



Corpus Christi SCHOOL

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWSLETTER October 23, 2025

SCHOOL GROWTH PLAN GOALS

This year the staff and students will be working on the following goals as part of our school growth plan:

#1 Our focus is on creating a positive school-wide moral culture explicitly teaching/ reinforcing social skills to interact effectively and build positive relationships with others, leading to greater independence, success in school and work, and enhanced overall well-being.

1. *Students will practice school wide social skills and improve their ability to interact positively and effectively with others.*
2. *To maintain an environment of Social Responsibility in which students promote caring, respectful and responsible behaviours.*

#2 In keeping with the Corpus Christi Parish 10 Year Vision #1: We see a faith community that is passionately committed to the Living Tradition of the Catholic Church, we as a school will focus on enhancing the students' commitment to active participation in school masses and other prayer opportunities.

1. *To foster a faith community passionately committed to the Living Traditions of the Church, the students will engage more fully with verbal affirmations (reponses) and gestures during mass, para liturgies, stations of the cross, school wide rosaries, The Angelus, and Regina Caeli.*

#3 Students will develop reflective language and metacognition (the ability to think about thinking) to engage in effective self-assessment with core competencies which imbeds subject-specific curricular competencies.

1. *Students through ongoing opportunities, develop the ability to set goals and reflect on their learning, and to take responsibility for their learning.*
2. *Students will take ownership of ongoing and year-end -assessment, with teacher support provided as needed throughout the school year.*
3. *Students will share these self- assessments in their student portfolios.*

HOLY COMMUNION TALK - Gr. 2A/B Holy Communion Talk #1 for **parents only** on Tuesday, October 28, at 6:45pm in the Gym.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR FOOD BANK

The student council is collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Bank the week of October 27th. Students are asked to bring one non-perishable food item to school to help feed the thousands of B.C. children living in poverty.



CELEBRATION OF LIGHT – Friday, October 31, 2025

In keeping with the theme “Proclaiming Our Faith”, Corpus Christi staff and students will be going back in time to the Middle Ages to where proclamations were frequently made by authorities such as monarchs and clergy. These announcements were delivered orally by messengers and town criers in public spaces.

This will also give staff time to share historical lessons about our faith in a different time and give them some history of the churches, basilicas and monasteries, saints and general life in those days.

In the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church was the dominant and most powerful institution in Europe shaping daily life, politics and culture through religious, social and economic influences.

The churches were the center of towns and cities and played a crucial role in preserving knowledge, establishing early universities and hospitals and providing social services. The Catholic Church also influenced art, architecture and holidays.

Many Catholic churches from the Middle Ages still exist and are in active use today. For example, cathedrals like Canterbury (during the Middle Ages), Notre Dame de Paris and Chartres. St. Peter's Basilica was the old St. Peter's Basilica from the 4th Century until the 16th century. The old St. Peter's Basilica was used throughout the entire period of the Middle Ages. It was a major pilgrimage destination in the western world during that time.

There are many saints from the Middle Ages such as Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Anthony of Padua, Saint Dominic, Saint Thomas Aquinas, as well as Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Joan of Arc, Elizabeth of Hungary, Catherine of Siena and Saint Claire of Assisi, to name a few.

Medieval fashion included tunics, hosiery, (stockings) and gowns. Men wore knee length or longer tunics, and women wore long gowns.

The students and families are encouraged to research clothing and jobs from the Middle Ages to find costume ideas for the celebration of light. There are many options such as, priests, monks, friars, cardinals, archbishops, nuns, saints, royalty (queens, kings, princesses, princes), jesters, minstrels, farmers, blacksmiths, tailors, carpenters, constables or watchmen, knights, Robin Hood, peasants, or medieval fairytale characters such as Cinderella and Hansel and Gretel. Students are also welcome to wear fall colours.

*Students may not wear masks that completely cover their faces. Costumes cannot have any weapons or promote violence.

Ms. Natola

NOV 2, 2025 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

When local daylight time is about to reach

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 1:00:00 am local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 2, 2025 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning and less light in the evening.

Also called Fall Back and Winter Time.

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE

Purdys' Chocolates Christmas Order 2025

Orders going through Corpus Christi code 13466 will earn our school 25% of the sale price when we hit \$1000 in sales.



Please follow these steps for the on-line ordering process:

1. Visit <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/2095020-130274>
2. Enter your email address.
3. Click "JOIN A CAMPAIGN"
4. Please fill out the registration form.
5. Then click on "JOIN A CAMPAIGN"
6. Then click "SHOP ONLINE " tab on top and start shopping!

Orders are to be submitted and paid online by:

Monday, November 3rd, 2025

Orders will be available for pick-up at Corpus Christi School in the foyer on:

Tuesday, November 14th, 2025 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

If you have any questions please contact

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL!



ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

ALL SOULS DAY

November 2nd is a day devoted to the suffering souls in Purgatory. Just as we turn to our big sisters and brothers, the saints, to intercede for us at the throne of God, the poor souls are also turning toward us. "Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you, my friends, because the hand of the Lord has touched me" (Job 19:21; Office of the Dead).

Helpless in themselves, since the purification they are undergoing is passive suffering, they can be helped by us. We can pray for them. We can offer up sacrifices and good works with the desire that God may accept them and, seeing in them the prayer and suffering rise from the Mystical Body of His only Son, hasten the delivery of those souls whom He deems worthy and ready for such help. On the day of "all the faithful departed" the Church reminds her children to listen to the message of the Scriptures in her liturgy and to do some thinking and meditating on Purgatory and the holy souls there. <http://www.marypages.com/AllSouls.htm> - see Prayers for the Dead

***Please fill in the attached Prayer Request Sheet and return to the office. Your prayer will be placed in the Prayer of the dead book.**

TENNIS PROGRAM

The students will once again participate in the in-school tennis instruction program commencing November 3 and continuing to November 19. This program is specifically designed for Elementary Schools from Kindergarten through Grade 7. The proper fundamentals are taught within a fast-paced and fun environment. The program is offered to introduce the excellent sport of tennis to children. All equipment is provided.



CHASTITY TALK GR. 7 (PARENTS ONLY)

Are you prepared for the adolescent years? In our fast-changing society parents are often caught unprepared for the numerous teaching moments that have the potential to turn every parent into the “primary educator of their child.” Fr. Hamilton will focus on this teachable moment as a means of offering some suggestions for parents as they prepare for adolescent years. For parents of children in Grade 7. It will take place on Tues., Nov. 4, 2025 in the Corpus Christi Parish Centre at 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

This session is for adults only.

SPIRIT DAY

Gr. 7 Students Spirit Day is on Sunday, November 9.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed by Canadians and other members of the Commonwealth since the end of the First World War in order to remember all those who fought and died in the line of duty to keep us free. Every year on November 11 at 11 am, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember more than 2 million Canadians who have served, and continue to serve, Canada during times of war, conflict, and peace. If we do not remember, their sacrifice is meaningless.



WHY A POPPY?

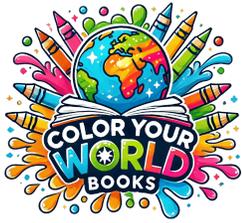
The association between the poppy and war dates back to the Napoleonic wars, when a writer saw a field of poppies growing over the graves of fallen soldiers. During the Battle of Ypres in 1915, Canadian Lt.-Col. John McCrae was inspired to write the poem In Flanders Fields on sighting the poppies growing beside a grave of a close friend who had died in battle. The poem inspired the adoption of the poppy as the Flower of Remembrance in Canada, France, the U.S, Britain and Commonwealth countries. The first poppies were distributed in Canada in 1921. Today the volunteer donations from the distribution of millions of poppies is an important source of revenue for the Royal Canadian Legion that goes toward helping ex-servicemen and women buy food, and obtain shelter and medical attention.

SCHOOL CLOSED – The school will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Remembrance Day.

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 **November 10 - 14 (excluding Remembrance Day)**. Viewing books at school will be available for students during school hours, and for students with parents 3 - 3:30pm.

Theme: This Fall our theme is “Colour Your World with Books.” On Monday, November 10th students are invited to dress as their favourite book character or author that promotes kindness or inclusiveness. (As in all school events, please no weapons, blood or gore characters).



DRESS DOWN DAY is Monday, November 10th.

Golden Ticket & Family Event Door Prize: This fall 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.

On-line Flyers: Please see the on-line flyer to view the newest books coming to our book fair:

Primary:

https://www2.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2025/08/FL_BF_F25_JR_Booklist_DIGI-1.pdf

Intermediate:

https://www2.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2025/08/FL_BF_F25_SR_Booklist_06-25_web.pdf

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