

Corpus Christi School

April 19, 2024 Newsletter

ROAD SAFETY

It has come to our attention that there has been an increase in traffic incidents within the school neighbourhood. It is important that everyone follows road safety procedures during drop off and pick up times.

Included in this newsletter are some helpful resources on road safety (also see attachments).

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Driving in school zones

Why do we have school zone speed limits?

Until children are about eight years of age, it is difficult for them to assess whether a vehicle is moving or not. When children see an approaching car, they first notice the colour of the vehicle — not how fast the vehicle is travelling.



Children also assume cars stop instantly, and they do not have the ability to estimate whether there is enough time for them to cross the road.

It takes a vehicle 13 metres to come to a complete stop when driving 30 km/h, but 27 metres — more than double that distance — when driving 50 km/h.

The law

- The posted speed limit in **school zones is 30 km/h and it is applicable on school days between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.**, unless the sign says otherwise.
- The posted speed limit in **playground zones is 30 km/h from dawn to dusk**, every day of the year, not just on school days.
- By law, drivers are required to have their lights on between a half hour after sunset and a half hour before sunrise, or whenever they cannot see clearly due to weather conditions. That said, it is recommended to drive with your headlights on at all times.

<https://bc-cb.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=2083&languageId=1&contentId=56562>

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Speed

Speeding is a major contributing factor to car crash fatalities in B.C. The faster you go, the longer it takes to stop – and the more dangerous a crash can be.

So slow down and give yourself extra time to get to your destination. It's not worth the risk to yourself, and to others.

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Small changes in speed can make a big difference

You need time to see and react before your brakes take effect and slow you down; reducing your speed gives you more reaction time and less braking distance is required. Each time you double your speed, the stopping power needed is multiplied by four. The faster you're driving, the more time and power your car needs to stop.

Tips to stay safe

- Allow at least two seconds' following distance behind other vehicles in good weather and road conditions (three seconds on a highway).
- Slow down for poor weather conditions or uneven roads and increase your following distance to at least four seconds. Remember that the distance required to stop increases in wet or slippery conditions.
- Maintain your speed or slow down as someone is trying to pass you. Help the other driver get back into your lane by making room.
- Plan your trip beforehand and be realistic about your travel time. Increasing your speed does not decrease travel time in a meaningful way, so if you're running late, accept the delay. Better late than never.

#NoNeedForSpeed

The cost of speeding

If you're caught speeding, you end up paying in a number of ways – and the cost increases the more you speed.

Fines, tickets and penalty points

Every ticket for speeding includes three driver penalty points and a fine of \$138 to \$483. The cost increases the more you are over the speed limit.

If you have one or more excessive speeding tickets, you pay a driver risk premium based on convictions over a three-year period. This premium is paid on top of the cost of insurance and any other fines.

Vehicle impoundment

If going more than 40 km per hour over the posted speed limit, police can immediately impound your vehicle for seven days. This can escalate to 30 or 60 days for repeat offenders. You're then required to pay the vehicle towing and storage fees to get your vehicle back.

Gas

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Besides the tickets, fines, point and premiums, you may also pay more for gas. Most vehicles operate most fuel efficiently when travelling between 50 and 80km per hour and when maintaining a consistent speed. When you increase your speed above this range or vary your speed too frequently, your fuel consumption goes up.

<https://www.icbc.com/road-safety/crashes-happen/speed>

Driver's Prayer

Sacred Heart of Jesus, grant me
a steady hand and watchful eye,
that none be hurt as I pass by.
Thou givest life. I pray no act of mine
take away or mar that gift Divine.
Protect those, Lord, who travel with me
from highway dangers and all anxiety.
Teach me to use my car for others' needs
and never miss the beauty of Thy
world through excessive speed.
I pledge to drive with loving concern
to my every destination,
offering each travel hour to Thee
in a spirit of reparation.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
my auto Companion,
have mercy on me.

ANNUAL SCHOOL/PARISH PICNIC - REQUEST FOR BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP –

Letter attached

PARISH SUMMER SPORTS AND RECREATION

We are excited to announce that the Parish will be running a Summer Camp for students from K-7. The coordinators for this camp are Mrs. Kerrigan and Ms. Bond. The camp will run from July 2-12 from 9:00am - 3:00pm (weekends not included).

Registration forms were distributed today and a copy is attached for your convenience. Forms will be accepted until June 3. The Summer camp is dependent on the number of participants. More detailed information will be given to families who register. If you have any questions, please email the school office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS– Saturday, April 27 @ 9:00 am.

Choir Members are asked to arrive by 8:40am dressed in full uniform. Please keep our gr. 2 students in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament.

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HEAVENLY BEANS

Parents are welcome to enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea with other CC parents at the Parish Centre on Friday afternoons from 2:15 pm to 2:55 pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

April 18th, 2024



Greetings to all the parents of Corpus Christi School.

I hope everyone has heard about Corpus Christi's 10 Year Vision. A Vision is a preferred picture of a future that is possible.

Our Vision is experiencing God's blessing in so many ways. A great blessings was experienced during the Triduum (meaning the 3 holy days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil). At the Easter Vigil 19 adults were baptized and 1 person was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. On Easter Saturday 1 had the privilege of baptizing the children whose parents had been baptized at the Easter Vigil - 24 children!

At Corpus Christi we now have individuals who are searching for Christ begin their journey by taking Alpha which introduces them to Jesus and basic concepts of Christianity. It also brings people into contact with others who are searching and wanting to ask questions and share that search with others in a very respectful way.

After Alpha if a person feels called by the Lord to continue their journey then they take Faith Studies – Discovery. After Discovery a person can begin RCIA and then begins a deeper dive into the four pillars of The Creed (what we believe), the Commandments (how we are to behave), the Sacraments (the power God gives us to behave according to his will) and Prayer (our daily conversation with God). As Nathan – 1 of the coordinators of RCIA – mentioned that the new group that started RCIA last year were better prepared to study the Catholic Faith precisely because of Alpha and Faith Studies. This is our Discipleship Pathway as it now stands. It may grow as learning, formation and community should be a life-long journey.

Our Evangelization of Parents Committee has begun a new initiative to bring parents together before the children finish school on Fridays and also for the PREP – while the children are in their religious classes (on Wednesday) – this initiative has been named: **Heavenly Beans**. I want to thank the Committee for this first of many initiatives to come. We want people to connect with each other and to discover Jesus Christ who is the reason that parents send their children to our Catholic School or to our after school Religious Education Program (PREP).

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

Fr Hamilton

