

# Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School

Transition from Grade 8 to 9

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# *Corpus Christi*





# School Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
You call us to be the Body of Christ to others.  
May our eyes look upon the world with your  
compassion.  
May our feet hurry to help others and to do good.  
May our hands reveal Your blessing upon humanity.  
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.



# Catholic Education in Halton



**Catholic  
Curriculum**



**Catholic  
Learning  
Environment**



**Catholic  
Staff**



**Catholic  
Community**



# The Catholic Dimension in Practice

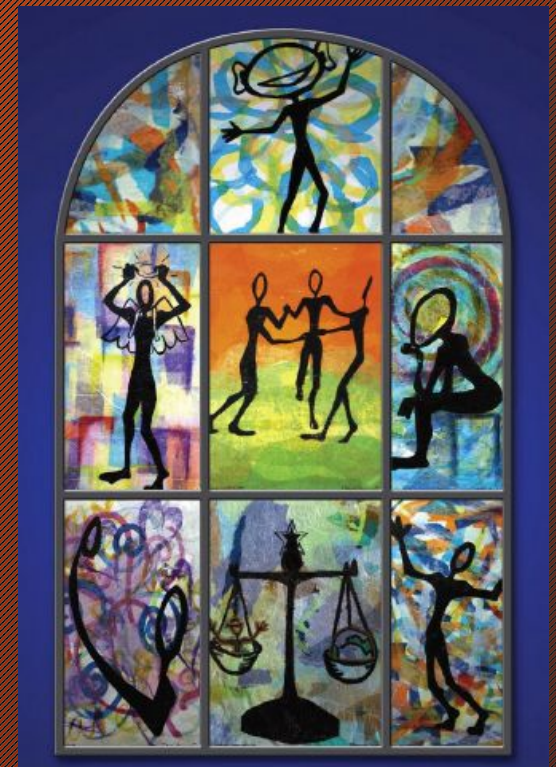
- Religion credit course taken each year. **These courses require no prior knowledge of the Catholic faith.**
- School Chaplaincy Leader and Chapel
- Daily Prayer, Masses and Liturgies
- Retreat Program
- Community Outreach—Food drives, Christmas baskets, missions and fundraising
- Social Justice Groups



# Catholic Graduate Expectations

These distinctive expectations are integrated into the full Catholic school curriculum to help form graduates who are:

- Discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community;
- Effective communicators;
- Reflective, creative and holistic thinkers;
- Self-directed, responsible, lifelong learners;
- Collaborative contributors;
- Caring family members; and,
- Responsible citizens.





# How do we plan for success?

We build success by:

- Recognizing the dignity of each student
- Providing a safe and caring school environment
- Providing academic support
- Supporting faith development
- Providing opportunities for leadership
- Helping students to develop resiliency
- Encouraging and supporting parent engagement



# Organization for Grade 9

- All grade 9s have a gr. 11 mentor (4:1)
- All grade 9s have lockers near a gr. 11 mentor
- All grade 9s have the same lunch as the grade 11s to facilitate activities and tutoring sessions



# Our Focus is...

...to ensure your child has a smooth transition from elementary to secondary

**We are here to help!**

- Guidance Counsellors
- Social Worker
- Child and Youth Worker
- Chaplain
- Special Education Teachers
- Administration
- Teachers and Support Staff



# Corpus Christi Athletics

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Jr/Sr Girls Basketball	Jr/Sr Badminton	Jr/Sr Badminton
Jr/Sr Boys Volleyball	Midget/Jr/Sr Boys Basketball	Varsity Baseball
Cross Country	Midget/Jr/Sr Girls Volleyball	Girls Rugby
Jr/Sr Girls Field Hockey	Girls Hockey	Intramural Football
Jr/Sr Football	Jr/Sr Hockey	Jr/Sr Girls/Boys Soccer
Boys/Girls Golf	Swimming	Tennis
	Alpine Skiing/ Snowboard	Track and Field



# Corpus Christi Clubs and Activities

Announcement Team • AV Team • Athletic Council  
Concert and Jazz Band • Best Buddies • Book Club  
Computer Programming Club • Construction Club • Debate Team  
Exercise Room • Faith Day Committee • Free the Children Club  
Greenhorns Environmental Club • Guest Speakers/Presenters  
Longhorns for Life Right to Life Club • Longhorns Student Alliance  
Math Contests • School Reach Teams • Mock Trial Team  
Hands for Change Social Justice Club • Longhorns Art Club  
Mentors and Visionaries • Ontario Skills Competition  
Rotary Interact Club • SAC • School Improv • Science Olympics  
Southern Ontario Model United Nations Assembly • Student Council  
Student Senate • Student Eucharistic Ministers  
Where in the World Wednesdays • Yearbook  
New Mentality Wellness Committee • SIDE With Us Diversity Club



# The Grade 9 Program



# High School Format

- 2 semesters
  - Semester 1: September to January
  - Semester 2: February to June
- Exams/culminating activities at the end of each semester
- 4 periods/classes a day (75 minutes each), per semester  
Period 1, Period 2, Period 3 and Period 4
- Lunch (40 minutes)
  - All Grade 9 students are on the same lunch
- School day is from 8:15 a.m. 2:20 p.m.



# Ontario Secondary School Diploma

## OSSD Requirements:

- 30 credits:
  - 18 compulsory
  - 12 optional
  - (4 Religion courses compulsory, 1 in each year)
- 40 hours community involvement
- Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test



# Community Involvement

- Ministry and Board guidelines governing placements (MUST be pre-approved)
- Encourages civic responsibility, Catholic values and the importance of volunteering in the community
- Supports career exploration
- Hours must be documented using a form available in Student Services or on [cccss.ca](http://cccss.ca)
- Students may begin community service involvement on July 1, 2021



# OSSLT Literacy Test Requirement

- Students must meet Literacy Test requirement to graduate high school.
- The Literacy Test is taken in Grade 10.
- Students must achieve at least a Level 3 to pass.
- If a student is unable to meet standards on the first attempt; students can rewrite the test in grade 11 or take OLC 401.



# Academic Courses (D)

- Greater emphasis on THEORY as a basis for future learning and problem solving
- Focus on critical thinking and theoretical thinking
- Students in grade 8 working at a Level 4
- Independent learners
- Pacing is fairly fast with new concepts presented every few days
- These courses have last 3 characters - 1D1

English

Math

Science

French

Geography



# Applied Courses (P)

- Emphasis is on PRACTICAL applications
  - Course work relates to familiar real-life situations and provides students with the opportunity for hands-on application of the concepts they learn
  - Pacing is moderate with new concepts presented every few days.
  - More dependent learners
  - Require greater teacher direction and instruction
  - These courses have last 3 characters - 1P1
- English      Math      Science      French      Geography



# Locally Developed (L)

- Locally developed courses are for students working at a Level 1 or have modified curriculum expectations
- Content will address gaps in learning
- Pacing is matched to the needs of individual learners
- Students are dependent learners who require explicit teacher direction and instruction
- These courses lead to the workplace stream in grade 11 and 12
- These courses have last 3 characters - 1L1

English

Math

Science



# Open Courses (0)

- Open courses have one set of expectations for all students. These courses are not specific to destinations and are appropriate for all students.
- These courses have last 3 characters - 101



# Grade 11 and 12 Course Types

## Post-Secondary Destinations

- |                             |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Locally Developed (L)     | Grade 11/12 Workplace (E)             |
| • Applied (P)               | Grade 11/12 College (C)               |
| • Applied (P), Academic (D) | Grade 11/12<br>College/University (M) |
| • Academic (D)              | Grade 11/12 University (U)            |



# 6 Compulsory Courses

	Academic	Applied	Locally Developed
English	ENG 1D1	ENG1P1	ENG1L1
Math	MPM1D1	MFM1P1	MAT1L1
(will be de-streamed for September, waiting for direction from the Ministry of Education on appropriate code)			
Science	SNC1D1	SNC1P1	SNC1L1
Geography	CGC1D1	CGC1P1	
French	FSF1D1	FSF1P1	
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Religion	HRE1O1		



# Gr. 9 Elective Courses (select two)

- Exploring Technology
- Expressions of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Cultures
- Food and Nutrition
- Hair Styling and Aesthetics
- Health & Physical Education - Traditional - Gender Specific
- Introduction to Information Technology in Business
- Large Group Activities Health & Physical Education
- Learning Strategies
- Music
- Visual Arts



# Gr 8 Teacher Recommendations

- Grade 8 Teachers will be recommending levels based on individual student strengths.
- We ask that you work with the Grade 8 teachers to select the right level for your child.
- Grade 8 Teachers will make their recommendations at the bottom of the option form (these will be sent to you by the Grade 8 teachers).



# Teacher Recommendation

## PART D: TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

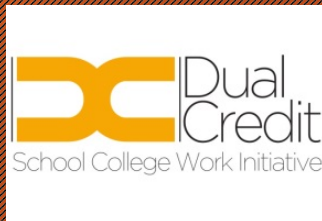
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APPLIED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCALLY DEVELOPED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

*Grade 8 Teacher Signature*

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# Pathways





Website

[www.my](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/hcdsb)Blueprint.ca/hcdsb



# Grade 9 Transition Plan

Important Dates	Transition Planning
October 8, 2020	Virtual Grade 8 Parent Information Night
October 19 - 30, 2020	CC Guidance Department will be doing virtual presentations to Gr. 8 classes at associate schools to discuss course selection ( <a href="http://www.myBlueprint.ca">www.myBlueprint.ca</a> )
November 9 - 20, 2020	CC Guidance Department virtually visit associate schools to help with myBlueprint registration
November 30, 2020	Gr. 9 myBlueprint course selection due More information to follow.
December, 2020	Course Verification check by parents/guardians. Notify CC Student Services only if changes need to be made. Please email <a href="mailto:graftonj@hcdsb.org">graftonj@hcdsb.org</a>
May 2021 TBD	Gr. 8 “BeLonghorn” Night



# Students in CC Family of Schools

In order to register at Corpus Christi C.S.S. for 2021 - 2022, follow the directions for using [www.myBlueprint.ca/hcdsb](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/hcdsb) (*these can be found on our website under Students- Student Services- Grade 8 Information*), by Monday November 30, 2020.

More information on submitting courses will be given to students during our virtual Grade 8 visits.

1. Submit courses through myBlueprint
2. \$65 Activity Fee that can be paid through Cash Online  
select Corpus Christi
3. Consent Forms will be given to parents/guardians at a later date



# Students NOT in CC Family of Schools

By November 30, 2020 return three items by email to Joanne Grafton at [graftonj@hcdsb.org](mailto:graftonj@hcdsb.org) (Student Services Department at Corpus Christi):

1. Signed and completed Course Selection Form
2. \$65 Activity Fee
3. Consent Form completed with signatures

*All forms can be found on our website under Students -Student Services - Grade 8 Information*

Please note that students not currently in the Corpus Christi Family of Schools are unable to submit their Course Selections electronically via [www.myBlueprint.ca](http://www.myBlueprint.ca)



# Key Points to Remember!

- Pathways chosen in Grade 9 DO NOT LIMIT pathways chosen in Grade 10
- 4 year program (*Many students take 5 years*)
- Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
- 40 hours of community involvement (can start volunteering in July 202
- Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses are chosen according to student's destination (Apprenticeships, Workplace, College, University)





# Keep in touch!

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Website: [cccss.ca](http://cccss.ca)

