

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 NEWSLETTER

We are very excited to begin our second year in the new school. We have faced some challenges over the last few years, as well as, some very difficult losses. We were able to overcome all the obstacles and heal in our sorrow because of the care and support we have for each other. This year, let us continue to work together to rebuild some of the programs and activities that needed to pause. We look forward to the future with enthusiasm.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. Virk who after 41 years, retired at the end of August. We are so grateful for the 17 years of service Mr. Virk has provided for us at Corpus Christi School. Although we will miss him, we are very happy for Mr. Virk. Taking Mr. Virk's place will be Mr. and Mrs. Maldonado.

We would like to congratulate Ms. Legayada who was married during the summer. We are so very happy for her and her husband, Jacob Asuncion. We would also like to congratulate Ms. Walker, Mrs. Krohl and Mrs. Olivarria and their husbands on the announcement of their pregnancies. May God bless and protect them.

Join me in welcoming back Mrs. Mathias, returning from her Maternity Leave and in welcoming Ms. Groarke, our new grade 3 teacher. Also, please welcome, Ms. Quimson, Ms. Figuracion, and Mr. Labrador new education assistants joining our team.

We would like to thank Ms. Pietrantonio and Ms. N. Castro for their work over the years at Corpus Christi. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

We are in the process of hiring a new grade one teacher. In the meantime, Mrs. D'Alessandro will be working with the grade ones. We are very blessed to have Ms. D'Alessandro assist us in this process.

The spiritual theme this year is Seeking Truth, Healing and Reconciliation. All CISVA schools will endeavour to guide our students to understand their responsibility in recognizing indigenous culture through a reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational process of learning.

In the words of Pope Francis from his address to indigenous delegates from Canada: "These steps are part of a journey that can favour the rediscovery and revitalization of your culture, while helping the Church to grow in love, respect and specific attention to your authentic traditions."

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. Also on the school website, is the updated Communicable Diseases Prevention Plan.

Lastly, when picking up your child(ren) please wait behind the orange barriers while students are lining up. This will allow space for teachers and student to line up in their designated areas. Please leave promptly to avoid congestion.

Sincerely,

Ms. Natola

School Hours

8:40 am	Warning Bell
10:35am - 10:50	First Recess
12:05pm - 12:35	Lunch Recess
3:00pm	Dismissal

Morning Drop Off, After-school Pick Up and Parking Lot Changes

Parents, please be advised of the new changes to the Morning Drop off procedures.

Starting September 12th parents are welcome to begin using our Guided Morning Drop-off procedure.

If planning on using the Guided Morning Drop-off Option, it may require some preparation and or accommodations on your end.

Requirements:

1. Parents cannot exit the car to assist their children and must remain in their vehicles.
2. Doors must be unlocked so the supervising staff or parent supervisor can quickly open the right passenger door. Students may only exit from the right side.
3. If there is a younger sibling in a car seat, who will be remaining in the car, the car seat will need to be placed on the left side of the vehicle to allow easy exit for your child exiting the vehicle.
4. Child's belongings, backpack, lunch, assignments etc. must be in hand and ready and child must be able to carry all their belonging independently, as parents must remain in their vehicles.

Please Note:

If items are stored in car trunks, parents cannot use the Drop-Off option and must park and walk children to the line-up area as the drop-off option is intended to move quickly.

The staff or parent supervision will open car doors.

There will be parent supervisors directing the drivers and child(ren) and opening car doors regardless of child's age.

Morning Drop Off

Step 1

Parents will enter the school parking lot from Nanaimo Street, drive to lower parking lot to the crosswalk that is parallel to the main entrance of the school.

Step 2

Parents will stop and remain in the vehicle. The supervising staff or parents will open the right car door regardless of the child's age and the child(ren) will exit the vehicle from right car door(s). Child(ren) will need to be ready to exit the vehicles with their backpacks, lunches etc. in hand.

Other cars must wait patiently until directed to move forward. Children cannot jump out before stop line.

Step 3

Once the child(ren) has exited the vehicle and is at a safe distance away from the vehicle, parents continue driving through to Waverley Avenue and exit.

After-school pick up

Parents must park either in the parking lot or on side streets and walk to the school to pick up their children from their classroom line-up. Please wait behind the orange barriers while students are lining up. This will allow space for teachers and student to line up in their designated areas.

Parents are asked to leave promptly so that there is space available for other parents to park and to avoid congestion.

PARTICIPATION HOURS

Parent Participation Hours will resume this year. You will receive more information on participation hours later this week or early next week.

We will be looking for parent supervisors for morning, lunch recess, and afterschool supervision.

WEBSITE

For most recent updates please view the school website www.corpuschristi-school.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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 2022

Parents have received After School registration forms for first term by email. Please print, fill out and return forms with payment (*cash or cheque payable to Corpus Christi School*) to the school office or with your child in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope. Paper copies are available at the school office.

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB

If you are interested in before school club please email the office.

HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Online ordering through Munchalunch. Please see attached for more information.



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: [Composting Food Scraps](#)

TUTION: PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

If 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.

LATES & ABSENCE:

When a child is late or absent from school, parents are required to email the school office before 9:15 AM. Please do not send messages via the classroom teacher or with siblings in the school.

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.

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

Parent WhatsApp group chats, text messages, or other social media groups are not encouraged or promoted by the school. The school must protect the privacy of individuals in the school community. 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 in the school as this goes against the school's protocols on Proper Channels of Communication and privacy laws.

Please refer to CISVA Parent Code of Conduct Policy #412 point #5

MEET THE TEACHER/STAFF NIGHT

Meet the staff night will take place in the school gymnasium on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 PM. This event is for parents only.

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.

Staff	2022-2023	School Year
Ms. Natola	Principal	
Ms. Campanile	Head Secretary	
Mrs. Vaz	Office Assistant	
Ms. Colcol	Kindergarten C (Colcol)	
Mrs. Sanderson	Kindergarten S (Sanderson)	
Mrs. Chang	Grade 1C (Chang) M/T/W	Primary Vice Principal
Ms. Legayada	Grade 1L (Legayada) Th/F	
TBA	Grade 1	
Ms. Hussel	Grade 2H (Hussel)	
Ms. Lum	Grade 2L (Lum)	
Mrs. Lam	Grade 3L (Lam)	
Ms. Groarke	Grade 3G (Groarke)	
Ms. Bond	Grade 4B (Bond)	
Ms. Antao	Grade 4A (Antao) M/T/W/F	
Mrs. Kerrigan	Learning Commons M/T/W & Grade 4K Th/F	Intermediate Vice P
Ms. Plachta	Grade 5P (Plachta)	
Ms. Rossi	Grade 5R (Rossi)	

Mrs. Parker	Grade 6P (Parker) Admin. Team
Mrs. Mathias	Grade 6M (Mathias) M/T/Th/F
Mrs. D'Alessandro	Grade 6D (D'Alessandro) W
Mrs. Krol	Grade 7K (Krol)
Mr. Pena	Physical Education 1 - 7
Ms. D'Alessandro	Physical Education Kindergarten & Learning Support M/T/F
Ms. Legayada	Music M/T/W 2 - 7
Ms. Antao	Music K/1
Ms. Walker	Learning Resource Coordinator
Ms. Mihan	Learning Resource Support
Ms. Antunes	Learning Resource Support
Mr. Campanile	Integrated Study Wed.

Education Assistants

Mr. Abbruzzese
Miss Cagnoni
Mr. Calderwood
Mrs. J. Castro
Ms. Caicedo
Mrs. N. Castro
Ms. V. Castro
Mrs. De Luca
Ms. Figuracion
Ms. Goto
Ms. Im
Mrs. Lenahan
Mr. Labrador
Mrs. Muir
Mrs. Olivarria
Ms. Padrinao
Ms. Paat
Mr. Perrin
Ms. Quimson

Mrs. Reichert

Miss Reis

Ms. Ricci

Ms. L. Walker

Caretaker

Mr. Sin

Mr. and Mrs. Maldonado.