

Corpus Christi School Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

We are very excited to being our third year in the new school. The spiritual theme this year is Living, Celebrating and Proclaiming Our Faith. The wording is based on the new CISVA Mission Statement:

Our Catholic schools provide each student
with an education rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Guided by the Holy Spirit and Catholic teaching,
in partnership with home and parish,
our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens
who will live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith.

May our theme be one that inspires and challenges us and encourages us to deepen our faith, to grow in knowledge and understanding, and to build a sense of community and belonging within our school and parish communities.

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Ms. McAlinden, Gr. 4B and Ms. Mc Anenly (Music/Gr. 1B) who will be joining our staff.

We would like to thank Mrs. Walker, Ms. Antao, Mrs. Muir, Ms. Im, Ms. Caicedo, Mr. Labrador, Ms. Lenahan, and Ms. Quimson for their time at Corpus Christi and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Mrs. Krol, Mrs. Legayada, Mrs. Mathias and Mrs. Ng will be away on Maternity Leave. We wish them and their husbands many blessings.

We are in the process of hiring a new grade 4A teacher. In the meantime, Mrs. D'Alessandro will be working with the grade fours. We are very blessed to have Ms. D'Alessandro assist us in this process.

We are happy to announce that we will once again have a school walkathon! This year's walkathon will take place on Friday, October 6th. The walkathon has been a much-enjoyed community builder and, although paused for 8 years, since 2015, parents and students have continued to ask when it will run again. The aim of the walkathon will be to raise money for the future turf field, which is very much needed. The walkathon is a fundraiser that is designed to have students seek out pledges from friends, neighbours, extended family members, and coworkers to help meet the fundraising goal. A detailed walkathon letter will be distributed next week.

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. Also on the school website, is the updated Communicable Diseases Prevention Plan.

Sincerely,

Ms. Natola

CREATIVE PACKS

Creative packs have been distributed to the students. If there are any missing supplies, please call Creative Packs directly @ **778-806-4656** for more information.

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

PARTICIPATION HOURS

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

A signup link was sent out for parent supervisors for morning, lunch recess, and afterschool supervision. Please keep track of hours you complete for your records.

WEBSITE

For most recent updates please view the school website www.corpuschristi-school.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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FALL 2023

Parents have received registration forms by email. Please print, fill out and return forms with payment to the school office or with your child in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope.

If you are looking for Before School Club please contact the office.

HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Our Hot lunch program is offered every Wednesday and will begin Wednesday, September 20. If you like to participate, you will need to order online through Munchalunch. More information 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>

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.

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.

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.

MEET THE TEACHER/STAFF NIGHT

Meet the staff night will take place in person on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30pm and will begin in the school gym. This event is for parents only.

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 second week of school, parents are invited to come to meet the teacher evening 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 2023-2024	
Administrative Staff	
Ms. Natola (Espinoza)	Principal
Ms. Campanile	Secretary
Mrs. Vaz	Secretary
Teachers	
Ms. Colcol	Kindergarten KA
Mrs. Sanderson	Kindergarten KB
Ms. O'Sullivan	Gr. 1A
Mrs. Chang	VP Gr. 1B M/T/W/F
Ms. Mc Anenly	Music M/T/W/F Gr. 1B/ TH
Ms. Hussel	Gr. 2A
Ms. Lum	Gr. 2B Resource Co.
Mrs. Lam	Gr. 3A
Ms. Groarke	Gr. 3B
Ms. D'Alessandro	Gr. 4A (Temp)
Ms. McAlinden	Gr. 4B
Ms. Plachta	Gr. 5A IT Co.
Ms. Rossi	Gr. 5B
Mrs. Parker	Gr. 6A Admin Team.
Ms. Murphy	Gr. 6B
Mrs. Kerrigan	VP/Learning Commons & Grade 7A
Ms. Bond	Gr. 7B
Mr. Pena	Physical Education K-7
Ms. D'Alessandro	PE/LR
Ms. Mihan	L. R. Co.
Ms. Antunes	L.R. Support
Mr. Campanile	Integrated Studies
Education Assistants	
Ms. Audia	Education Assistant
Ms. Cagnoni	Education Assistant
Mr. Calderwood	Education Assistant
Mrs. Castro	Education Assistant
Ms. V. Castro	Education Assistant
Ms. Codimos	Education Assistant
Mrs. Dhaliwal	Education Assistant
Mrs. De Luca	Education Assistant
Mrs. D'Onofrio	Education Assistant
Ms. Goto	Education Assistant
Ms. Murillo	Education Assistant
Mrs. Olivarria Watson	Education Assistant
Ms. Padriao	Education Assistant
Ms. Paat	Education Assistant
Mr. Perin	Education Assistant
Mrs. Reichert	Education Assistant
Ms. Reis	Education Assistant
Ms. Ricci	Education Assistant
Mrs. Singh	Education Assistant

Ms. Soriano	Education Assistant
Mrs. Uanang	Education Assistant
Mrs. Venegas	Education Assistant
Ms. Walker	Education Assistant
Mr. Abbruzzese	Support