



APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR
Holy Cross Catholic School
Kindergarten to Grade 8
2026-2027 School Year

Additional Application Information is required for:

- International Students
 - Students with Special Needs
- Please visit the school's website (www.holycrossschool.mb.ca) or request a copy from the school office.

Each applicant will be required to:

- Submit a completed Holy Cross School Application Form for each individual student applying.
- Submit an application fee of \$150.00 per individual student applying. Payment may be made in cash or by cheque only made payable to "Holy Cross School". Please note:
 - In all cases, the \$150 application is a *non-refundable* fee, collected upon acceptance to Holy Cross School.
 - This fee is used to secure your spot for the following school year.
- Provide a copy of the student's most recent report card (except for applications for Kindergarten)
 - parents are asked to submit an updated report card as this becomes available from the applicant's current school.
- Provide a copy of the student's Canadian birth certificate. If the student is not a Canadian citizen, proof of Permanent Resident Status in Canada must also be provided.
- International students (all those who are not already Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents) must supply the required supporting documentation: Proof of Canadian Citizenship and/or Permanent Residency or a study permit. Please be sure to check the box for "International Student" at the top of the Application form. Applications for international students will only be considered for students who are already attending an English program school, and whose fluency in the English language is comparable to a grade-appropriate peer in Manitoba.
Note: Applicants who are already Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents have priority for available seats.
- Provide a copy of the student's baptismal certificate - *required* if the applicant is indicated as being Catholic.
- Have a Student Reference Form (SRF) completed and returned to Holy Cross School by the student's current school Principal* or classroom teacher. The parent or guardian of the student must sign as indicated near the top of this form to permit the current Principal to release the requested information (as required by FIPPA, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), and PHIA, the Personal Health Information Act). The parent or guardian of the applicant is responsible for providing this signed form to the Principal of the applicant's current school. The Principal is asked to have this Student Reference Form completed and emailed directly to Holy Cross School (email: hcsoffice@holycrossschool.mb.ca) as soon as possible with the subject line; Student Reference Form *Student Name*
*For Kindergarten applicants, this form should be completed by the child's Daycare/Nursery School Coordinator, if applicable, and emailed directly to Holy Cross School at: hcsoffice@holycrossschool.mb.ca
- Personal Interviews: Applicants will be notified by phone or by email of their interview appointment time.
 - Kindergarten Applicants: Applicants in the highest priority levels (see the Admissions Policy below) will be contacted to book an interview time for the parent(s) and child with Holy Cross School administration. Should space still be available in Kindergarten, the School will contact families in the next highest priority levels to arrange an interview.
 - Interviews for other levels (Grades 1 to 8) will be contacted by the School to book an interview time for the parent(s) and child with a Holy Cross School administrator.

Your son or daughter's application will only be processed once ALL of the required documentation has been received by Holy Cross School.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-2027 WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING January 12th, 2026.

Please note that there is no first-come served prioritizing; all **complete** applications received by the priority deadline will be considered in one pool of new applicants for each grade level.

**Join us for our *SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE for GRADES KINDERGARTEN TO 8*
*ON THURSDAY, January 22nd, 2025 AT 6:30 PM***

Location: Holy Cross School Gymnasium (292 DUBUC STREET).

Enter using the blue doors near the St. Boniface High School side of the gym.

- **Kindergarten:** Children must be five years old on or before December 31, 2026, in order to register for Kindergarten at Holy Cross School for the school year 2026-2027.
- **Applications for International Students:** Such applications require additional documentation and are subject to various conditions outlined in the previous point regarding International Students. Applicants who are already Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents have priority for available seats.
- **Applications for Students with Special Needs (Level II or Level III exceptionalities):** Please obtain the Application Information Sheet for Students with Level II or Level III Disabilities. Such applications require additional documentation and must be submitted on or before the last school day of February 2026 for consideration for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Kindergarten Applications for Students with Special Needs:** Parents are required to provide documentation pertaining to the student's medical, academic, cognitive, psychological, social, and behavioural history and additional information from community resources.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Address: 300 Dubuc Street, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1E4
Telephone: 204-237-4936
Email: hcsoffice@holycrossschool.mb.ca
Website: www.holycrossschool.mb.ca

Holy Cross Before and After School Program for K-8:

Telephone 204-231-0422

ADMISSION POLICY, Kindergarten to 8

Holy Cross School's acceptance process sets out to match the needs of individual applicants with the educational setting and Catholic atmosphere of Holy Cross School.

Information regarding each Kindergarten to Grade 8 applicant is obtained through a process which includes the review of:

- \$ a copy of the student's most recent report card (except for Kindergarten applicants)
- \$ a Sending Daycare/Student Reference Form if applicable

For ALL applicants, the process also includes an interview for the parent(s) and child with a Holy Cross School administrator.

Criteria for Admissibility, K-8

The information collected is used to determine if:

- \$ all special staffing, programs, equipment, and/or physical facilities required by the student are available,
 - \$ the academic program offered by the school would provide an educational environment beneficial to the student's learning potential, and
 - \$ the student's behaviour and attitude is in keeping with the standards of Holy Cross School.
- \$ Note: All first-year Holy Cross Students are subject to a one-year probationary period where their academics and behaviour are monitored.

Provided the admissibility criteria are met, priority consideration for an available space will be given to a student applicant who has submitted a Catholic baptismal certificate with their application.

SCHOOL HOURS

The school doors open at 8:20 am and close at 3:15 pm. No supervision is provided by Holy Cross School before 8:20 am or after 3:15 pm. Parents interested in the Before and After School Program operated by Holy Cross School may obtain more information by calling 204-237-4936. Placements into the Before and After School Program cannot be made until after the student has been officially accepted into Holy Cross School.

K to 8 classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. and from 12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch break: 11:35 am to 12:15 pm.

\$ A supervised lunch period is provided. K-8 Students eat their lunch in their classroom.

\$ Students will bring their lunch foods from home

\$ K to 8 students are not permitted to go out for lunch.

Students are to come prepared to be dressed for outdoor recess on all school days. Indoor recesses will only be held if it is raining significantly or if the Environment Canada temperature or wind chill at The Forks is -27°C or colder.

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance for all classes is required for a student to be successful in his/her academic endeavour. Parents are asked to contact the school if a student is going to be late or absent. Parents will be contacted by the school in the case of an unexplained absence.

UNIFORMS

Please visit the school website at www.holycrossschool.mb.ca to review the "Uniforms" information sheet. Note that students new to Holy Cross may only place their order from our uniform supplier after receiving their official letter of acceptance.

REPORTING PERIODS

The K to 8 school year is divided into three formal reporting periods. Report cards will be issued in November, March and June. Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled upon request after the November and March reporting periods.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

All students attending Holy Cross School are required to take part in Religion. Catholic Religion courses and activities are compulsory at all levels. Attendance at grade Masses and all-school Masses is an integral and compulsory part of the Religion program. Non-Catholic students are called to develop an understanding of the Catholic Faith while being encouraged to maintain and grow in their faith development according to their own religious tradition.

HOMEWORK

All learning does not take place in the classroom. To reinforce the learning process, some grade-appropriate homework can be expected to be assigned to all students throughout the course of the school year. Homework such as class assignments, projects, and reviewing should take precedence over other activities.

TEXTBOOKS + LIBRARY BOOKS

School textbooks are provided free of charge. Lost or damaged textbooks or School Library books must be paid for by the student to whom they were assigned or last taken out by.

THE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL PROGRAMS ENRICHMENT FUND (PEF)

Organizations and groups within the school (Parent Advisory Council etc.) will still offer some small-scale fundraisers throughout the year in support of their causes and charities. However, students/parents/guardians will be under no obligation to purchase or sell the products offered. These small-scale fundraisers will thus continue to provide convenience and a service to parents who would like to purchase the items offered for sale which can vary from year to year.