

Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School

Transition from Grade 8 to 9

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Catholic Education in Halton



Catholic
Curriculum



Catholic
Learning
Environment



Catholic
Staff



Catholic
Community

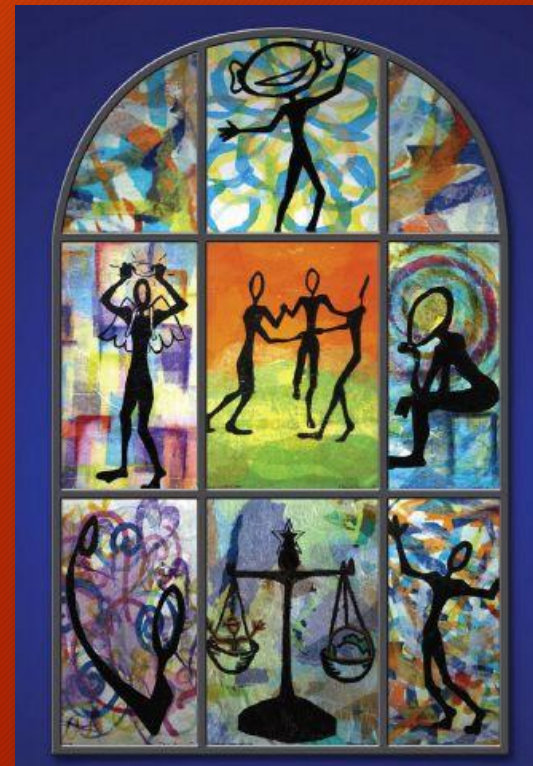
The Catholic Dimension in Practice

- 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

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	Novice/Jr/Sr Boys Basketball	Varsity Baseball
Cross Country	Novice/Jr/Sr Girls Volleyball	Girls Rugby
Jr/Sr Girls Field Hockey	Girls Hockey	Touch Football
Jr/Sr Football	Jr/Sr Hockey	Jr/Sr Girls/Boys Soccer
Boys/Girls Golf	Lacrosse	Tennis
	Alpine Skiing/Snowboard	Track and Field

Corpus Christi Clubs and Activities

- Art Club
- Athletic Council
- AV-VID Club
- Be You Love You
- Best Buddies
- Chess Club
- Concert Band
- Corpus Leaders
- D.E.C.A.
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Faith Club
- Homework Help
- H.O.S.A.
- Longhorns for Wellness
- Math Club
- Math Contests
- Ontario Skills Competition
- Robotics
- Student Eucharistic Ministers
- Trivia - Reach for the Top



CORPUS CHRISTI

Catholic Secondary School



DIGNITY

EQUITY

RESPECT

The Grade 9 Program

IMPORTANT DATES

October 20 - 29, 2025

Grade 8 Associate school visits

November 3, 2025

Course Selections Open

-myBlueprint will open for associate school student course selections

-Non-associate school students will register through:

<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/corpuschristi/> (Student Services – Grade 8 Information)

December 12, 2025

-Due date for submitted course selections on myBlueprint and parent/guardian approval deadline (for associate school students) or through the link (for non-associate school students)

February 6, 2026

Final day to make changes for course selections for 2026 – 2027 school year.

August (TBD)

Timetables available to students.



HIGH SCHOOL FORMAT

- **8:20 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.**
- **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**
- **Lunch - 40 minutes**

SECONDARY DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS



**TOTAL OF 30 CREDITS
INCLUDING
TWO E-LEARNING
COURSES**



**17 COMPULSORY
COURSES**



**13 ELECTIVE
COURSES**

**-INCLUDING 4 RELIGION
COMPULSORY COURSES,
1 EACH YEAR**



**40 HOURS COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT**



**GRADE 10 ONTARIO
SECONDARY SCHOOL
LITERACY
REQUIREMENT
AND
GRADE 10 ONTARIO
FINANCIAL LITERACY
REQUIREMENT**

De-streamed, Essential or Open Courses

De-streamed (W)

Grade 9 De-streamed courses equip all students with the knowledge, skills and work ethic to be successful in academic or applied courses in grade 10. i.e., SNC1W or ENG1W

Locally Developed (L)

Developed by HCDSB for students who have not met by provincial curriculum requirements (Grade 9 and 10, Math, Science, English) (“L” Indicates Locally Developed) i.e., SNC1L

Open (O)

These courses have one set of learning expectations. Students in all levels are able to take these courses i.e., HRE1O, BEM1O (“O” Indicates Open)

COMPULSORY CREDITS & OPTIONAL CREDITS

17 compulsory credits include:

- **4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)**
- **3 credits in mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)**
- **2 credits in science**
- **1 credit in technological education (Grade 9 or Grade 10)**
- **1 credit in Canadian history (Grade 10)**
- **1 credit in Canadian geography (Grade 9)**
- **1 credit in the arts**
- **1 credit in health and physical education**
- **1 credit in French as a second language**
- **0.5 credit in career studies**
- **0.5 credit in civics and citizenship**
- **1 credit from the STEM-related course group**

The following apply to compulsory credit selections:

STEM-related course group of the 17 compulsory credits, you must complete 1 from the following group:

- **business studies**
- **computer studies**
- **cooperative education**
- **mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory credits currently required)**
- **science (in addition to the 2 compulsory credits currently required)**
- **technological education (in addition to the 1 compulsory credit required)**

Plus,

- **13 Optional Credits**

TOTAL 30 CREDITS (Cannot exceed 34 credit Threshold)

TWO MANDATORY E-LEARNING COURSES

- **Students are required to complete two e-Learning courses to graduate. These courses are included in the 30 total credits a student needs to achieve.**
- **A student can OPT out of taking the two e-Learning courses by indicating this on their myBlueprint accounts when selecting their courses in grade 11 or by completed the opt-out form.**
- **A student's graduation status will not be affected if they opt-out of the eLearning requirement.**
- **Opting out does not mean the student cannot take e-learn courses.**

GRADE 9 COMPULSORY COURSES

Religion
Open

English
De-streamed or
Locally Developed

Mathematics
De-streamed or
Locally Developed

Science
De-streamed or
Locally Developed

Geography
De-streamed

French
Academic

Exploring Technology in
Industry - Automotive
and Construction

Exploring Technology in
Industry-
Computer Engineering
and Tech Design

Exploring Technology in
Industry-
Food and Nutrition &
Hairstyling and
Aesthetics

Music

Health & Physical
Education Traditional

Large Group Activities –
Field Sports

Building Entrepreneurial
Mindsets - Business

Learning Strategies

Expressing First Nations,
Metis, and Inuit Cultures

Visual Arts

GRADE 9 ELECTIVE COURSES

(Select two from list above)

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum 40 hours beginning the summer before Grade 9

- Encourages civic responsibility, Catholic values, and importance of volunteering
- Supports career explorations
- Students may begin community hours starting July 1st, 2026
- Ministry and Board Guidelines governing placements

**ONTARIO
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LITERACY
TEST (OSSLT)**

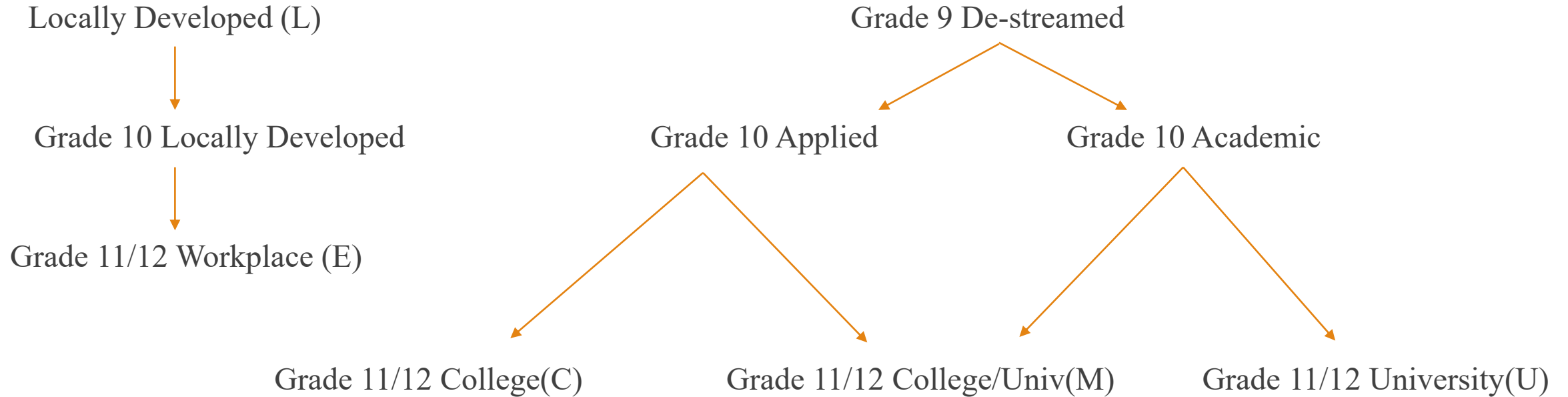
- **Written in Grade 10 (reading and writing assessment)**
- **Based on expectations up to & including Grade 9**
- **If a student is unable to meet standards in first attempt they will:**
 - **take the test again in Grade 11, or**
 - **may be directed to complete the Ontario Literacy Course in Grade 12 (OLC40)**

**ONTARIO
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FINANCIAL
LITERACY
REQUIREMENT**

NEW

- **Starting September 2026 students must earn a financial literacy graduation requirement as part of their compulsory Grade 10 mathematics course.**
- **They will need to achieve a mark of 70% or higher to pass as achieve this requirement.**

GRADE 11 AND 12 COURSE TYPES POST-SECONDARY DESTINATIONS



Family Of School Students

WWW.MYBLUEPRINT.CA/HCDSB

- All course selection for grade 8 students will be completed using myBlueprint. Once your child submits courses, they will enter a parent/guardian email address. Parents/guardians will either approve or disapprove these selections

From Other Boards

- Parents/Guardians looking to register their child are asked to register on our Corpus Christi website <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/corpuschristi/students/grade-8-information/> Once you register online you will be contacted by our student services department to complete the rest of the registration. Registration link will be available Nov. 3, 2025.

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Art and Design

Business

Construction

Environmental Science

Health and Wellness

The SHSM program offers students the opportunity to explore careers in a specific area of study in order to acquire the skills and expertise that will assist them in their individual pathway.

- **Bundled Senior Credits**
- **Sector-recognized certificates**
- **Experiential learning (co-op education)**

STUDENTS IN CC FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

In order to register at Corpus Christi C.S.S. for 2026 - 2027, follow the directions for using www.myBlueprint.ca/hcdsb (*these can be found on our website under Students- Student Services- Grade 8 Information*), by Friday, December 12th, 2025.

1. Submit courses through myBlueprint
2. \$65 Activity Fee through the following link:

<https://hcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/101991/6/False/True>

*Activity Fees are used to enhance a student's school life experience through materials and activities such as athletics, yearbook, agendas, guest speakers etc.

3. Consent Forms will be given to parents/guardians at a later date in September.
4. Please note that no paperwork is to be handed in to your Grade 8 teacher. Parents or guardians will receive an approval email to review their child's options when your child completes course selections on myblueprint.
5. You must select "accept" for your student's options to be registered. If at that time you would like to change a course, you can decline your student's choices and ask for the account to be reset. You can do so by emailing Mrs. Soulliere at SoulliereJ@hcdsb.org.

STUDENTS NOT IN CC FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

By Friday December 12, 2025, please register through our online registration system.

1. Log on to our website <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/corpuschristi> – Academics – Student Services – Grade 8 Information (link will be provided when registration opens)

- After you have registered with our school board, please upload all required documents. Some of the required documents will include:

- Proof of In boundary Address (i.e., Utility Bill)

- Proof of Immigration status for the student (i.e., Canadian Birth Certificate, Permanent resident card)

2. \$65 Activity Fee <https://hcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/82462/6/False/True>

3. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please email to Mrs. Soulliere at soullierej@hcdsb.org (Student Services Department at Corpus Christi)

All Grade 8 Information can be found on our website under Students - Student Services – Grade 8 Information (opens November 3rd, 2025)

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

Stay Connected

Instagram: @corpuslonghorns

Website: <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/corpuschristi>

