

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWSLETTER

February 6th, 2025

RE-REGISTRATION PACKAGES

The Re-Registration packages are due tomorrow, Friday February 7th. A fee will be applied for any late or incomplete packages.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, February 13	School Closed for Catholic Educator's Conference (CEC)
Friday, February 14	School Closed for Catholic Educator's Conference (CEC)
Monday, February 17	School Closed for National Family Day
Saturday, February 22	Work Party Postponed to March 1
Tuesday, February 25	Holy Communion Talk #2 - Online at 6:45pm for Gr. 2 (Parents only)
Thursday, February 27	Anti-Bullying Dress Down Day - Pink Day
Friday, February 28	School Closed for Teacher Professional Day

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - February 3 - 7

A special thanks to Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Mathias and the Gr. 6 students for coordinating and planning Catholic Schools Week. Also, thanks to Mrs. Ciccone for her assistance. Each day was filled with spiritual, meaningful and entertaining activities.

From the Pastors Desk



Greetings to all parents and staff of Corpus Christi School.

We are now coming to the end of Catholic Schools Week. It has been an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the blessing that we have in being able to educate our children in a Catholic environment. This is a right we have and one that is acknowledged by the state, but we can never take it for granted. In your thanksgiving prayers strive to give thanks to God for our Catholic education and Corpus Christi School.

Did you know that Pope Francis has called for and we are now living in a Year of Jubilee? We are all pilgrims of Hope. As Pope Francis states in his Letter introducing this year: "... *may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1).* Here is a link to Pope Francis's Letter: [Hope does not disappoint](#) Is there anyone of us who does not need more and deeper hope?

Next Friday we celebrate the feast day of St Valentine. A few things about St Valentine. 1) He is an actual person; 2) Although his history tends to have variations it seems that one of the key reasons, he was martyred in Claudius's reign was: "... marrying Christian couples" which was forbidden by the Emperor because when you got married you did not have to go to war for a period of time. Suffice it to say that Valentine died for the right of a man and woman to marry. This is true love: to sacrifice oneself for God's honor and glory and the good of one's neighbor!

A huge blessing flowing from our Vision is that we have 22 catechumens preparing to be baptized into the Catholic Church this Easter. Please pray for them! Another big blessing of our 10 Year Vision is that Corpus Christi has been able to reduce our \$7 million debt to \$4 million.

Finally, every year I speak about the Categories and every year I receive concerns and complaints about them. The formula is rather simple:

Go to Mass (as Catholics are required to do) and put your envelope into the collection. If you give online you still put an envelope into the collection as it is the only way we can assess Mass attendance. If you choose not to do this then as a Catholic of Corpus Christi parish you will be placed into Category 2.

Let us keep each other in prayer as we prepare for the season of Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5th.

Until the next "From the Pastor's Desk."

Fr Hamilton

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WEATHER MEMO...

Please review the following procedures should the school close due to weather conditions.

1. Check your email
2. Visit the school website- <https://www.cchristi.ca/> (6:30 AM) approx.
3. Follow our school Instagram page [@corpuschristielementary](#).



It is the parent(s) responsibility to verify if the school will be open due to the weather based on the information sources noted above.

APPROPRIATE OUTDOOR WINTER CLOTHING

For colder weather, especially during snowfalls and rain, please make sure your children are dressed suitably (winter coats, hats, mitts, boots) for outside recess times.



2025 VOCATION BIBLE SCHOOL

See attached the following information:

- 1) A promotion letter from 2025 Corpus Christi VBS team
- 2) A poster
- 3) Child Registration Form
- 4) Youth Info, Application Form and Promise of Good Behavior "Form 1"

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Parents, please label all uniform items (shirts, pants, kilts, shorts, etc.) with a permanent black marker. If your child's name has faded, please re-write the name.

Please check uniform labels (your child may be wearing someone's golf shirt, sweater, shirt, pants, kilt, gym shirt, or gym shorts) If you notice another student's name, please return the item to your child's classroom teacher.

Please ensure that uniform items are neat in appearance. You may need to hem pants or kilts and patch any tears in clothing items. Also, if your child has outgrown uniform items, they will need to be replaced with a bigger size so that they are comfortable at school.

The length of your child's kilt must not be shorter than an inch above the knee.

TRAFFIC/PARKING LOT SAFETY

Regulations in the parking lot are in place to ensure the safety of the children. It is essential that parents follow the instructions of staff and yard supervisors on duty. Parents are expected to follow instructions respectfully and comply.

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

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MORNING AND AFTERSCHOOL TRAFFIC AND PARKING LOT DUTY PROTOCOLS

Upon arrival check in with other supervisors to ensure that there is one parent at each crosswalk, Nanaimo St. and Waverley Ave. When at all possible two parents should stand at the crosswalks. There should also be a parent at the mid-point slowing down traffic and watching for pedestrians.

Parents must not use this time to socialize. Morning and afterschool supervision is one of our most important participation responsibilities as it impacts the safety of children. Parents are asked to supervise carefully, free of distractions.

Cancellation: Remember that cancelling your spot should be done 48 hours before your supervision (2 days in advance) and that it is the parent's responsibility to find a replacement.

It has come to our attention that "no shows" are signing in. If you did not supervise or complete your hours, do not sign in. There will be a \$25 no show penalty.

Parking Lot Supervision Responsibilities (Please Review)

- Always keeps students in sight.
- Maintain safety.
- Encourage a positive atmosphere.
- Anticipate potential dangers and initiates preventive action by informing teacher supervisor.
- Any debris or damaged equipment must be reported to supervising teacher.
- Report serious injuries as they will be attended by the supervising teacher.
- Assist supervising teacher in applying school rules and ensures the teacher is informed when school rules have been violated.
- Exercise a certain amount of understanding, good judgement, good example, impartiality, an absence of discrimination.
- Ensure that students remain within the limits of the designated areas.
- Supervisors must ensure they circulate in the school yard within their assigned zones. Or follow the directions of the supervising teacher.
- **Supervisors are not permitted to eat or smoke while supervising students, or use Cellphones, OR take photos or videos.**
- Supervisors' children cannot accompany parents during supervision.
- Supervisors must be on time, sign in and wear safety vest.

