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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

October 3, 2011

I want to tell you about a very exciting project that we are beginning. Corpus Christi School, along with the other Catholic elementary schools, is participating in a four-year program of planning and development. The Strategic Management and Development Program for Catholic Elementary Schools will assist us in developing a strategic plan for future growth and success of our school. This study will help us in several areas:

- examine methods to increase and stabilize our enrollment
- ensure future financial viability of our school
- develop a plan to keep pace with innovations in technology
- explore opportunities to market and promote our school

Members of this committee will ask for your input on key issues over the course of this study and will keep you informed of the progress of this project.

We had a wonderful Grandparents' Day celebration last week. Many grandparents travel to Mobile just to celebrate with us, and some asked me when our celebration will be next year! We will always celebrate Grandparents' Day the last Tuesday of September.

Many students are being dropped off at school before 7:00. I want to remind you that there is no adult supervision before 7:00. Morning care begins at 7:00 and until then, students are alone in the courtyard. If you must bring your child/children to school before 7:00, you must enroll them in the Daycare where they will be supervised.

The annual **Blessing of the Animals**, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, will be tomorrow after the 8:15 school mass. Children may not bring their animals to school with them. You may meet your child in the parking lot about 9:00. After the blessing, all animals must be taken home. No animal is allowed to stay at school. All animals must be in a cage or on a leash. If you are not able to bring your child's pet, children may bring a picture of their pet. A special blessing will be offered for all pets, even those not present.

October is Respect Life Month. We have several things planned that will encourage our students to respect all life:

First, we will teach the student lesson for the Child and Adolescent Protection Policy this month. Your child will bring home information for you to discuss.

Secondly, we will present our family life program for grades 4-8. Sadlier's *God's Own Making* is a four-lesson program that focuses on the moral and religious dimension of human sexuality. Religion teachers will introduce it during Respect Life Month.

Third, students, faculty, and staff will recite a *Life Rosary* Friday, October 7 at 8:00 am to pray that all human life will be respected and valued. You are welcome to join us.

Finally, we are again raising money for the 2-B Choices for Women Pregnancy Center. Each family will receive a baby bottle in the next Kiddie Mail and be asked to fill it with loose change. The money raised will help 2B provide services to women and babies. Bottles must be returned by Friday, October 28. Thank you for your generosity.

Find us on Facebook! We now have a Facebook page to give you reminders and updates of events at school. This is just to post information. If you have any questions or concerns, please continue to email or call the school office. You can find the link at the top of our homepage.

Report card conferences will be held Thursday, October 20 from 4:00-6:00.

Make plans to join us Friday, October 21 for the Red Ribbon Fun Run and the Halloween Bazaar. The run will begin at 9:15 and the bazaar at 10:00. Students will be dismissed at noon.

First quarter awards Mass will be October 25 after the 8:15 Mass. We will present awards in the following order: 8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1,K.

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. Monthly sessions are held at St. Dominic School on the fourth WEDNESDAY 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 two 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.**

Dates to remember:

October 3-7	Book Fair
October 14	End of the first quarter
October 25	Awards Mass

Next Kiddie Mail October 17

**Corpus Christi Catholic School:
Building the Body of Christ one student at a time.**



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