

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

We have had a very smooth beginning to our school year thanks to the dedication and support of our parents and the excitement and enthusiasm of our students. Meet the teacher evening was well received, and it was wonderful to see you all.

Walkathon information was given to eldest students today. Please be sure to read through the provided information. A sign-up link for Walkathon participation hours is below should you wish to participate.

A general reminder that parents cannot enter or back into the school parking lot off Waverley Avenue with their vehicles. As most of you are aware, the entrance to the parking lot is on Nanaimo Street and the exit is from Waverley Avenue. Please follow the parking lot signs.

Also, the first warning bell rings at 8:35AM. The students should be in class promptly by 8:45AM. Several students are late quite frequently. As per school policy, students are expected to arrive punctually to school. Repeated latest is harmful your child's educational progress and interrupts and disrupts the flow of the class. Please ensure your child(ren) arrive to school on time.

We need parent coordinators for morning supervision, afterschool supervision and paper recycling. If you are interested in coordinating one of these areas, please email the school office for more information.

There will be a new format for communicating student Learning. The ministry of Education and Child Care updated its K – 12 student reporting policy. This will change aspects of how schools report learning to students and parents through what we have traditionally called report cards. The goal of communicating student learning is to ensure that communication between home and school is effective and timely, so that:

- parents are well informed about their child's progress;
- parents are involved as partners in a dialogue about their child's progress and the best ways to support and improve learning; and
- students are provided with information that is meaningful to them and helps them to improve their own learning.

This year there will be 5 reporting events, 3 formal written and 2 informal reports such as, three-way goal setting and student-led conferences.

Provided are some helpful links for parents. Please take some time to read through the information.

[Summary Information for Parents & Caregivers](#)

[K-12 Reporting Family Brochure](#)

[K-12 Reporting Information Package for Parents & Caregivers](#)

[What is My Child Learning?](#)

[K-12 Student Reporting Policy](#)

[Ministry Website for Parents & Caregivers](#)

Please be sure to 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

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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 pick up their children from their line ups.

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

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.** We will be looking for parent supervisors 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.

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>

FOLLOWING AN ABSENTEE

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.

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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.