

You have questions. We have answers!

Please be sure to read the Parent-Student handbook for the complete list of rules and regulations for Corpus Christi Catholic School. Below are some of the more common questions that parents and students may have.

What time does school start?

The first bell rings at 7:45 a.m.; the tardy bell rings at 7:55 a.m.

When does school get out?

The dismissal bell rings at 2:50 p.m.

How early can I drop off my child in the morning?

From 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., morning care is offered for all students at our Daycare building for a daily fee of \$3.00. From 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., grades PK4-3 are allowed to go the Cougar Den and staff members are on hand to supervise students. Grades 4-8 are supervised in the library. At 7:30, regular morning supervision begins in the breezeway (kindergarten students), courtyard area (grades 1 – 6) and middle school classrooms (grades 7 & 8).

I need to pick up my child early from school. What do I do?

Students are allowed early dismissal when requested by a parent or guardian. Please stop in the school office to sign out your child. They must be checked out by 2:30 p.m. Students may not be picked up for early dismissal between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

What are the carpool rules? (Please refer to the carpool map)

Morning

If you are arriving at school after 7:30, we encourage you to go through the carpool line. However, parents are welcome to park behind the rectory and walk your students into school. Students should not be dropped off in our main parking lot after 7:30. Students arriving after the 7:55 bell are considered tardy and will be directed to the office to receive a tardy slip before going to class.

Preschool (K3 and K4) parents should park in the parking lot next to the preschool building and walk their student inside.

Afternoon

All of our students (K-8) report as a class to the veranda area near the back parking lot for afternoon carpool. As in the morning, parents in K-8 are welcome to park behind the rectory in the afternoon and walk to the carpool area to pick up their children. Students are not allowed to walk unsupervised to cars that are parked on our campus in any location other than the carpool area.

Students who live nearby are allowed to walk to and from school, but we ask that you please fill out a "walker form." These forms can be found in the office or you can ask your child's teacher to send one home with your student.

Preschool parents have a preschool afternoon carpool line in front of the preschool/daycare building. If you are picking up a preschool student in the afternoons and also have a student in K-8, your older students are allowed to sit in the preschool car line. Please let your K-8 grade teacher know if your older student needs to be in the preschool area for afternoon pickup.

Students who are still on campus at 3:30 will be signed into our After School Care program.

CARPOOL AND TRAFFIC REMINDERS

- IT IS OUR PREFERENCE THAT EVERYONE WOULD GO THROUGH THE CARPOOL LINE.
- Do not park in front of the rectory. Those spaces are for people who have business at the rectory.
- Do not park along the street or in anyone's yard. Please respect the property of our neighbors.
- Do not block the entrance to the lower lot in the afternoon. Once the top lot is full, cars will be directed to the lower lot. Cars must have access to that lot so that traffic does not back up on McKenna Dr.
- Encourage your children to come to your car as quickly as possible in the afternoon so that we can begin releasing cars.
- Turn off your cell phones before entering the parking lot. Do not turn them on again until you have left the school grounds.
- Obey the School Zone speed limit-15 mph on McKenna Dr.
- And finally, please follow the directions of the teachers on duty. Be respectful to them. They are on duty to protect your children and get you in and out of the parking lot as quickly as possible.

Does my child need a snack every day?

Yes, please send a snack with your child every day. Things to avoid sending are: pudding or fruit cups, candy or messy food. Please do not send a drink; students have time to go to the water fountain during snack time.

How do I pay for my child's lunch?

Valley Services is the food service provider at CCS. You can make deposits into your child's account at MYSCHOOLACCOUNT.COM. This online service also has a "low balance" notification option so that you receive an email when your child's account drops below a certain amount. Parents can send checks or cash to the school for the cafeteria to collect daily. Please make checks payable to Valley Services and *make sure your check or cash is properly labeled with your child's name or lunch account number.*

How much does lunch cost?

Lunch prices for grades K3 – 2nd are \$4.25 and lunch prices for grades 3 – 8 are \$4.75. All lunch items are available for a la carte purchase as well. Monthly menus are posted on the school's website.

Can my child bring lunch?

YES! Children are welcome to bring lunch from home.

What time does my child go to lunch?

Middle School students go between 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., Elementary students go to lunch between 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and the primary grades have lunch between 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

What is the peanut policy at CCS?

In most classes, students may bring peanut butter and peanut products for lunch or snack. However, a number of students have peanut allergies so severe that hospitalization has occurred because of a reaction to peanut butter and/or peanut products. When this is the case, we will designate a classroom peanut free. If you have been notified by your child's teacher that a student in the class has a peanut allergy, you may not send any peanut products to school with your child for snack. This also applies to snacks and lunches for field trips. This includes anything made with peanut butter or peanut products. We have a special table, the peanut-free table, in the cafeteria for students with peanut allergies. Students who have anything with peanuts may not sit at that table. Students are encouraged to wash their hands after eating peanut butter at lunch since students with a severe allergy are often affected by just touching someone who has had peanut butter.

What is the medication policy?

Medication, prescription or non-prescription, is given to students only with a prescription signed by a physician. The parent/guardian must supply all medication with the prescription. Medicines must be left in the Health Room in the original containers, with explicit written directions for administration. It is important for school personnel to know when children are placed on medication, or when their medication or dosage is changed.

What are the uniform rules?

The complete list of uniform rules can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook. Please review it to ensure that your child is in compliance with all uniform rules.

The complete uniform is the only acceptable attire for all students in grades K3 - 8. All students must purchase either a uniform sweatshirt or jacket. Students will not be allowed to wear non-uniform jackets unless the weather is extremely cold and additional outerwear is needed. White or black tights may be worn on cold days. (Neither leggings nor footless tights are allowed.) Uniform items are available for purchase at Zoghby's Uniforms.

Shoes may not have any design. Athletic shoes are not acceptable for school attire at any time in grades 4-8 except for physical education, and these must be clean and presentable. When school shoes are being repaired, a note must be presented to the homeroom teacher.

UNIFORMS OR UNIFORM SHOES THAT HAVE BEEN MARKED ON OR DRAWN ON ARE NOT CONSIDERED REGULATION AND MAY NOT BE WORN IN SCHOOL AT ANY TIME. UNIFORM SHOES ARE TO BE CLEAN, AND IN GOOD REPAIR.

Shirts and blouses must be neatly tucked in at all times during the school day until 3:30. Boys' belts and girls' waistbands must be visible. T-shirts or the P. E. shirt may not be visible under uniform shirts or blouses. Only solid white T-shirts may be worn.

The decision to grant an excused uniform exemption rests solely with the principal. Ordinarily only medical excuses will be granted for students who need to be out of uniform, this includes shoes. Notes must come from a medical doctor. The school also reserves the right to determine the suitability of dress/grooming for all school functions and to require corrective action when deemed necessary. Students who are out of uniform, who do not wear the uniform correctly, who wear uniforms that do not fit properly or which are not properly maintained, or who are in violation of dress/grooming codes are subject to disciplinary action.

Students are not permitted to wear make-up or fingernail polish to school. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in at all times. The length of jumpers and skirts will be no shorter than two inches above the knees.

Reminder: In keeping with our atmosphere of a disciplined Catholic school, students will be allowed to wear only Christian jewelry appropriate to maintaining that atmosphere. Specifically, one watch, one ring, one pair of earrings that fit on ear lobes (no dangling earrings), and one simple chain with a Christian religious medallion (no necklaces) are considered appropriate. Boys may not wear earrings. Bracelets are not allowed.

What can students wear on out-of-uniform days?

All students will wear appropriate dress for a Catholic School. All clothing must be modest, in good taste, and appropriate for school wear. Students in grades K3-5th may wear shorts if they are a proper length,

that is, midway between the top of the leg and the knee. Students in middle school are not allowed to wear shorts. For girls, short, athletic “running shorts” (i.e., Nike or Soffe brand) are not allowed except on Field Day. Short skirts, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, strapless tops, half shirts, midriff shirts, and see through jerseys are not allowed. Clothing that demonstrates a lack of reverence for the ideals of Christianity or disrespect to any one individual or group of individuals is not allowed. Excessive makeup is not allowed. **Remember! When in doubt, don’t wear it!** These guidelines apply to all Corpus Christi School events.

The school reserves the right to determine suitability of dress and grooming for all school functions, including field trips. In general, hairstyles or manner of dress that interfere with learning or create disorder are prohibited. Violation of the out-of-uniform policy will result in detention.

We have a family vacation planned during the school year. What is the vacation policy?

In the case of an extended absence of two or more days due to a trip or vacation, parents must submit written notification to the principal at least five days in advance for the absences to be excused. The principal will notify the teacher. It is then the responsibility of the student/parent to make arrangements with the teacher for assignments. If teachers assign work before the absence, the work is due the day that the student returns to school and tests must be taken within two days of return. If the student does not receive work before the absence, the student will have three days to make up work and take tests. Work that is not completed within the required time will receive a zero. Teachers will make every effort to give students all missed assignments but they will not repeat any missed instruction.

What is the best way to get in touch with my child’s teacher?

You can send a note in your child’s folder. You can email him/her. A list of the email addresses are on the school’s website. You can also contact your child’s teacher by calling the school and leaving a voicemail message.

What is the _____ event all about?

Red Ribbon Week – This is a national program that takes place in October. Students spend the week learning about the dangers of drugs. A sample of activities held during the week include: “Writing off drugs” with red pens, “Sock it to drugs” crazy sock day, and “Life is sweet drug free” Sweettart day.

Field Day – This is an athletic competition among all Corpus Christi students. It is held in late April/early May. The student population is divided into four teams and assigned to various track and field events. Field Day is held on a regular school day. Parents are encouraged to come and share this day with their child. Volunteers are needed to work the snack and drink booths.

Grandparents’ Day – The event is held on the last Tuesday of September. All grandparents are invited to a special school mass followed by a reception in their honor and they are invited to visit their grandchildren’s classroom(s).

Toy Bowl – Toy Bowl is a day of championship games in CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) football and soccer. It is held in December. Students involved in the sports programs are encouraged to sell tickets to promote and support the event. Eighth grade girls compete to become Toy Bowl Queen by selling tickets. Proceeds from these ticket sales help support the Archdiocesan athletic program.

Walk-in days – On certain Fridays throughout the year, parents are invited to walk their children to class and stay through Morning Prayer and announcements.

