

# *CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER*

**FEBRUARY 9, 2024, NEWSLETTER**

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADE TWO**

The grade two students received the sacrament of Reconciliation on Wed., Feb. 7th. The students were well prepared for their first confession and were very excited about receiving the sacrament. Special thanks to Ms. Hussel and Ms. Lum for preparing the students and for Fr. Hamilton and Fr. Salvino for their spiritual guidance. Also, thanks to Mrs. Dhaliwal, Ms. Reis, Ms. L. Walker, and the grade 2 parents for all their support.

## **HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!**



May you enjoy health, wealth, and happiness in the new year.

## **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.

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### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

St. (Pope) John Paul II said, "Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others."

As our community endeavors to live a Christ-like life and grow closer to God, we are excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week this year and support the religious, staff, parents and students who make up our school community. It is a time to celebrate the excellence and impact of Catholic schools. We will observe the celebration through a variety of activities, emphasizing the importance of Catholic education.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Mon., Feb. 12** Assembly in gym @ 9:15am  
Dress down day for students and staff celebrating Catholic Schools Week - Students are asked to come in dressed in the color Red in Celebration of Catholic's School Week and Lunar New Years.  
At 1:15 pm - 2 pm The Grade 7 Girls and Boys Basketball Team(s) will have a fun Game of Basketball against the staff and Fr. Hamilton (Seating is limited to students only.)
- Tues., Feb. 13** Loving Our Teachers, and Students - Dress down day, Students may dress in various shades of Red, Pink and Purple for Valentine's Day.
- Wed., Feb. 14** Mass 9:05 am - Students are to dress in full uniform Loving Our Parents and Celebrating the Gifts We Have Been Given: Gift of Parents, Our School, Our Talents, and Our Athleticism.  
Parent's attending mass will receive a special blessing.
- Thur., Feb. 15** **No School** - Catholic Educators Conference
- Fri., Feb 16** **No school** - Catholic Educators Conference
- Mon. Feb. 19** **Family Day - School Closed**

### **TUITION TAX RECEIPT 2023**

Tuition Tax Receipts 2023 will be ready for distribution at the end of February or early march.

### **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.

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## THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event on **February 28 - March 1**. Viewing books at school will be available to students during classes in session: 9 - 3:00pm. After school purchases will be available from 3:00 - 3:45 pm. Please note that children coming to the book fair after school must be supervised by a parent.

**Theme:** This Spring our theme is “**Be Groovy and Celebrate by Reading the Classics**” Students will be invited to dress as a retro/classic character or author from a book. Some examples could include characters from Scooby Doo, Narnia, Alice in Wonderland, Percy Jackson, Nancy Drew or Sherlock Holmes (As in all school events, please no weapons, blood or gorey characters). **DRESS DOWN DAY is Monday, February 26, 2024.**



**Golden Ticket & Family Event Door Prize:** This spring we will have a Golden Ticket draw for one student per classroom and the Family Event Door Prize. The winners of the Golden Ticket will be awarded \$10 and for the Door Prize the winning student will be awarded \$25 for their family and \$25 for their classroom. The Family Door Prize winner will be announced virtually, Thursday afternoon.

**Please note there are no longer on-line orders that will be accepted, and all purchases must be made in person.**

Thank you for your support and making reading an important part of our school!

## 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.

## WEATHER MEMO...

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

1. Visit the school website—<http://www.corpuschristi-school.ca>
2. Check your email
3. Listen to CKNW (980 AM) or watch Global News.

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.

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## **CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (British Columbia Specific Information)**

Corporal punishment is the intentional use of physical force to cause bodily pain or discomfort as a penalty for unacceptable behaviour. Corporal punishment includes any action that produces discomfort, such as:

- Spanking, hitting, slapping, pinching, ear pulling, jabbing, shoving, or choking.
- Forcing a child to assume a position that becomes painful over time.
- Confining a child in an uncomfortable space.
- Denying bathroom privileges.
- Forcing a child to eat a noxious substance, such as soap or dog food.
- Withholding water and food.

**Corporal punishment is not an effective method of managing behaviour.** It does not teach a child how to act properly. At best, corporal punishment has only a temporary effect on behaviour. And it may even make it worse. Not only does it reinforce some problem behaviour, but also it teaches a child that physical force is the way to resolve conflict.

Corporal punishment can also have emotional and psychological effects, both short- and long-term, such as:

- Impairing a child's trust and confidence.
- Causing embarrassment, humiliation, a sense of worthlessness, anger, resentment, and confusion.
- Causing children to have trouble forming close relationships, especially intimate relationships, with others later in life.

Studies have shown that children who are physically punished are more likely to be physically aggressive with others. There are lots of other ways to discipline your child. Effective alternatives to corporal punishment depend on the age of your child and include:

- Using distraction.
- Using time-out.
- Talking about why a certain behaviour is wrong and what can be done instead.
- Discussing values.

Creating consequences for actions that violate acceptable behaviours within your family.

**Research has shown that positive reinforcement is more effective than corporal punishment.** Catch your child doing something right and praise him or her. Don't wait until your child has done something wrong to notice his or her behaviour.

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca>

Related Information

- [Anger, Hostility, and Violent Behaviour](#)
- [Bullying](#)
- [Child Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Effective Parenting: Discipline](#)
- [Helping Your Child Build Inner Strength](#)

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### From the Pastors Desk February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024



Greetings to all the parents of Corpus Christi School.

I know that every parent in Corpus Christi loves their children. You want the absolute best for your children. Further, you have put them into Corpus Christi so that they will learn their Catholic Faith and also receive a good education. Our principal Rosa Natola and her staff are committed to fulfilling this task.

This being said the parents are first teachers of the children – especially in the ways of Faith. You delegate this task to the School but, as I've said many times, never abdicate it.

You – the parents – are irreplaceable and are in the first order of importance. What does this look like? I offer 3 things:

- 1) Ensuring your family attends Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening). The Lord's day is a gift from Jesus to us.
- 2) The Youth Ministry in our parish is a real fruit of our 10 Year Vision. It is growing to the point where there is now a Senior's Youth Ministry (Gr 11 – University) and a Junior Youth Ministry (Gr 7-10). There are many wonderful initiatives being carried out by Junior Youth Ministry, so I encourage you Gr 7 parents to direct your children to give Junior Youth Ministry a try! Here is the Youth Ministry email: **ccparish.youthministry@gmail.com**
- 3) Dedicated parents initiated a Vacation Bible School last year and it was a resounding success! The VBS will happen again this year during the week of July 29th. The theme this year is "**Cathletics! Training to be Champions for Christ.**" Look for announcements. I strongly encourage you to support this initiative. Announcements will be forthcoming.

In just a few days the Church begins the important season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday there will be Masses at 9am, 4pm and 7pm. I encourage everyone to make the effort to attend Mass on this day. It is also important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good - and specific - way to put into action the reality that you are the primary educators of your children in the ways of faith.

There is so much happening – so many fruits that are flowing from the 10 Year Vision we have in this Parish. Please pray for all of the blessings that God wants to bestow on you and your family!

Fr Hamilton