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Respect your school

Respect others

Walk with Jesus

NOVEMBER 2019



REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

God, Our Father, your Son Jesus gave up His life to free us from the power of sin and death. He showed us that the greatest love is in giving up one's life for others.

Today we remember those who fought and died for our freedom. We ask you to bless and console them, together with their families. Help us to understand the sacrifices that they made in leaving their loved ones to face the horrors of war. May we never forget their generosity. May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to resist evil in all its forms and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and action. Let us never forget those who fought, suffered and died that we might have the freedom and peace we enjoy today.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

From the Principal's Desk

As the cold weather approaches, it is good to see the students with happy smiles coming from a warm place like Corpus Christi School. The school year has been progressing well and I would like to thank the staff at this time for all of their hard work. We have many accomplishments which make us proud. Our Catholic School Council, along with our school community hosted its fifth annual Halloween Fair which was a huge success. Thank you to our hard working Catholic School Council, staff and students for making this event so memorable and enjoyable for all who attended. Thank you is also extended to all those who generously donated to this event. Our Student Council is also in full swing, organizing and successfully running our Thanksgiving Food Drive and dress down days for upcoming events. Our sports teams are experiencing success and representing the school well. Our academic programs are also running smoothly.

As a staff, we can't stress enough the importance of communicating with your child about their school work and their results on tests. Research shows that students are more successful when parents are involved in their education regularly. Therefore, please check their agendas, sign their tests and contact the school if you have concerns. November's progress report should not contain any surprises, if you are involved with their school work daily. By working together, we can all help Corpus Christi Catholic School to continue to be a great place for everyone.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 for all students. Interviews will be held on Thursday, November 14th. More information to follow.

PICTURES AND RE-TAKE DAY

The re-take day for the School pictures will be on Wednesday, November 20th, 2019. Please remember that you must bring your proofs with you when having your re-take.

NOVEMBER PA DAYS

There will be two Professional Activity Days for staff in the month. The dates for these PA Days will be Friday, November 8th and 29th.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

It's getting cold out there! Please remind your child(ren) of the necessity to wear proper clothing now that the colder weather is upon us. Please label all clothing and items to avoid loss. Students' outdoor playtime is not only important but also healthy!

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Corpus Christi uses Restorative Practices on a daily basis to resolve conflicts and build community amongst staff and students. As in the past, we will train students from grades 6-8 in Restorative Practices and how to resolve conflicts amongst students in appropriate peaceful ways. These students have become our "Courageous Cougars" and are outside wearing purple shirts and hats during recesses to help other students in times of need. Way to go Cougars!

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS AT LUNCH

Please be reminded that NO student is allowed to leave school property unless they are signed out at the office by their parent or guardian. The lunch policy remains in effect.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

When you are dropping off and picking up your child(ren), please park at the church parking lot and cross your children over to the school. This reminder is for the safety of all children at the school. Please do not park in the bus loading zone in front of the school or in the staff parking lot.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Corpus Christi Catholic School Before-and-After School Program is a school-based Catholic childcare program designed to support and compliment the programs of Corpus Christi Catholic School. We provide care for children attending school all day from ages 4 to 12 years of age. The program operates before and after school. On site supervisor is Sara 905-928-2357.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Most parents want their children to be happy and spend a great deal of their energy trying to ensure this is the case for their children. A new study released by the World Leisure Journal suggests that it may be much simpler than we believe. A variety of leisure activities, including hiking, board games and visiting local tourist attractions, can be combined with time spent at home undertaking activities as a family. Being together produces feelings of satisfaction and happiness. Simple undertakings can be the best way to bond as a family and feel connected to each other. Combine activity with attending weekly Mass and praying together each day and your children will benefit in numerous ways! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

As a member of a couple it is important to decide which is more important to you: being right or being connected. When it comes to conflict, which exists in every relationship, it is important to see the other's view, decide where compromises are possible and together come up with a solution that works for both of you. With a "we" attitude in all you do, including conflict resolution, you can feel more deeply connected and content. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

NEXT SCHOOL MASS

Our next school mass is Thursday, November 21st at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend!

CSC NEWS

Halloween Fair – Thank you for supporting our community event!

What a spook-tacular event it was!! On Thursday, October 29th, Corpus Christi CES family and friends came together, to attend our CSC Halloween Fair. A HUGE heartfelt thank you our Halloween Fair Committee

who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to ensure the event was a big success! To all of our amazing volunteers, including: parents, grandparents, students and teachers for all their hard work, enthusiasm and time, we appreciate all that you have done and continue to do to make our school community even better.

A special thank you to Mrs. Curcio and Ms. Taiello and the Grade 8 students who organized and ran our spooky haunted house for all, young and old, to enjoy! Thank you to all of our families and local community for their support and generosity with donations for Grand Prizes, Penny Sale Baskets, and supplies. Our gratitude also goes out to Mr. Mielko, Mrs. Woodfine, Mrs. Paci and the custodial staff for all their support before, during and after the event. We couldn't have done it without you!

All proceeds from the Halloween Fair will be used to further benefit our students' academic and well-being, and enrich our school community. Details will be posted in future CSC meeting minutes and website. We are truly blessed to be part of such a generous and close knit community – thank you to all of you for your continued support!

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Parents

Parent Conference – This year's annual HWCDSB Parent Conference is taking place on Sat. November 2nd at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School. Registration is from 7:45-8:30am. Mary Gordon (Roots of Empathy) is the Keynote Speaker. There will also be exhibitors to visit and informative workshops to choose from. Breakfast and lunch are provided and admissions if FREE! Shuttle bus service is provided. Registration is available on line at: www.hwcdsb.ca

Next Catholic School Council Meeting – Please join us!

The next Catholic School Council Meeting will be taking place on Monday, November 25th at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend! Hope to see you there.

Pizza Cycle

The next pizza cycle is set to start November 13th. Cash-on-line is open now for orders. Order now. LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE

All schools will remain open even though transportation may be cancelled. The decision to close schools will be made by the Director or his designate. In the event that schools are to be closed, any announcement from the Director to that effect will be specific and state that all schools are to be closed. All school closures and/or transportation cancellations will be announced on the

following TV/ radio stations as well as the Board's website and Twitter/Facebook accounts.

Hamilton Area:

900 CHML/Y108 FM/95.3 Fresh FM
Oldies 1150 (CKOC)/K-Lite 102.9 FM
CHCH TV Morning Live (Channel 11)

Board Website

www.hwcdsb.ca

Twitter Account

<https://twitter.com/HWCDSB>

Facebook Account

www.facebook.com

The Hamilton Spectator

www.thespec.com

CBC Hamilton

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Please remember to inform the school if there are any changes in home and emergency numbers.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the cross country team who had a very successful day at Marydale Park. All of the participating students did very well. We are very proud of the entire team.

Thank you also to the coaches who put so much time and effort into preparing the team for this day. A special thanks to the many parents who helped supervise. We couldn't have done this without your help!

SIGNING OUT YOUR CHILD

Just a reminder that you must pick up your child in the office and that you must sign your child out, when they are leaving the school between the hours of 8:25 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. This is for the safety of your child.

Also, please remember that no child can walk home on their own during school hours.

VOLUNTEERING – YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED

Even half an hour a week helps immensely! Please call Mr. Pickard, Special Education Teacher, to discuss possibilities. Let us know if you can help. Please remember that everyone working in the school requires a police check. Thank you.

CWL NEWS

CWL November Gathering is Tuesday, Nov 5th at 7:00 p.m., after 6:30 p.m. mass. Celebrate the fall season with seasonal favourites. Do you like your apple cider warm or cold? We are also organizing the Bake and Book Bazaar.

CWL Bake and Book

Bazaar is Sat. Nov. 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. and Sun. Nov. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Start your Christmas baking and shopping in the P.J. Daly Room at Corpus Christi site.

CWL Christmas Potluck Dinner is Tues., Dec. 3 at 7 p.m., after 6:30 mass. Bring your favourite entrée or dessert and enjoy an evening with us.

Lunch with St. Nicholas is Sunday, Dec. 8 at 12 noon at Corpus Christi School.

Winter Wonderland Dinner & Dance on Feb. 1 at Michelangelo's for new church building

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday, November 11th at 10:15 a.m., we will be having our Remembrance Day Celebration. At 11:00 a.m. Canadians all across Canada will stop and pay tribute to the men and women killed in Canada's wars and military operations. Some will remember friends and relatives long dead. Others will remember those who more recently passed away. The rest of us will pause in tribute to these great men and women. In classrooms across Canada, for a number of years, students have discussed Remembrance Day, recognizing the sacrifices that others have made for Canada. As a result of terrorist attacks around the world, it is important for all of us to value freedom and to honour our ancestors who have ensured our safety.

If any parent/grandparent/guardian is a veteran and would like to possibly speak at this celebration, please let us know as soon as possible.

GRADE 8 PARENT NIGHTS

Parents of grade 8 students are strongly encouraged to attend the Gr. 8 Parent Information Nights for both Bishop Tonnos (our feeder school) on November 18th and St. Thomas More on December 2nd, 2019 in order to make the best decision for your child(ren). Both meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Students may attend either high school and both have excellent academic and extra-curricular programs. Please visit their websites if you require more information.

ECO NEWS

We are currently working with our students to enhance our recycling program and alleviate contamination in our blue boxes. When a blue box is contaminated with garbage it has to be sorted, or when it is really bad, it has

to all be put in the garbage. You will find an updated list sent by the City of Hamilton of things that are and are not recyclable. Please remember that this applies to us here at school and your bins at home as well.

We are encouraging all parents to assist in packing waste free lunches. In November we will be doing waste audits of the school in which the ECO Team will measure and report on the amount of garbage produced here at Corpus Christi.

Remember to Keep It Clean and Go Green!

ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT

Corpus Christi is proud to announce that we will be having our Advent Craft Night on Tuesday, December 10th beginning at 6:30 p.m. The evening will begin with an Advent Liturgy and conclude with families making a craft for Christmas. More information will follow.

REPORTS

Progress Reports for the first term will be sent home on Tuesday, November 12th, 2019. Like last year, November's report will not contain grades or numerical marks. The focus of this progress report will be on six learning skills; responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative and self-regulation. These learning skills are essential for success in the 21st century. The comments related to subjects will describe a student's general progress in working toward the achievement of the curriculum expectations.

Teachers will inform parents of the progress students are making towards achievement of the curriculum expectations. Student Progress is to be evaluated according to the following scale:

Progressing Very Well: Student is demonstrating ongoing, consistent improvement towards **meeting or exceeding** the provincial standard by the end of the term.

Progressing Well: Student is demonstrating ongoing improvement **towards meeting the provincial standard.** Students performing at this level need to work on identified learning gaps to ensure future success.

Progressing with Difficulty: Student will **require improvement and/or assistance to meet the provincial standard** by the end of the term.

Please note that these are guidelines only. The Elementary Progress Report is formative in nature and reflects the teacher's professional judgment regarding the progress of the student in each subject area.

Note: If a subject has not been taught within the Progress Report timeframe, the N/A box will be checked.

The Elementary Progress Report Card will be followed by a parent/guardian, student and teacher conference on Thursday, November 14th, 2019. The conference is an opportunity to engage in conversation with parents and student about the progress report. Further details of strengths and next steps for improvement will be discussed. Teachers, students and parents will share ways they can work together to support the achievement of the agreed upon goals for improvement.

The **Elementary Provincial Report Card** in February and June will contain grades or numerical marks along with descriptive comments and will also contain feedback related to the same learning skills. Regular communication between home and school will continue to be encouraged.

The Elementary Progress Report Card and Elementary Provincial Report Cards are one aspect of ongoing communication.

As mentioned above, parent/guardian, teacher and student conferences are scheduled Thursday, November 14th in the evening. Please complete the Parent Teacher Conference Form and return this form by the deadline so that conference schedules can be coordinated. Observations and conferences for parents of students in Kindergarten will be taking place during the month of November. The teachers will arrange the schedules. Parents are reminded that younger siblings are not to be present during these observation and conference sessions with the teacher.

MEDICATION

A reminder to parents/guardians that medication will not be given out at school without the required documentation. There are 2 forms that must be completed and placed in the student's OSR if medication is to be administered at school. One of the forms is to be completed by the doctor and the other one is to be completed by the parent/guardian. Students are not permitted to self-administer any kind of medication. All medication will be stored in the office (with the exception of the second epi-pen which may be kept in the classroom) and will be administered by the appropriate adult here at school. Please remember that there cannot be any exceptions to this Board Policy.

PARENT CONFERENCE

The 27th Annual Parent Conference will take place on **Saturday, November 2nd, 2019** beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School. This is a great opportunity for parents to participate in workshops and seminars, which focus on our uniqueness as a Catholic System.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We will be having our first Awards Assembly on Thursday, November 28th. The focus of our assembly will be in the following areas:

Believing: Reverence – Seeing the face of Christ in their fellow students and valuing them.

Achieving: Mathematics – Problem Solving – Effectively communicating strategies used.

Serving: Maintaining a Healthy Well-Being – Using Meditation

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

During the months of September and October, we conducted 3 Fire Drills, 1 Lockdown Drill and 1 Bomb Threat Drill. All drills were completed with excellent results. Staff and students are well versed in our Emergency Procedures should we need them. We will be conducting these drills again in the spring.

CYO NEWS

The month of October has been a busy month for our young athletes. On October 2nd, Corpus Christi was represented at the CYO Cross Country meet at Marydale Park. Our students gave 100% and many students came in the top 20 in their divisions.

During October, all of the football teams and the girls' basketball teams finished their regular seasons. Thanks to all of the staff and parent coaches that have been practicing these teams to prepare them for playoffs which have begun this week.

On November 27th, Corpus Christi will be entering both a Senior and Junior team in the 3 on 3 Co-ed hockey tournament at Mohawk quad pads. Listen to announcements for sign up and tryouts!

Good luck to all teams!

THINGS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED PLEASE PUT ME IN THE PLASTIC RECYCLE BOX!



**STRAWS MUST
GO IN THE
GARBAGE**



REMOVE THE ZIPPER



**REMOVE THE CAPS OF ALL
BOTTLES.**



IMPORTANT: KOOL-AID JAMMERS ARE **NOT** RECYCLABLE.

PAPER OR PLASTIC RECYCLE BIN:

- Newspaper
- White paper
- Green, brown and clear glass
- Corrugated cardboard
- Paperboard such as cereal boxes, shoeboxes
- Plastic bottles
- Aseptic juice boxes
- Gable-top paper cartons such as milk cartons
- Metal food cans
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Aluminum foil (no food residue)
- Six-pack rings
- Magazines
- Junk mail and catalogs
- Yogurt cups
- Margarine containers
- Frozen food trays
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Phone books
- Stamps and stickers in junk mail
- Pizza boxes

Place in your container, plastic and glass blue box.

15-litre plastic water bottles (no-deposit)
Aerosol can (empty)
Aluminum foil (clean)
Aluminum foil plate
Aluminum foil tray
Antifreeze Empty Container
Applesauce cups (single serving)
Aseptic container/box (soy, milk, juice, water, soup, drinks)
Bread bag
Cardboard container
Coffee can
Coffee cup lids
Coffee cups (polystyrene)
Cookie tin
Cottage cheese tub
Dry cleaning bag
Egg carton (clear plastic)
Egg carton (foam)
Food can (aluminum and steel)
Frozen juice container
Glass bottle
Glass Coffee Jar
Glass jar
Grocery bag
Household Cleanser bottle (empty)
Juice box (juice, wine, water, drinks, soup, broth)
Margarine tub
Metal Coffee Can
Milk carton
Paint can (empty)
Plastic bottle
Plastic coffee container
Plastic food container
Plastic ice cream tub
Plastic jar
Plastic jug for detergent, laundry soap, fabric softener etc.
Plastic pail (five litres or less in size)
Plastic sandwich bag, food packaging (with zipper removed)
Plastic soap bottle
Plastic tub
Plastic tub lid
Plastic water bottles (250 ml - 4 litres sizes)
Polystyrene containers and plates
Polystyrene foam packaging (white)
Polystyrene "popcorn" packaging
Pop can
Produce bag
Shampoo bottle
Sour cream tub
Steel can (soup and other)
Styrofoam Peanut
Yogurt Beverage Container
Yogurt tub
Yogurt/Pudding cup (single serve)



Place in your paper and cardboard blue box.

Blueprint Paper or Blueprints
Book (hardcover, with the cover removed)
Book (paperback)
Boxboard
Bristol board (clean)
Calendar
Cardboard box
Catalogue
Cereal box
Cigarette packages
Computer paper
Construction paper (clean)
Detergent box
Egg carton (paper)
Envelope (with plastic window)
Envelope (without plastic window)
File folders
Flyers
Frozen food box
Gift bag (rope removed, non metallic)
Gift Boxes
Gift card (with foil)
Gift card (without foil)
Gift wrapping paper (non-metallic)
Greeting card
Hardcover book (cover removed)
Household paper
Index card
Junk mail
Magazine
Newspaper
Packing paper
Paper (writing)
Paper egg carton
Paper roll
Paperback book
Phone book
Pizza box (empty- no food residue or plastics)
Postcard
Posters
Potato chip container (cardboard can)
Printed paper
Shoe box
Shredded paper (loose) - option b
Tissue box
Tissue wrapping paper
Toiletpaper tube
White (granulated) paper sugar bags
Writing paper

