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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 22, 2011

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.

Join me in welcoming two new members of our staff. Aleen Momberger has joined the faculty as our PE assistant. Sharon Lynn is our new Development director. Welcome!

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.

I also want to thank the many people who have given so much of themselves over the past few months to bring about improvements to our school. There is a wonderful spirit in our school family and it's because of the generosity and dedication of our parents..

PTO

The PTO replaced the broken and missing bricks in the courtyard. They purchased rubber mulch for the playground, or as the children are saying, "the bouncy mulch". They also have purchased a new, commercial grade ice machine for the health room. We dispense a lot of ice during the day. You know it has special healing powers! ☺

Booster Club

The booster Club completed the renovation of the bathrooms in the gym. They have replaced many of the fixtures and countertops, and painted. Along with the addition of the locker rooms last year, our students now have a nice place to change for PE. We now have facilities that we can be proud for visitors to see.

Scrip Science Lab Project

Because of your support of the Scrip program, we have a first class science lab. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to accomplish this. A special thanks to our school advisory board for approving this project and to Andy Mecom for coordinating all of the different phases of the project.

John Glover - Lab design/layout, plumbing, and furniture sourcing
Michael Herrero - helped me with Painting
Lisa, Sarah, and Lindsey Mecom - Painting
Courtney Calagaz - Painting
Stuart Brooks - Electrical outlets and new lighting
Chris Lilley and Jack Lilley - Plumbing design and installation
Scott Nelson - Whiteboard donation

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 you are able to attend Parent Meetings this week:

Tuesday	Junior High (6-8)	6:30	Adult-Ed room
Wednesday	Elementary (3-5)	6:30	Classrooms
Thursday	Primary (K-2)	6:30	Classrooms

These informational meetings are for parents only. If you must bring your child, they must stay with you. They may not be in the hallway. Teachers will discuss important topics such as curriculum, classroom rules and expectations, and plans for the year. This is not the time for parent-teacher conferences.

A big THANK YOU to the Class of 2011 for their gift of benches, a statue of St. Francis of Assisi, and mulch for the flower beds in the back parking lot. This will provide a shady, cool place to sit while waiting for dismissal.

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.

You can find the link to Solutions on the left of our homepage and the cafeteria menu on the right.

We will offer training in the **Child and Adolescent Protection Policy Tuesday, September 20 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 20, 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 you retraining by October 31.

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. They are also being inconsiderate of our neighbors.

***You may not pick up students in the main lot. It will be blocked with cones at 2:30.**

*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.

Students will not be dismissed for early dismissal after 2:45.

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 2011-12 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.**

A copy of the revised discipline policy and the new policy on make-up work for students absent due to a trip are included in this Kiddie Mail. Please read both carefully and talk to your child /children about them.

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*.

The members of our **School Advisory 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 kick-off our sports season with a Pep Rally on Friday, September 9 at 2:30. GO COUGARS!!

Can you believe that we already have several items in lost and found! Please make sure that you label all of your child/children's clothing, backpacks, lunchboxes, etc.

Important Dates to Remember

September 5	Labor Day-No School
September 9	School Pictures-in uniform Pep Rally-2:30
September 20	CAPP training -6:30 in the Adult Ed. Room
September 27	Grandparent's Day (more information later)

Next Kiddie Mail-September 6.

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Building the Body of Christ one student at a time.