

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

September 2026 Information Update



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

As you enjoy the final days of summer vacation, we are sure that many of you are looking forward to the start of another exciting school year at Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School. We are eager to welcome all of our Longhorns back to school and look forward to another year of learning, growth, and community.

The following information will help students begin the school year prepared and ready to learn.

First Day of School

Classes resume on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 8:20 a.m. The school day ends at 2:20 p.m.



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DAILY SCHEDULE



Warning Bell	8:20 AM		
Period 1	8:25 AM – 9:40 AM		
Period 2	9:45 AM – 11:00 AM		
Period 3	Lunch A 11:00 AM – 11:40 AM	11:05 AM – 12:20 PM	
	11:45 AM – 1:00 PM		
	Lunch B 12:20 PM – 1:00 PM		
Period 4	1:05 PM – 2:20 PM		



Gently Used Uniform Sale

Our Catholic School Council will be holding a Gently Used Uniform Sale on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Payment methods accepted: Debit, Credit, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Cash.

Grade 9 Orientation

Grade 9 students are invited to attend an orientation session on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Students will receive their official timetables, locker assignments, and important information to support a successful transition to secondary school.

Student Timetables

For all returning Grade 10, 11 and 12 students, they may access their timetable and new locker number – September 4th after 11:00am – using their **Outlook Email** or accessing the [PowerSchool SIS](#) system online using their HCDSB student number and their birth date

If students cannot access their timetables using the PowerSchool SIS system, they will need to report to Student Services upon arrival at the school Tuesday September 8th.

Activity Fee Reminder

All parents and guardians are reminded to kindly submit the activity fee for the 2026 – 2027 school year. The activity fee is \$65.00 and can be paid through [School Cash Online](#). A reminder to parents to unclick the “Myself” box and **input their student's name** to ensure that the correct student receives their yearbook. This school year the activity fee will cover the cost of the yearbook, school locks for Grade 9s, spirit days, guest speakers, committees and clubs, and many other treats and activities provided throughout the year.

Only students having paid the \$65 fee by September 30th, 2026, will receive a Corpus Christi Year Book in June 2027.

In accordance with [Policy II-47](#), it is our school and Board’s commitment that “each student should have an equal opportunity to benefit from the education system without being required to pay a fee. Students must be able to participate in school activities and access resources regardless of financial barriers.” Families who are unable to pay school fees are encouraged to contact their Vice Principal confidentially for support.

Exciting Updates and Additional Reminders

- We are pleased to welcome **Mr. Robert Crowe** as our new Vice-Principal.
- We encourage students to get involved in the many clubs and sports teams here at Corpus Christi. Our Robotics Club will return this year and remain open to all interested students.
- Families will continue receiving the Longhorns Ledger monthly newsletter.
- Athletic fees will be determined on a sport-by-sport basis.



Medical Information

The link and information for accessing the Medical Conditions Verification Form was sent to all parents and guardians from PowerSchool. The form will remain open from now till September 11th. Please contact Ms. Anne-Marie Braccio in the main office if you require assistance.

Student Services

- **Student Services** is open starting Monday August 31st, however this is **ONLY** for new registrations who have been provided with an appointment OR for students who have attended/were not able to attend summer school OR require a pathway change and need to adjust their timetable (first-come, first-served). **Guidance counsellors will not make course change requests by email.**
- **Please note the changes in Student Services Staff - Ms. Valerie Kelenc- Head of Student Services/Co-op (Surnames A-F), Ms. Elizabeth Clarke (Surnames G-M), Mr. David Papa (Surnames N-Z), Mrs. Sandra Jurinic (Grade 9 Students) and Ms. Stephani Howitt - Student Services Secretary**

Allergy Awareness

Corpus Christi remains committed to maintaining a minimized-allergen environment. While a nut-free environment cannot be guaranteed, we appreciate your support in helping reduce potential risks for students with life-threatening allergies.

Emergency Procedures

Throughout the school year, students and staff will participate in three fire drills, one evacuation drill, and one lockdown drill each semester.

Commissionaire Program

A uniformed Commissionaire will continue to support a safe and welcoming learning environment through visible supervision during the school day.

Halton Student Transportation Services

Families can access transportation eligibility, bus routes, stop locations, schedules, and delay notifications through HaltonBus.ca.

Policies and Uniform Expectations

Please review the Uniform Policy, Attendance Policy, Late Policy, and information from the Vice-Principals found in the notes from the vice-principals. Students are expected to be in full uniform on the first day of classes. McCarthy Uniforms is the official uniform supplier. Students enrolled in Physical Education courses are required to wear the approved Physical Education uniform.



Exam Dates

Please note the following exam periods for the upcoming school year:

- **Semester 1 Exams:** January 28 to February 3
- **Semester 2 Exams:** June 22 to June 28

To support student success, families are encouraged to avoid scheduling appointments or vacations during these times. Students are expected to be present for both exams and culminating assignments, which generally take place during the week before exams begin. ***Please note that grade 12 exams are generally scheduled earlier in June.**

Student Accident Insurance

Student Accident Insurance helps to protect your family from these unexpected costs if your child is injured on school property or during school-sponsored activities. Please see the following link for additional information.

[Student Accident Insurance Information](#)

Building a Culture of Care

We remain committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, equitable, and positive learning environment where all students feel accepted and experience a strong sense of belonging. This commitment aligns with [HCDSB](#) policies related to Equity and Inclusion, Bullying Prevention and Intervention, Progressive Discipline, and Safe Schools.

Catholic School Council

At the beginning of the school year, you will receive an email about signing up for Corpus Christi Catholic School Council. If you can spare some time, I encourage you to join so that we can work together to build a stronger community for the benefit of your children. If you would like to be a part of the 2026/2027 Catholic School Council, please click [HERE](#) to apply for a vulnerable sector check. Any persons volunteering in the school (Parent School Council, Coaching, etc. ...) must have a valid Vulnerable Sector Check completed.

Stay Connected

Please visit the [school website](#) / [Instagram](#) for regularly for important dates, announcements, and updates. Parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate directly with teachers regarding academic progress at any time during the semester.

We look forward to welcoming all students on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**. Together, we will continue our journey as a strong and vibrant Catholic learning community.

We look forward to a wonderful school year!

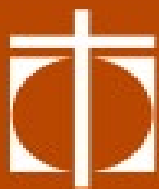
Sincere thanks,
The Corpus Christi Admin Team

Mary Cutrara – Principal

Robert Crowe– Vice Principal (A-K)

Elizabeth Bracco – Vice Principal (L-Z)





A NOTE FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPALS

September 2026

The role of the Vice-Principal in the school is to support staff and students in maintaining a safe and respectful environment which contributes to student success in a Catholic Learning Community. One part of the role is to build positive relationships and communication. The other part of the role is to ensure that students are informed of and understand school procedures and policies and are aware of consequences that may occur if they do not adhere to these policies. It is impossible to print every rule, regulation, and/or school policy, but the following can act as a guideline:

- It is better to come to the office when a problem arises rather than risk further escalation of the problem and/or consequences (problem solving/conflict resolution).
- All students will accept the direction of all staff at all times – all adults in the building are considered staff including Custodians, Cafeteria Staff, Commissionaires, Librarians, Secretaries, Educational Assistants, Chaplains, CYC, SW, and all Teaching Staff.
- Students are required to follow all directions from staff. Choosing not to follow direction could result in consequences (this includes refusal to give your name or giving a wrong name when it is requested, including hats, cell phones, and failure to report to the office).
- Uniform code is enforced. **No uniform = no class.** Students must be in uniform at all times during the day (including lunch). This includes footwear – crocs, slides, flip-flops, clogs and slippers **are not** part of the uniform; Detentions may be assigned for uniform infractions; a suspension may follow if the problem persists. Please come to the office to discuss concerns before class begins.
- The Office is not responsible for personal possessions – **please leave all valuable items at home.** If you insist on bringing them, ensure they are always either with you, or safely locked in your lockers – **NEVER** bring them to the change rooms or leave them unattended anywhere in the building.
- Students are expected to comply with policy 1-43 Use of Technology and digital Citizenship, and the schools' Codes of Conduct. Students are not permitted to use cell phones during class time unless directed to do so by the teacher for educational purposes.
- A student must sign in and out of school through the Attendance Office **prior to leaving - not signing out before leaving is considered truant.**
- **When a student has been signed out by their parent/guardian they are not to remain on school property.**
- Students signing into a class late through the Attendance Office must report directly to class.
- Each student has been assigned a locker. **All returning students will have a new locker number.** **Students must be in the locker assigned to them on SIS.** Students are financially responsible for damage done to their assigned lockers. Lockers must be cleared out by the last day of exams. Lockers are the



property of the school and can be opened by the Administration at any time. Students **must use school-issued locks** as provided. New students are provided with a lock. Returning students should have their lock from the previous school year. New locks are **available for purchase from attendance for \$10**.

- As per progressive discipline, detention is one consequence assigned to students for failure to follow rules.
- As per Smoke-Free Ontario Act, any student found to be smoking/vaping on school property will be given a consequence (e.g. suspension or fine).
- No backpacks are allowed in classrooms, Library or Cafeteria. Backpacks must be left in lockers.
- Food and drink of any kind should be in the Cafeteria and Atrium only. No food/drinks in class/halls/stairwells. **It is our expectation that students clean up after themselves** after consuming food/drinks and use the appropriate recycling/waste receptacles.
- Students are not to be in the hallways of the second and third floor until 5 minutes before the lunch period ends.
- **Students are not permitted to bring/allow/invite guests/visitors who do not currently attend Corpus Christi to be on school premises during the school day. Any sighting of an intruder must be reported to the office immediately.**
- Students should not be visiting other schools during the school day.
- **E-scooters are only permitted on Burlington's Centennial Trail (as part of a pilot program). They can only be ridden by a single rider who is over the age of 16, while abiding by all safety regulations. They are not allowed on sidewalks, public roads or school property. If a student brings an e-scooter to school, they must dismount and walk from the border of the property. The e-scooter must be stored outside of the school building.**
- Any HCDSB student who experiences **any form of hate or bias motivated incident**, including racism, homophobia, ableism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, transphobia, etc., is encouraged to **report the incident immediately** to a trusted adult at the school (e.g., School Principal, Vice-Principal, Teacher, Child and Youth Counsellor, Social Worker, Chaplain, etc.) or via the reporting tool available on our school website.

Notwithstanding the above, the Administration will take immediate and appropriate action in any situation involving the welfare of students and staff. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ms. Bracco and Mr. Crowe

