



Corpus Christi SCHOOL

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWSLETTER December 5, 2025

GR. 7 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Grade 7 Girls Volleyball program had an incredible season across both the League and Practice teams. The League team delivered an outstanding performance, finishing second overall in tournament play and earning a well-deserved spot in the playoffs. Competing in a challenging CISVA zone, the girls showed remarkable perseverance, pushing through close matches and celebrating many exciting wins. Congratulations to our Grade 7 Girls MVPs, Elizabeth and Katherine, and to our Most Improved Player, Julia! Well done to all our Grade 7 athletes on an amazing season!

Ms. Bond



GR. 7 BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The 13 boys on the Gr 7 boys volleyball team played with heart and grit at the Zones Tournament at St Patrick's School. They won in three sets against St Pat's and won in straight sets against Saint Francis of Assisi. They lost to the eventual two top teams, but their games were so close! It could have gone either way. As their coach, I am so very proud of how hard this team worked and never gave up. St. Sebastian, patron saint of athletes, pray for us!

Ms. D'Alessandro



GR. 6 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Grade 6 Girls' volleyball team had an amazing season filled with hard work and improvement! It was wonderful to see them practice with dedication, encourage one another, and grow stronger as a team. Their determination and positive attitudes truly shone on and off the court. Congratulations on a fantastic season, Grade 6 Girls. Keep playing, keep growing, and keep having fun!

Ms. Walker



GR. 6 BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Grade 6 boys volleyball team had a great season developing new skills and strengthened their existing skills. They played many games with strategy and teamwork, making every match exciting to watch. The competitive team placed first at the SFX tournament and were undefeated up until the final qualifying game against OLF, only losing by 2 points. Unfortunately they did not make it to the playoffs this year but with their passion, drive and athleticism, there is no doubt they will make it all the way next year!

Ms. Lum



GR. 5 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The grade 5 girls played a great season this year! Coached by Ms. Santos, the girls began their first year playing competitively by learning new skills, working together and encouraging one another during practice and games. The girls placed 2nd at the Zones Tournament held at Saint Francis of Xavier Elementary School. They went on to beat Immaculate Conception School Vancouver for the first round of playoffs. The season fell short during the second round of playoffs, where the team lost to Holy Cross Elementary School. The grade 5 girls made so much growth since the very first practice together, and they should feel very proud of all that they accomplished. We are so proud of the girls for making the top 8 CISVA schools this volleyball season.

Ms. Santos



GR. 5 BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Grade 5 boys volleyball team had a great season developing new skills and improving existing ones. Their commitment to practices and dedication to improving are truly commendable. The 5B finished 1st in their Zone Tournament and made it to CISVA Finals at the Harry Jerome Sports Center. The team ended up finishing 4th in the Province! There were many wins and only 2 losses but most of all, the boys had exciting games with many points won by bumping, setting, and spiking. Well done, boys!

Mr. Planta



CHRISTMAS CONCERT PERFORMANCES

There will be an important dress rehearsal on Friday, December 12.

Students are asked to come to school dressed in their costumes.

Photos and video recording will take place during this rehearsal and it is only for staff and students.

Tuesday, December 16, and Wednesday, December 17 - There will be Matinee performances @ 1:30 – 2:45.

Students are asked to come to school dressed in their costumes.

Wednesday, December 17 - There will be an evening performance at 7:00pm.

Students are expected to be in attendance. Students are asked to arrive at school by 6:45pm dressed in their costumes and wait under the covered area. Staff will bring students in from the covered area.

Admission is by donation to help raise money for Catholic Charities.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT COSTUMES

Please see below

EVENING CONCERT AUDIENCE PROTOCOL

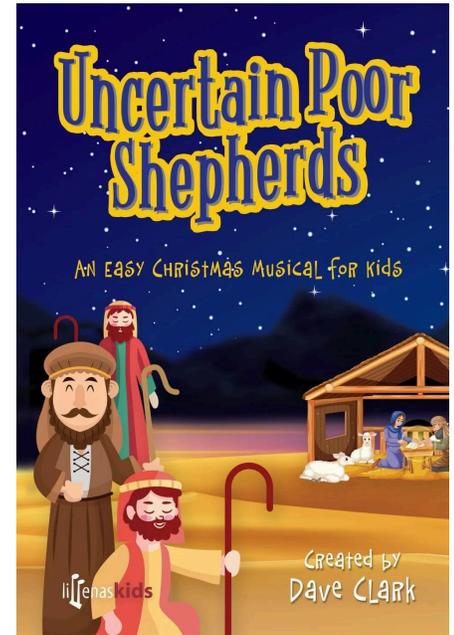
In keeping in line with safety protocols, each family will receive **two tickets only** for the evening performance. They will be sent to you the week of December 8th. Younger siblings (four years old and under) must sit on adult laps as chairs are reserved for adults.

Please inform extended family members about seating restrictions and invite them to attend the matinee performances. Only those with tickets will be allowed admittance to the Gymnasium for the evening performance. After grade performances, students will wait for parents in their classrooms and will be supervised by school staff. Once picked up students cannot be taken into the gymnasium.

RC CHALLENGE

We had five Roman Catholic Challenge teams this year - two Gr 5 teams, two Gr 6 teams, and one Gr 7 team! The teams were very dedicated to studying their Catholic faith and met twice a week from September to November. The grade 5 team attended a tournament at traditional Learning Academy and did very very well, placing 5th. All the teams attended the Monsignor Neumann championships at Our Lady of the Assumption School. All teams represented our school valiantly.

Ms. D'Alessandro and Mrs. Lim



UPCOMING DATES

DEC. 12 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal/Photos

DEC. 16 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal – Matinee Performance @1:30pm

DEC. 17 Christmas Concert: Matinee @1:30pm & Evening Performance @ 7:00pm

DEC. 18 Dress Down Day: Pajama Day for Students and Staff

DEC. 19 School Mass - **Early Dismissal 11:30am : Last Day of School before Christmas Break**

ABOUT ADVENT

Advent is a time of observing the coming Christmas holiday, Jesus' Birth, and is celebrated by Catholics and Orthodox Christians throughout the world. The observance of Advent has its roots in ancient times. Advent means "coming," referring to the coming of Christ. The season of Advent is four weeks before Christmas. Advent calendars are commonly used as a "countdown" to Christmas. Small toys or candies are placed inside little doors or windows, and one door is opened each day to count the days till Christmas. The advent wreath counts down the weeks left until Christmas, starting with the 4th Sunday before Christmas.



An advent wreath contains 4 candles, 3 purple, and 1 pink. Purple signifies penitence and fasting in preparation for the coming of a King. The pink candle is for the 3rd Sunday (also known as the Sunday of Joy). A candle is lit on the advent wreath during the Sunday evening meal. This candle will be lit every evening during the evening meal in many cases. Each week an additional candle is lit, until the last Sunday before Christmas, when all four candles burn. A portion of the Christmas story may be told each week and a devotional completed as part of the observance.

Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath Blessing of the Wreath

God of love, may this wreath and its light remind us that Jesus came to save us from our sin. Bless this wreath and all who gather around it as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas. Come, Lord Jesus, bring hope, faith, and life to our world. Amen.

Week 1, Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Week 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Week 3, Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Week 4, Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

Blessing the Advent Wreath with Children

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

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.



WEATHER MEMO...

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

1. Check your email
2. Visit the school website— <https://www.cchristi.ca/> (6:30 AM) approx.
3. Follow our school Instagram page [@corpuschristielementary](#).

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.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The school will be closed for Christmas break from **Monday, December 22, 2025, to Friday, January 2, 2026**. The school will reopen on **Monday, January 5, 2026**.

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 uniform items are neat in appearance. You may need to hem pants or kilts and patch any tears in clothing items. Also, if your child has outgrown uniform items, they will need to be replaced with a bigger size so that they are comfortable at school.

The length of your child's kilt must not be shorter than an inch above the knee.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Please see attached Information on Corporal Punishment in B.C.



"Uncertain Poor Shepherds"
 Christmas Musical 2025-2026 Costumes

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Song Title</u>	<u>Top</u>	<u>Bottom</u>	<u>Accessories/Extras</u>
Grade 7A Band	1. "Jolly Old St. Nick" 2. "Jingle Bells"	Christmas sweaters	Black pants (no leggings or tights)	Santa hats
Grade 7B Band	1. "Ode to Joy" 2. "Jingle Bell Rock"	Christmas sweaters	Black pants (no leggings or tights)	Santa hats
Choir	"Shepherd Boy"	Classroom/Cast costumes		
Grade 2	"The Song of Christmas"	Red tops (No logos)	Black pants/skir ts	Winter scarves, gloves
Grade 4	"Did You Hear What They Heard?"	<u>Shepherds</u> White/Beige tops (No logos)	Brown pants or (dresses or skirts) Black dress shoes	Robes, bathrobes or vests (solid color) -Brown/beige or white cloth, or scarf, or thin towel over head with elastic headband to secure to head 
Kindergarten	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing!"	White tops (No logos) or white dresses for girls	Black pants, White dresses or skirts	Garland halos (Provided)

Grade 1	<i>"Let's Go, Let's Go!"</i>	<u>Shepherds</u> White/Beige tops (No logos)	Brown pants or dresses/skirts - Black dress shoes	Robes, bathrobes or vests (solid color) -Brown/beige or white cloth, or scarf, or thin towel over head with elastic headband to secure to head 
Grade 3	<i>"Uncertain Poor Shepherds"</i>	Yellow (No logos)	Black pants/skirts	Stars (Provided)
Grade 6	<i>"Worthy of it All"</i>	Purple (No logos)	Black pants/skirts	Candles (Provided)
Grade 5	<i>"Tell it Again"</i>	Green (No logos)	Black pants/skirts	Winter scarves/gloves