

# CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## **THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR Thank you**

Special thanks to Ms. Plachta and Ms. Rossi for coordinating the Book Fair this year. We would also like to thank Jeannie Weng, Joyce Chen and all those parents who volunteer their time to help in making the book fair such a big success. With everyone's efforts we were able to exceed our sales goal and generated \$9769.40 in sales. Partial proceeds will go towards the school library and classroom libraries.



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION**

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition took place on Sat. Mar. 2, 2024, at St Mary's Parish. Six of our students advanced to the competition and won in their age groups. Congratulations to Frances C. (Gr. 4), Aria I. (Gr. 5), Rachelle B. (Gr. 6), Rennie C. (Gr. 7) and Jake B. (Gr. 7). Well done!

## **SOCIAL MEDIA REVIEW**

We ask all "administrators of the class WhatsApp chats" to review chats regularly and remove any that do not follow the school Social Media Policy. In serious cases or repeated misuse of the chat, please inform Ms. Natola at the school. Please refer to #6 of the policy.

Parents are also asked to review the Parent Code of Conduct Policy and the Family Statement of Commitment Policy 411:1,11: 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.

## **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. (attached)

**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.

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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 Chris=. 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**

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**ANNUAL SCHOOL/PARISH PICNIC - REQUEST FOR BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP** – Letter attached

### **DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Mar 10, 2024 - Daylight Saving Time Starts

When local standard time is about to reach

Sunday, March 10, 2024, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to

Sunday, March 10, 2024, **3:00:00 am** local daylight time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 10, 2024 than the day before.

There will be [more light in the evening](#).

Also called [Spring Forward](#), [Summer Time](#), and [Daylight Savings Time](#).

Daylight saving time 2024 in Canada will begin at 3:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2024

### **PARISH SUMMER PROGRAM**

**Cathletics: Training to Be Champions For Christ.** – See Attached.

1. Registration form for the children (age 4-11)
  - a. Child Registration form
  - b. Poster
2. Registration form for the youth volunteers
  - a. Youth info and Application form
  - b. Screen Form 1 (Promise of Good Behavior) for youths going into Grade 6-8 (Same- no change from last year )
  - c. Screen Form 2 and 3 for Grade 9+ and adult volunteers (Same no change from last year)

### **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 uniforms are neat in appearance, you may need to hem pants or kilts and patch any tears in clothing items. Thank you.

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From the Pastors Desk  
March 8th, 2024



Greetings to all the parents of Corpus Christi School.

Corpus Christi will begin the two-week Spring Break with the ending of school today – Friday.

I pray that everyone has a good and rest-filled time away. Remember that good rest or “leisure” is not the cessation of work but is the changing of one activity for another. In other words – strive to have a plan for the two weeks – prayer time (always), reading, family time, exercise. Make the most of it – really enter this time intent on rejuvenation.

These past weeks the parish office has been dealing with multiple scenarios of registrations as they relate to Category 1 and 2. I am refining an explanation of the “category scenario” and will print that in the bulletin and school newsletter in the near future.

I want to give some key points as you leave for the break. This will not be a complete explanation – but rather will cover some key points.

Category 1 and 2 is explained to all Kindergarten parents as they enter the school.

Category 1 means that you attend Mass and give an envelope. The envelope is the only way we can track attendance at Mass. Catholics are required to attend Mass every Sunday. If you attend Mass and put your envelope into the collection you are in Category 1. If you ask ‘how often am I required to attend Mass’, then you ask the wrong question. A Catholic is required to attend Mass every Sunday.

If as a Catholic, you fall below a certain number of times (and it is generous number by any standard) you – as a Catholic parishioner of Corpus Christi – are placed in Category 2. As well, Category 2 encompasses Catholics from other parishes – e.g., a parishioner of St Andrews who wants their child in CC and we can accommodate them.

There is a lot more to be said about the categories which includes the reasons for the categories – forthcoming in a longer explanation. It is important to remember that when parents present their child(ren) for baptism they swear an oath to God (not to Fr Hamilton) that they will raise their children in the Catholic Faith. An essential and critical aspect of this oath entails bringing them to Mass and ensuring they receive the sacraments.

I will repeat this message again as many people seem to be unaware of it. I will do my best to help you remember.

I sincerely hope and pray that you have a good break. Do factor Jesus, prayer and Mass into your time away.

Fr Hamilton

**SPRING BREAK** – March 11 – March 22, The school will re-open on Monday, March 25, 2024.

## **PARISH SURVEY**

**Exciting news!** Our parish survey for parents is now available. Please share your thoughts on your children's experience in our community and help shape their faith journey. The survey should take you about 5 minutes to complete!

The survey can be accessed online via 2 methods:

**Click the link:** [Parish Survey](#)

## **QR CODE**



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Survey Focus:

**Financial Transparency:** Provide your insights on giving and financial sustainability for a thriving parish.

**Motivation and Engagement:** Share hopes and suggestions for engaging activities, new programs, and building a stronger sense of community among families.

The survey will be available online until March 15th and takes just 5 minutes of your time. Your input actively shapes the environment for your children so please encourage other parents to participate.

Please note that all entries are anonymous and that this survey is meant to gather information about how we can improve our parish community. Together, let's build a vibrant, faith-filled community where our children can flourish!

### **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.

If asked, Corpus Christi parents are expected to follow instructions respectfully and comply.

### **PARKING BYLAWS**

**Do not park on the wrong side of the road and or double park.**

Not only is it illegal and warrants a ticket, but it is also dangerous. Please respect traffic laws, the children and their families.

Please Read City of Vancouver Street and Traffic By-law NO. 2849

<https://bylaws.vancouver.ca>

19.1 An owner, registered owner, lessee or operator of a vehicle must not cause, allow or permit that vehicle to stop on a lane:

(e) opposite to or in close proximity to another vehicle already stopped in the lane in such manner as to obstruct the free movement of other vehicles.



**No U-Turns**