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Mission Statement of Corpus Christi School

*The mission of Corpus Christi School is to provide
a spiritual, academic, disciplined and safe
environment that encourages superior student performance.*

Principal's Notes

August 23, 2010

Dear Parents,

Our school year has gotten off to a wonderful start. Students have very quickly settled into their school-day routine. We are looking forward to a wonderful, productive school year. I would like to welcome all of our new families to Corpus Christi Catholic School. We are happy that you chose our school for your children. And it's always a pleasure to see our returning students and parents.

I want to thank all of you for your commitment to Catholic education and Corpus Christi School. We are proud of the partnership we have with you in your children's education. Together, we will help them grow in age, grace, and wisdom, following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

At the main entrance to our school, a plaque summarizes our reason for existence. It reads:

**Be it known to all who enter here that
Jesus
Is the reason for this school
He is the unseen yet everpresent
Teacher in its classes
He is the model of its faculty
And the inspiration of its students.**

We take this very seriously and look forward to working hand-in-hand with you this year.

Enclosed are several important announcements. Please take the time to read all of the information in your Kiddie Mail envelope every two weeks. It is our primary means of communicating important information to you throughout the year.

Joan McMullen

Announcements

I hope to see all of you this week at the Parent Meetings.

Tuesday	Junior High (6-8)	6:30	Gym **new location**
Wednesday	Elementary (3-5)	6:30	Classrooms
Thursday	Primary (K-2)	6:30	Classrooms

These meetings are for parents only. If you must bring your child, they must stay with you. Teachers will discuss important topics such as curriculum, classroom rules and expectations, and plans for the year. Therefore, it is very important that classrooms and hallways are quiet so that all can hear what teachers have to share with parents.

We have been very busy installing new classroom computers and a brand new technology in the lab. (You'll hear more about this from Mrs. Allen). We are having some issues with the Homework Page and email for some faculty members. Our homepage is being updated daily and will soon feature the 2010-2011 calendar. In the meantime, you may go to calendar.mobilearchdiocese.org and click on Corpus Christi School to see the complete calendar for this school year.

Discipline with Purpose (DWP) is the foundation of our discipline policy. The program helps students develop self-discipline skills by learning and practicing the fifteen skills. We will recognize two outstanding DWP students each month. Each teacher will choose two students who practice the DWP skills of the month on a consistent basis. They will receive a DWP ribbon and be recognized at the monthly **DWP Principal Prize Patrol Party**. Their names will be announced in the Principal's Notes, posted on a DWP bulletin board, and published in the Principal Notes. We will notify you each month of the skills we are working on at school so that you can reinforce them at home. The DWP skills for August are *Listening and Following Directions*.

Thanks to everyone who supports our Scrip program. I encourage all of you to buy Scrip. If everyone purchased Scrip for their weekly trip to the grocery store, we would see a big increase in our profits. Consider buying WalMart or Winn Dixie Scrip before you do your weekly shopping.

Thank you to parents who are following our carpool rules. The morning and afternoon carpools are going very smoothly. Just a few reminders...

***If you do not want to go through carpool you must park BEHIND THE RECTORY ONLY (!!!) and walk your child across the street.** Many parents park on McKenna, Evergreen, and Hillview instead of **behind** the rectory causing a lot of congestion and creating a very dangerous situation.

***I ask that you do not block the entrance to the lower lot in the afternoon. Do not park beyond the double yellow line in the parking lot to keep the entrance open.**

***Please be patient and follow the directions of the teachers on duty.**

If your child is absent and you would like his/her homework, you must call the office no later than 9:00 am. You may pick up homework assignments in the office after 2:30.

The 2010-2011 Parent Student Handbook may be found on our homepage. In an effort to save money and trees, we will not print them this year. Please take time to discuss the handbook with your children, paying particular attention to the sections listed on the enclosed form. After you

have reviewed the handbook with your child/children, sign the form and return it to school. **By signing this form, you and your child/children are agreeing to abide by all rules and regulations of Corpus Christi Catholic School.**

Communication between school and home is a vital aspect of the partnership that we have with you. We make it very easy for you to communicate with your child's teacher and with me.. If you have concerns about your child or the school, please call, write, or e-mail their teacher. Teachers can be contacted via voice mail by calling the school number, 342- 5474, and dialing their voice mail extension. Their e-mail address is the ***first letter of their first name, followed by their last name @corpuschristiparish.com***. Many teachers prefer to receive messages by e-mail because they are generally able to respond much faster. If after a reasonable amount of time you do not receive a response from your child's teacher, or if you still have concerns, please call me at 342-5474, Ex.1, or e-mail me at jmcmullen@corpuschristiparish.com. We also have a Homework Page that you can access to check your child's homework assignments. Go to www.corpuschristiparish.com. And click on *school*.

Save the date!! McGill-Toolen Catholic High School Yellow Jackets has invited the entire school-students, parents, faculty, and staff to the October 15 football game against Robertsdale High School at Lipscomb Field. You will receive tickets before the game. Go jackets!!

The members of our School Board are also available for you to share your concerns *and* praise. After you speak with them, they will contact me with your comments. They will not tell me your name unless you have given them permission to do so.

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Mrs. Sandy Daigle, our school nurse, asked that I share these important reminders about your children's health:

*If your child is sick and has a fever do not send them to school.

*Children must be fever-free for twenty-four hours before returning to school. **This means that if your child is sent home from school because they have a fever, they may not come back to school the next day. This is for their protection as well as other students and faculty. They are more likely to be contagious when they have a fever, and their resistance is down, too. They can infect others as well as possibly picking up a new illness.**

*No medication, either prescription or non-prescription, will be given without a doctor's prescription. Prescriptions must be current.

*If your child begins taking a new medication that may affect their behavior at school, please notify their teacher. This also applies if there is a change in dosage of a current medication.

*Remind your children to wash their hands frequently to reduce the spread of germs.

We will offer training in the Child and Adolescent Protection Policy Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30. The class will be held in the Adult Education room in the Community Center. All adults who plan to volunteer in any capacity at Corpus Christi Catholic School or Parish must receive training for the Child and Adolescent Protection Policy. If you are unable to attend the session here on September 21, monthly sessions are held at St. Dominic School on the fourth WEDNESDAY (new day) of each month.

For parents who were trained last year, you will have to be retrained, but you will not have to attend a session. Go to the CAPP online training at www.mobilearchdiocese.org. You will have three articles to read and a short test to take. Once you have passed the test, we will be notified that you have been retrained. Remember, you must receive CAPP training in order to go on a field trip with your child. You must complete your retraining by October 31.

Please keep saving your Boxtops for Education and your green Bruno's receipts. We use the money from these programs to purchase items for our classrooms and help with the cost of teacher workshops and conferences.

We've only been in school for a few days now and we already have many items in the Lost and Found. Please put your child's name on everything they bring to school.

We thank our generous donors for their contributions to the following funds:

Teachers' Wishlist

Paul and Mystie Lawson	Mike and Kim Jones
Tonie Torrans	Vincent and Shea Fadalla
Joann Crabtree	Paul and Karen Gelineau
Mike and Charlotte Herrero	Carlos and Karla Espinosa

Important Dates to Remember

September 3	CCS Spirit Day-out of uniform-wear CCS colors
September 6	Labor Day-No School
September 10	School Pictures-in uniform
September 21	CAPP training -6:30 in the Adult Ed. Room
September 28	Grandparent's Day (more information later)

Next Kiddie Mail-September 7.

