

# Student Success

## Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School



### CELEBRATE SUCCESS FOR ALL

Corpus Christi is a school that continues to meet high standards in academic achievement. With the help of our dedicated teachers, Corpus Christi is known for its high success rates on the Gr. 9 EQAO math test and the Gr. 10 OSSLT. While our data is impressive, more important is the impact that our teachers have on the lives of our students. We are a caring school community that is dedicated to making all students feel like they are a valued member of our Corpus Christi family. We are a school that celebrates success through award ceremonies, graduation awards, many community awards winners, and scholarship recipients. While the majority of our students achieve success, some of our students struggle. For those students, supports are in place to help them achieve success. The Student Success Team and the Student Success Teacher (SST) are in the secondary schools to support students that are “in risk”. At any point, any student can be considered “in risk”. Therefore, there is a wide range of students who are monitored by the Student Success Teacher and Student Success Team. These students may be dealing with social-emotional issues which often result in poor choices, poor attendance/truancy, and behavioural concerns. Others are struggling with academic success because they lack the skills that allow them to be successful.

The Grade 9 referral list is comprised of students who are referred by their Gr. 8 teachers during Student Success Transition Meetings. Our goal is that as students become successful, they can be removed from the list. The classroom teacher, the Student Success Teacher and the Student Success Team all work together to help support students. Student support is available for all, but is only necessary for some. As a staff, we continuously support those who are in need and celebrate the success for *all* Corpus Christi students.

#### Gr. 8 to Gr. 9 Transition Events / Strategies

The transition from Gr. 8 to Gr. 9 is a time filled with excitement and anxiety. The transition process does not begin and end with the first week of school. It is a transition that begins well before the students enter Corpus Christi. To assist with this transition, we use a variety of events and strategies which include:

- Gr. 8 Teacher information Sessions
- Gr. 8 Tours (November)
- Gr. 8 Parent Night (Nov/Dec)
- Gr. 8 Schools visits by Student Services
- Transition Meetings for Spec. Ed., ESL and Student Success
- Grade 9 Orientation Day (Aug./Sept.)
- Gr. 9 class visits by Guidance counsellors (Oct)
- Gr. 9 Retreats
- Visits and Information sessions with our Family of Schools



*“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”*

*1 Cor. 12:27*

## STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM

### CORPUS CHRISTI'S STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM

Chris Chliszczyk—Principal  
 Liz Bracco & Mary Cutrara—Vice Principals  
 Sandra Jurinic & Andrea Martin—Student Success Teacher  
 Val Kelenc—Guidance Head  
 Liz Clarke—Guidance Counselor  
 Dave Papa—Guidance Counselor  
 Irina Clipa—Numeracy Team Member  
 Erica Murdoch—Literacy Team Member  
 Suzie Miller— Special Education Head  
 Tammy Maxwell—ELL Teacher

### THE ROLE OF THE STUDENT SUCCESS TEACHER

The Student Success Teacher is the facilitator and provider for direct student advocacy, mentoring and monitoring. The Student Success Teacher will:

- ◆ Monitor the transition from Gr. 8 to Gr. 9 for each student referred to the Student Success Teacher
- ◆ Track the progress of each student at Progress Report, Midterm Report and Final Report
- ◆ Conference with teachers to track student progress
- ◆ Have regular meetings with students to discuss progress
- ◆ Implement strategies and interventions to support the student

The Student Success Teacher works together with Guidance Counsellors, Special Education, Administration, the Student Success Team, and classroom teachers to support the student's individual needs.

#### *The world needs men and women...*

- ◆ Whose word is their bond;
- ◆ Who put character above wealth;
- ◆ Who possess opinions and a will;
- ◆ Who are larger than their vocations;
- ◆ Who do not hesitate to take chances;
- ◆ Who will not lose their individuality in a crowd;
- ◆ Who will be honest in small things as in great things;
  - ◆ Who will make no compromise with wrong;
- ◆ Whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires;
- ◆ Who will not say they do it "because everybody else does it";
- ◆ Who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as in prosperity;
- ◆ Who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning and hardheadedness are the best qualities for winning success;
  - ◆ Who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular;
  - ◆ Who say "no" with emphasis, when the rest of the world says "yes".

~ Unknown