

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024,

A warm welcome to all our families. We are very excited to begin our fourth year in the new school. The spiritual theme this year is Living, Celebrating and Proclaiming Our Faith. We celebrate our faith by embracing and participating in the traditions, sacraments, and customs of the universal Catholic church. In the words of Pope Frances, *“Let us ask the Lord to make us more catholic – to enable us, like a great family, to grow together in faith and love, to draw others to Jesus in the communion of the church, and to welcome the gifts and contributions of everyone, in order to create a joyful symphony of praise to God for his grace, and his redemptive love.”*

Please Join me in giving a warm welcome to Mr. Erceg, Gr. 7, Ms. Fletcher, Gr. 1A, Mr. Reilly Gr. 4A and Mr. Planta. PE, as well as, Ms. Kurnicki, Mrs. Regush, Ms. Sawatzky, who will be joining our staff. We would also like to welcome back from Maternity Leave Ms. Legayada, and Mrs. Mathias.

Please take time to read and be familiar with the Philosophy of Catholic Education and the revised Mission Statement, Vision Statement of Catholic Education, The Principles of Catholic Education, and the Policy Manual that can be found on the website.

Sincerely,

Ms. Natola

From the Pastors Desk



Welcome back students, parents and staff of Corpus Christi School. The summer was a busy time with our 10 Year Vision was being lived out. To recap: we had 2 weeks of Sports Camp, Vacation Bible School, Youth Retreat, Altar Servers Camp and the Senior Youth Core Retreat. The Parish Vision is working but it needs constant prayer and effort on our part.

As we begin this new school year, it is important to remember the promises you made to the Lord when you had your child (or children) baptized. In essence you swore an oath to the Lord that you would raise them in the practice of the Catholic Faith.

I understand that some may choose to simply drop off envelopes and leave without attending Mass. I must speak honestly and directly: this approach, while perhaps intended to secure a more favorable rate, does not align with the spirit of our faith. This act is cheating! It is important to recognize that our presence at Mass is a vital part of nurturing your faith and your children's spiritual lives.

The Lord desires for us to gather in worship and community, not merely to fulfill a requirement. By participating fully in the Mass, we honor our faith and support the spiritual growth of our children. Let us come together in worship, as the Lord calls us to do.

Ask Jesus to help you make it a priority to bring them to confession, Mass and pray with them every day. Do not give into the lie that you don't have time (yes, you do have time!). The enemy wants to convince you that you are so busy, he wants your children so busy that you and they become convinced you have no time for prayer, Mass and confession when it fact there is time but remember that there is no such thing as time management – there is only Priority Management.

Ask Jesus to help you – he will!

Let us pray for each other as we begin this new school year. May God, our Lady and St Joseph and all the holy angels watch over and protect us.

Until the next “From the Pastor’s Desk.”

Fr Hamilton

PARISH FOOD FEST

You are all invited to come and join us for our Parish Food Fest this Sun., Sept. 8 from 11 am - 3 pm right outside the school. It's a great way to reconnect with each other after the summer break and start off a new school year.

There will be pony rides, a balloon artist, face painting, free cotton candy, games and prizes for the children.

And of course, we welcome back last year's wonderful roster of food trucks serving up delicious meals - Tacosaurus, Melt Town Grill, BBQ King as well as a new addition the popular Japanese food truck Taco Nori

AFTER MASS SOCIAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TERM 1:

Please consider volunteering for the After Mass Social by filling out the GoogleDoc Form that will be coming out soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary or Mellyssa at amsccchristi@gmail.com.

CREATIVE PACKS.

Creative packs have been distributed to the students. If there are any missing supplies, please contact them directly.

Parents/Guardians: Should you have any questions please email or call us directly – we are here to help!

Creative Packs Support Team email: support@creativepacks.ca

Phone: 778-806-4656



MORNING DROP OFF, AFTER-SCHOOL PICK UP

For Morning Drop off, parents are asked to park and walk their child(ren) to the covered area. Parents are welcome to park in the school parking lot or side streets near the school.

For After-school pick up, parents are asked to park and wait behind the orange barriers to pick up their children from their line ups.

**Please be aware of residents parked on Nanaimo Street who need to merge.
Please stop and allow them access to Nanaimo Street.**

A gentle reminder, double parking and random stopping along Waverley Ave. and Nanaimo Street is dangerous and prohibited.

PARTICIPATION HOURS

Parent Participation Hours are 10 hours a term, however, all parents are **expected to volunteer an additional 3 hours at the spring picnic.**

Please sign up for morning and afterschool supervision.

WEBSITE

For most recent updates please view the school website www.cchristi.ca under the NEWS tab. Important updates are on the Home page on the top right-hand corner. Challenge yourselves to make checking the website part of your daily routine. If you are unfamiliar with using the website the office staff is willing to give an overview.

CALENDAR

Remember to visit the calendar on the website homepage. It is designed so that you may subscribe to:
add to timely calendar/add to google/add to outlook/add to apple calendar/add to other calendar/export to XML. You may find it very helpful.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletters will be distributed every second Friday via email and the website.

LATES & ABSENCE:

When a child is late or absent from school parents are required to phone or email the school before 9:15 AM. Please do not send messages via the classroom teacher or with siblings in the school.



FOLLOWING AND ABSENTEES

A written explanation must be forwarded to the school office when your child returns to school (as soon as possible).

SCHOOL RECORDS

Please ensure all school records are kept up to date throughout the year. It is essential that we have accurate medical records and contact numbers if needed.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FALL 2024

Parents will receive registrations forms by email. Please print, fill out and return forms with payment to the school office by appointment or with your child in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope.

HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Online ordering through Munchalunch (Mondays and Wednesdays). See attached.



FOOD SCRAPS & RECYCLING

As you are aware the city by-law requires that all food scraps are now to be composted or placed in residential green bins. Therefore, students will be bringing home all food scraps, and other recycling items such as juice boxes, plastics etc. Please provide an extra paper bag/baggie for their food scraps, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Visit for more information: <https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/green-bin-composting-food-scraps-and-yard-waste.aspx>

MEET THE TEACHER/STAFF NIGHT

Meet the staff night will take place on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:45 PM. This event is for parents only.

TUTION: PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

If you have made changes to your bank account, one month's notice is required for us to change the banking arrangements. If short notice is given and the original payment is rejected an NSF fee of \$40.00 will apply.

NSF CHARGES: A \$40.00 NSF Fee applies to all cheques regardless of amount.

LABELLING ITEMS

Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES - CELL PHONES, RECREATIONAL ITEMS AND TOYS

Students may not bring cell phones, toys, electronic devices, and any other recreational items to school. Under special circumstances only, exceptions may be allowed with the approval of the Principal. **The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Parent social media groups and group chat platforms are not encouraged or promoted by the school. The school must protect the privacy of individuals in the school community. Parents are expected to “respect the rights and dignity of all persons in the parish/school community at all times” (CISVA Policy 412:2). Please keep in mind that important information is already distributed from the school via the school website calendar, newsletters and emails. We must strongly advise parents to not be involved with or entertain conversations that involve staff or individual students, as this goes against the school’s protocols on Proper Channels of Communication, privacy laws, CISVA Policy 412 Parent Code of Conduct (sections a,c,d,e,f,j) and Policy 411 Family Statement of Commitment.

Parents choosing to participate in social media groups/group chat platforms, despite the school recommendations, must follow these guidelines:

1. The group should only be used as a virtual bulletin board to send messages relevant to school/class matters (e.g. general questions or pertinent information)
2. The group should never be used as a platform to air views/grievances regarding the school, teachers, students, or other parents.
3. The group is not a platform for airing opinions on current affairs or to post advertising/soliciting of any kind. Please keep all posts related to relevant school/class business only.
4. The group should never be used for one-on-one conversations that are not relevant to others in the group.
5. The group is only for parents of children attending Corpus Christi. Further, class groups should only contain parents of children in that class.
6. The group administrator (and other group members) are responsible for removing any chats that are inappropriate, confidential, sensitive, or could be deemed harmful to the school, students, staff, or parents.

Policy 411:1,11 Family Statement of Commitment

If any of these conditions are not met, the school reserves the right to: refuse admission, or remove the student from the school, or take any other appropriate action in the circumstances.

PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION POLICY:

As it is easier to handle a concern before it becomes a problem, parents and teachers are expected to contact one another over any behavior, progress or policy concerns. Parents are invited to contact the teacher so that the best decisions can be made for the children in our care. To aid positive communication, teachers may contact each parent

in their classroom personally. This could take the form of notes, phone calls, etc. The purpose is to foster positive communication.

During the first weeks of school, parents are invited to come to an open house to hear about our plans for the year ahead and to meet the teacher on an informal basis. In order to facilitate communication on your child's progress, all parents will be invited to attend a parent-teacher conference in the first term and then in the second term, will be invited to take part in a student-led conference before the second progress report. Other interviews will be held according to the specific request of teachers or parents. Student Learning Communication will be sent home two times a year (January and June).

Parents must provide the school with a current address and phone number and accurate medical information relating to their child. If you move during the year, please inform us immediately. **Please make sure your email address is up to date.**

E-MAIL GUIDELINES FOR PARENT COMMUNICATION

Corpus Christi School recognizes that electronic mail (e-mail) is a valuable communication tool that is widely used across our society. Staff members are provided with school email accounts to improve the efficiency.

E-mail may be a fast and convenient way for you to send messages, but this may not be the case for many of our teachers. Some teachers read their e-mail messages in the morning before school, some read them at the end of the day, and some read them during the school day. Many teachers prefer to use the phone to speak directly to parents.

For these reasons, please remember if you choose to send an e-mail message to a member of our professional staff, you may not get an immediate reply. In fact, you may not receive an e-mail reply at all, since the staff members will determine how best to contact you: by e-mail, phone, or to schedule a personal conference. When using e-mail:

Acceptable Use of Parent Communication

- E-mail should be used for general information such as class activities, curriculum, assignments, tests, deadlines and special events.
- To arrange for a meeting/telephone call regarding a student issue including a general description of the issue e.g. I would like to arrange a meeting to discuss your daughter's attendance.
- Follow-up on an issue that has previously been discussed.
- Allow one to two days for staff to reply. Responses may not be in the form of an email

Unacceptable Use of Parent Communication

E-mail should not include:

- Any discussion related to other students.
- Personal information about other students.
- Specifics about a sensitive student issue
- Any discussion related to other staff.
- Any sensitive student information that would normally be discussed face-to-face or by phone.

Corpus Christi Staff	2024-25
Administrative Staff	
Ms. Natola	Principal
Ms. B. Campanile	Office Manager
Mrs. L. Vaz	Secretary
Teachers	
Ms. A. O'Sullivan	Kindergarten KA
Mrs. D. Sanderson	Kindergarten KB
Ms. E. Fletcher	Gr. 1A
Ms. C. O'Sullivan	Gr. 1B
Ms. M. Legayada	Music
Ms. B. Lum	Gr. 2A Resource Co.
Ms. L. Walker	Gr. 2B
Mrs. V. Lam	Gr. 3A
Ms. M. Groarke	Gr. 3B
Mr. P. Reilly	Gr. 4A
Ms. R. McAlinden	Gr. 4B
Ms. K. Rossi	Gr. 5A
Ms. J. Plachta	Gr. 5B IT Coordinator
Mrs. N. Parker	Gr. 6A Admin Team.
Mrs. L. Mathias	Gr. 6B
Mrs K. Kerrigan	VP/Learning Commons & Gr.7A
Mr. P. Erceg	Gr. 7A
Ms. M. Bond	Gr. 7B
Mr. J. Planta	Physical Education K-7
Ms. C. D'Alessandro	Gr. 6B Wed./L.R. Support/Physical Education
Ms. U. Mihan	L. R. Co.
Ms. M. Antunes	L.R. Support Tues./Thurs.
Mr. A. Campanile	Integrated Studies Wed.
Education Assistants	
Ms. A. Cagnoni	Education Assistant
Mr. J. Calderwood	Education Assistant
Mrs. J. Castro	Education Assistant
Mrs. L. Codimos	Education Assistant
Mrs. A. Dhaliwal	Education Assistant
Mrs. S. De Luca	Education Assistant
Mrs. M. D'Onofrio	Education Assistant
Ms. C. Dowling	Education Assistant
Ms. S. Goto	Education Assistant
Ms. R. Murillo	Education Assistant
Ms. K. Kurnicki	Education Assistant

Ms. F. Padrinao	Education Assistant
Mr. G. Perin	Education Assistant
Mrs. S. Regush	Education Assistant
Mrs. M. Reichert	Education Assistant
Ms. J. Ricci	Education Assistant
Ms. J. Sawatzky	Education Assistant
Mrs. A. Singh	Education Assistant
Ms. M. Soriano	Education Assistant
Mrs. D. Uanang	Education Assistant,
Mrs. L. Venegas	Education Assistant