



# Corpus Christi SCHOOL

## **CORPUS CHRISTI NEWSLETTER**

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

On behalf of the Corpus Christi staff, we welcome you to the 2025 - 2026 school year. It is hard to believe that we will be starting our fifth year in the new school. We are all looking forward to reconnecting and welcoming both our new and returning students. The spiritual theme this year is Proclaiming Our Faith. Pope Leo XIV reminds us, "A renewed impulse is required to proclaim and transmit the faith. This means placing Jesus Christ at the center." Throughout the school year our underlying message to our students will be that we are called to proclaim Jesus as the Christ—not only with our words, but through every encounter, every lesson, and every act of love and kindness. We pray that our school community may be a place of welcome, truth, and compassion, and that our students and families may encounter the love of Christ.

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Mrs. Lim, Gr. 4B, Ms. Santos Gr. 3A and Mrs. Zahar, Gr. 1B/6B, who will be joining our staff.

As you are aware, there have been some changes to the Traffic and Crosswalk Safety Duty. To assist parents with the new routines the school has created training videos for parents to understand and learn how to do crosswalk supervision. These videos can be found on the school website <http://www.cchristi.ca> under the Parent tab, Traffic and Crosswalk Safety Duty - Training Videos. You will also find the training videos in written format and a Q & A.

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.

Sincerely,

Ms. Natola

## From the Pastors Desk



To all the staff and students – welcome back to Corpus Christi School. Another school year begins.

This has been a very full summer at Corpus Christi! The first two weeks of July there was a summer camp run by two of our teaching staff. The camp was very successful!

Next, the CC Youth Ministry hosted its annual retreat. There were approximately 90 youth plus the supervisors to ensure that everything ran smoothly (and it did). A big shout out to Isabelle and Miguel – our Youth Ministry Team – for a very successful retreat!

Following the Youth Retreat, there was the Vacation Bible School that was a huge success. Over 60 children were in attendance – ages 3-5. A big shout out to Prisca, Schola and their team.

With little rest after that it was the turn of the Altar Servers Camp – there were about 40 boys in attendance. Big shout out to Tyler and Raff for a well-run Altar Servers camp.

Capping off the summer was the Core Team Retreat of our Corpus Christi Youth that was held this past weekend in Whistler. The Lord just keeps blessing this parish – the retreat was filled with God's blessings. Please pray for our Youth Ministry!

Thank you to all the parents who supported these many events that took place through the summer. Let us continue to support our CCYM with prayer and by way of encouraging your children to attend the events that will start up in September.

This is our 10 Year Vision being lived out. Our Core Values of Multiplying Leaders, Evangelical Hospitality, Engaged Disciples and Rooted in Tradition is bearing fruit. Jesus wants a relationship with your children and with you. Open your heart to Him and experience the joy of knowing you are loved by God!

May the Lord bless all of us as we begin this new school year!

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



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## PARISH FAMILY FESTIVAL

You are all invited to come and join us for our Parish Food Fest this Sun., Sept. 7 from 10:30 - 2 PM right outside the school. It's a great way to reconnect with each other after the summer break and start off a new school year.

There will be games and activities and fun for the whole family.

There will be hotdogs and samosas available for purchase and free freezies for children.

## AFTER MASS SOCIAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TERM 1:

Please visit this link and fill out the form if you wish to sign up for volunteering at the Sunday After Mass Socials.

<https://forms.gle/7FF3jkmbdnki4Jwq8>

Deadline for reply is Wednesday, Sep 10.  
Please email [amschrist@gmail.com](mailto:amschrist@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
AMS coordinators

## SCHOOL START SCHOOL SUPPLIES



There are three ways to place your order:

1. You can place your order online at <https://schoolstart.ca/>
2. You can place your order over the phone 1-800-580-1868
3. You can print and fill out the supply list and return via email to [info@schoolstart.ca](mailto:info@schoolstart.ca)

If you have any questions, please contact School Start's Customer Service Department: Email: [info@schoolstart.ca](mailto:info@schoolstart.ca) | Phone: 1-800-580-1868

## **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 wait behind the freshly painted red line in place of the orange barriers to pick up their children. Please 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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A gentle reminder, double parking and random stopping along Waverley Ave. and Nanaimo Street is dangerous and prohibited.

## **PARTICIPATION HOURS**

Parent Participation Hours are 30 hours for the year, that includes 3 mandatory hours for Traffic and Crosswalk Safety Duty, however, all parents are expected to volunteer an additional 3 hours at the spring picnic.

Please sign up for morning and afterschool supervision.

## **WEBSITE**

For most recent updates please view the school website [www.cchristi.ca](http://www.cchristi.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.

## **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.





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## **FOLLOWING AN ABSENTEE**

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.

## **BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FALL 2025**

Parents have received the 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.

After School Club pick-up will take place in the Music Room. Please see the video attached for direction.

## **HOT LUNCH ORDERS**

Online ordering through Munchalunch (Mondays and Wednesdays). Please see 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>

## **MEET THE TEACHER/STAFF NIGHT**

Meet the staff night will take place on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:45 PM in the school gym. This event is for parents only.

## **TUITION: 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.

## **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.



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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.*

### **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 first weeks of school, parents are invited to come to an open house to hear 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.



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## SCHOOL

Corpus Christi Staff	2025-2026
<b>Administrative Staff</b>	
Ms. Natola (Espinoza)	Principal
Ms. B. Campanile	Office Manager
Mrs. L. Vaz	Secretary AM
<b>Teachers</b>	
Ms. A. O'Sullivan	Kindergarten KA
Mrs. D. Sanderson	Kindergarten KB M/T/W/F
Ms. C. D'Alessandro	Kindergarten KB Th
Ms. C. O'Sullivan	Gr. 1A
Mrs. K. Chang	Gr. 1B M/T/W & VP
Mrs. N. Zahar	Gr. 1B Th/F
Ms. B. Lum	Gr. 2A Resources Co.
Ms. L. Walker	Gr. 2B
Ms. M. Santos	Gr. 3A
Ms. E. Fletcher	Gr. 3B
Mrs. Valerie Lam MAT LEAVE	Gr. 3A
Mr. P. Reilly	Gr. 4A
Ms. C. Lim	Gr. 4B
Ms. K. Rossi	Gr. 5A
Ms. J. Plachta	Gr. 5B IT Coordinator
Mrs. N. Parker	Gr. 6A Admin Team.
Mrs. L. Mathias	Gr. 6B M/T/Th/F
Mrs. N. Zahar	Gr. 6B W
Ms. M. Bond	Gr. 7A M/T/W/Th
Mr. P. Erceg	Gr. 7B
Mrs. K. Kerrigan	Gr. 7A F & Gr. 7B Christian Education
Mrs K. Kerrigan	VP/Learning Commons
Mr. JP Planta	Physical Education K-7
Ms. M. Legayada	Music/C.B.
Ms. C. D'Alessandro	P.E/L.R Support
Ms. U. Mihan	L.R Coordinator
Ms. M. Groarke	L.R Support
Ms. M. Antunes	L.R Support
Mr. A. Campanile	Integrated Studies W
<b>Education Assistants</b>	
Mr. J. Calderwood	Education Assistant
Mrs. J. Castro	Education Assistant
Mrs. L. Codimos	Education Assistant

Ms. R. Dacua	Education Assistant
Mrs. A. Dhaliwal	Education Assistant
Mrs. S. De Luca	Education Assistant
Mrs. M. D'Onofrio	Education Assistant
Ms. S. Fitzpatrick	Education Assistant
Ms. J. Komen	Education Assistant
Mr. G. Perin	Education Assistant
Mrs. S. Regush MAT LEAVE	Education Assistant
Mrs. M. Reichert	Education Assistant
Ms. J. Ricci	Education Assistant
Mrs. A. Singh	Education Assistant
Mrs. D. Uanang	Education Assistant
Mrs. L. Venegas	Education Assistant