



CORPUS CHRISTI NEWSLETTER

Friday, September 25, 2026

We have had a very smooth start to the school year. **Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher Night; it was wonderful connecting with so many families.** If you were unable to join us, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher. They will gladly share the updates and materials distributed during the event.

Walkathon information was given to the eldest students on Monday. Please be sure to read through the provided information. A sign up for Walkathon participation was emailed to parents on September 21.

Please use the designated entrance on Nanaimo Street and avoid entering or backing into the Waverley Avenue parking lot exit.

Traffic Flow Guidelines:



- **Entrance:** Drive into the parking lot only from **Nanaimo Street**.
- **Exit:** Leave the parking lot exclusively via **Waverley Avenue**.
- **Waverley Avenue Restriction:** Do not enter or back vehicles into the Waverley Avenue lot entrance.
- **Signage:** Follow all posted **parking signs** to keep traffic moving safely.

We thank parents for their support with traffic and crosswalk safety duty. There are still spots available, should you wish to sign up for more hours. **If you arrive and see two or more parents at a crosswalk while another is empty, please go cover the unattended crosswalk.**

Children cannot accompany their parents when doing traffic and safety duty. Supervision is provided for your children.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Graham Sharp as our new school and parish caretaker! In more joyful news, Ms. Plachta celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage last weekend. We wish her and her husband, Angel Valiente, a lifetime filled with happiness, blessings, and joy. Thank you, Ms. Natola



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Rooted in Faith

Our school theme this year is Rooted in Faith. It invites each of us to ask some honest questions: *Am I deeply rooted in my relationship with Jesus Christ? Am I helping my children put down strong roots of faith? Am I making the most of the precious time God has given me with them?*

The visible parts of a tree - its branches, leaves, and fruit - depend entirely upon the roots hidden beneath the ground. The same is true of our children. Their education, friendships, achievements, and activities are important, but what will sustain them through the storms of life is something deeper: a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Faith is not simply knowing certain truths about God. It means trusting God and entrusting our lives to Him. It engages the whole person:

- The mind: learning the truths of our Catholic faith and asking sincere questions.
- The heart: developing a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer and the sacraments.
- The hands: allowing faith to shape how we forgive, serve, speak, and treat others.

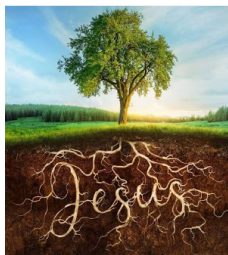
Parents have an irreplaceable role in this. No teacher, priest, or parish program can provide the witness that children receive from seeing faith lived sincerely at home. We do not have to be perfect, but our children need to see that God truly matters to us.

Here are a few simple ways to help your family become more deeply rooted:

- Attend Sunday Mass together every week.
- Pray briefly as a family each day, before meals, at bedtime, or on the way to school.
- Read a short passage from the Gospel together and ask, *"What is Jesus saying to us?"*
- Speak naturally about God and allow your children to bring you their questions.
- Practise faith through forgiveness, kindness, generosity, and service.
- Make regular use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Faith cannot be confined to one hour on Sunday. It is a whole way of life. Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matthew 6:33, RSV-2CE). When Christ is placed first, everything else begins to find its proper place.

As we enter October, the month of the Holy Rosary, this is a wonderful opportunity to renew our family prayer. Perhaps begin with just one decade of the Rosary together. Small and faithful practices, repeated consistently, allow strong roots to grow.



If we recognize areas where faith has become weak or neglected, we should not become discouraged. We can begin again. Let us use this school year to help our children – and ourselves – put down deeper roots in Christ, His Church, His Word, and His sacraments. From those roots, good and lasting fruit will come. Fr. Hamilton

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

The goal of communicating student learning is to ensure that communication between home and school is effective and timely, so that:

- parents are well informed about their child's progress;
- parents are involved as partners in a dialogue about their child's progress and the best ways to support and improve learning; and
- students are provided with information that is meaningful to them and helps them to improve their own learning.



Corpus Christi SCHOOL

There will be 5 reporting events, 3 formal written and 2 informal reports such as, three-way goal setting and student-led conferences.

Provided are some helpful links for parents. Please take some time to read through the information.

[Summary Information for Parents & Caregivers](#)

[K-12 Reporting Family Brochure](#)

[K-12 Reporting Information Package for Parents & Caregivers](#)

[What is My Child Learning?](#)

[K-12 Student Reporting Policy](#)

[Ministry Website for Parents & Caregivers](#)

Please be sure to 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.

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 pick up their children from their line ups.

Please be aware of residents parked on Nanaimo Street who need to merge. Please stop and allow them access to Nanaimo Street.

PICKUP PROTOCOLS

To ensure safe dismissal of students, we ask parents to wait behind the red line. Parents may not wait under the covered area as it is reserved for students.

Once students have been picked up, they must stay with their parents. Students may not play on the playground or in the circular/gazebo area until 3:20pm. We must ensure that all students are dismissed safely. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEBSITE

For most recent updates please view the school website www.cchristi.ca under the NEWS tab. 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.

ORANGE T-SHIRT DAY

In recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day the students are encouraged to wear orange t-shirts or orange accessories to school on Tuesday, September 29. Early Dismissal at 12:05pm. School is closed on Wednesday, September 30.

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.

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>

FOLLOWING AND ABSENTEES

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.

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.



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.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2026-27

Chairperson: Ron Coldham

Vice Chairperson/ Society Delegate Representative: Elbert Wong

Treasurer: Elaine Tham

Secretary: Serafina Chau

Maintenance Coordinator: Nathan Rumohr

Parent Participation Coordinator: Cherie Yiu

Parish Fundraising Coordinator: Tomy Tiangco

RECORDING PARTICIPATION HOURS VIA THE WEBSITE**Recording Participation Hours**

Click to [record participation hours](#). The link is also located on the school website. Parents Participation tab.

Enter the required information:

- Eldest child's last name, first name and grade
- Indicate if your family is opting out
- Enter month, activity and hours.

SCHOOL HOURS 2026 -2027 SCHOOL YEAR

As shared in the 2026-2027 Re-Registration Package, please be aware that we will be going back to the previous time for afterschool dismissal.

School Hours:

8:35 AM - Student enter the school
8:40 AM - Warning Bell
8:45 AM - Classes Begin
10:35 AM - Recess Bell
10:50 AM - Classes Resume
12:05 PM - Recess Bell (Play First)
12:35 PM - Students Eat Lunch
12:50 PM - Classes Resume
2:50 PM - Classes Dismissed for the day
3:10 PM - Final Bell

OFFICE HOURS: 7:50 AM - 3:50 PM

Celebration of Light – Friday, October 30, 2026

Join the Fun: Woodlands Dress-Up Day!

To celebrate our 'Rooted in Faith' theme for the upcoming Celebration of Light, Corpus Christi staff and students are invited to dress up in anything related to the woodlands!

We encourage students and families to explore religious history, nature, animals, careers, and stories to find creative costume ideas.



Costume Inspiration & Ideas

- Faith & History: Learn about the missionaries who lived and worked in the wilderness. You can dress as a Jesuit (historically known as the "Black Robes"), a Jesuitess, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the Sisters of St. Joseph, or the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Woodland Animals: Foxes, squirrels, raccoons, hedgehogs, owls, rabbits, or bears, etc.
- Forest Careers: Forestry workers, wildlife biologists, wildland firefighters, park rangers, arborists, or logging laborers, etc.
- Nature: Trees, shrubs, or woodland plants, etc.
- Storybook Characters: Characters from fairy tales or stories that take place deep in the woods, etc.
- Fall Colors: Students are also very welcome to wear simple autumn colors!



Costume Guidelines & Safety Rules

To ensure a safe and positive environment for everyone, please follow these rules:

- No full-face masks: Faces must remain visible.
- No weapons: Costumes must not include weapons or promote violence.
- No scary themes: Please avoid dressing up as vampires, ghosts, zombies, witches, or demons.