field trips, and excursions, course enhancement fees (vary from department to department), school spirit wear, Physical and Health Education uniforms, etc. [These fees are voluntary, and they allow us to provide our students with services we could not otherwise provide.](#)

- Students applying to the [Holy Cross High Performer Athlete Program](#) will also be required to pay a non-refundable application fee of **\$50**

The **Student Activity Fee** of **\$63.00** is to be submitted at the time of registration by [School Day](#) - [\(CLICK for instructions\)](#)

3. When does Course Selection take place, and how?

- Students will begin course selections in February 2025.
- Course Selection is completed using [MyBlueprint](#) with their Grade 8 teacher.

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

- Please visit School Bus City - York Region: [School Bus City](#)
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5. **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](#)
 - Instagram [@HCCA_hawksnews](#), [@hcca_student_government](#), [@hcca_hawksathletics](#), [@hcca_library](#)

6. **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.

7. **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 their own School Email Account (YCDSBK12 account) for course information
 - Encourage your child to use an organizational tool for coursework 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 well as Guidance and Special Education for additional support
 - **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](#)

8. **Are there additional resources available to help make the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9?**
 - Click the following link to learn more about [The Kickstart Summer Program](#). It is a great way for incoming 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. It will also 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 toward graduation.

9. **Are there opportunities for parents to get involved?**
 - Holy Cross Catholic Academy has a strong Catholic School Council that welcomes 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

If you have any additional questions that you would like answered, please contact our Guidance Department at 905-851-6699 or email the Guidance Head, Ms. Ritacca, at melissa.ritacca@ycdsb.ca