

Corpus Christi Catholic School Chronicle

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August

- 21 Welcome Back -
Ice Cream Social 6 - 7:30 pm
- 22 First Day of School
- 30 - Sept. 2 Labor Day Holiday

October

- 8 Geskus Picture Day
- 14 - 16 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 25 No School - Faculty PD Day

November

- 1 All Saints Parties
- 11 Geskus Re-take Pictures
- 13 Day of Sharing
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Vacation - no school

December

- 3 Parade of Lights
- 5 Advent by Candlelight
- 17 Christmas Concert
- 20 Last Day Christmas Parties
- 23 - Jan 5 Christmas Vacation

January

- 6 Classes Resume



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the Chronicle goes to press, filled with articles about life at Corpus Christi, it is time to close out the 2018-2019 school year. We have had a year filled with many blessings. We welcomed many new faces in August that have become members of our Corpus Christi family. We celebrate the gifts and talents of our faculty and staff. Community dinners throughout the year have brought us closer together. Countless hours of volunteerism by our parent community have enriched our classrooms, sports, and activities. Weekly Mass, Morning Prayer, Sacramental Preparation and Education in Virtue strengthen our faith and Catholic identity. We are grateful for education that allows our values to lead our learning. We are the Body of Christ. You are cordially invited to join us as we reopen in August for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Another year under our belts . . . filled with Faith, Knowledge, and development of Character. It has been an amazing year . . .

Corpus Christi Faith Life:

Daily Chapel

Weekly Mass

Advent Retreat

Lenten Retreat

Reconciliation

Adoration

Praying the Rosary

Saying the Stations of the Cross

Celebrating our Faith in Every Class

All Saints Day Celebrations

Christmas Celebrations

Easter Celebrations

May Crowning

Celebrating Mass - Freedom Village

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program

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Carolyn Stich, an illustrator, read aloud to the school

The epic Children's Book Rap Battle, featuring

Fr. Kyle and Liz from St. Francis

Tour of St. Francis de Sales Church by Father Kyle

Muskegon's Hackley & Hume Home Tours

Pioneer Living at DeGraaf

Michigan's Native Americans at DeGraaf

Brenda Raterink's Visits

West Michigan Fruits

Where Would We Be Without Seeds?

Grand Rapids Symphony's Performance of

Ferdinand the Bull

Marching in the Tulip Time Parade

Kinder Dutch Dancing

DeGraaf Nature Center

End of the year preschool party at Teusink's

Pony Farm

Camp Geneva

Constitution Day

Safeties

9/11 Remembrance

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Michigan Adventure Science Day

Mr. Charles Murray - Lawyer

Mr. Kevin Bowling - Ottawa County Courts

Herrick Library Field Trip

Michigan's Adventure Physics Day Trip

Post Pumpkin Farm

Capital in Lansing

Historical Museum in Lansing

ArtPrize - Ford Museum

John Ball Zoo

Recycling Fair

Thanksgiving Escape Room

Gingerbread House Escape Room

Easter Egg Math Hunt

Junior Achievement

Rollerblading

Post Family Farm

Swimming Lessons at the Aquatic Center

Grand Rapids Symphony

STREAM Activities

Pumpkin Structures

Gumdrop Structures

Lincoln Log Houses

Community Fiestas

Day of Sharing

Calling All Colors

Scripps Spelling Bee

Chess Club

Drama Club

National Geography Bee

Middle School Midterms

Mythology

Law Day

8th Grade High School Visitation

Parent Readers

Girls Dream Fair

Advent Retreat

Ottawa County Judicial System

8th Grade Career Talks

Mother's Day Celebration

Special Persons Day

Holland State Park Bike Trip

Corpus Christi Sports Program:

Cross-Country, Track, Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball,

Cheerleading, Swimming, Baseball, and Football

Christmas Concert

Drama Club

Field Day

8th Grade Day of Service

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- 8th Grade Graduation
- 6th Grade Michigan's Adventure
- Corpus Christi Community Gardens
- Reading Buddies
- 8th Boys Lunch with Father Kyle
- 8th Girls Lunch with Mrs Asselin, Mrs Griffith, and Mrs LoPiparo
- Visits from Clifford and Shelly
- Weekly Library with 7th and 8th Junior Librarians
- Project Best Life
- Michigan Supreme Court - Lansing
- Science Olympiad
- Civil War Muster

**We can't wait until next year . . . .**  
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### First Communion Chronicle

By Lexi Munster and Yaeley Correa Olvera

This year, eleven students from Ms. Coffin's class, two students from Mrs. Gonzalez-Urbina's second grade class, and one student from Mrs. Crimmin's fourth grade class received their First Communion. Overall, with all the students who attend Corpus Christi, and all the school age members of the parishes, there were about forty-two students who received their First Communion. We wanted to get a feel for what the second graders thought about receiving this sacrament, so we decided to interview them.

We asked the kids multiple questions, here were some of their answers:

*Lexi: What did you learn in the days leading up to your First Communion?*

*Valerie: We learned the right way to fold your hands and receive Jesus.*

*Yaeley: Did you do any projects to lead up to receiving your First Communion?*

*Bree: I went on a retreat and made pew banners.*

*Lexi: How did you feel when you received Jesus?*

*Urban: I felt really good and closer to God.*

*Yaeley: What did you learn before and after First Communion?*

*Lucas: I learned how to be respectful, and I learned how to be in a better relationship with God.*

*Lexi: Do you think that it is important to receive your First Communion?*

*Alainah: Yes, I think that it is very important to receive this sacrament, because you become closer to God, and build a relationship with Him.*

As you can tell, all the kids thought that it was very important to receive Jesus and have a special connection with Him. They showed their love for Jesus once again at the May Crowning Mass on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at Corpus Christi. All the communicants proceeded down the center aisle in their First Communion attire. Each of them had either a white or red rose to put in a vase in front of the Mary statue.

It was a very enjoyable and illuminating Mass. You could see the joy on all the parents faces when their child put a rose in the vase, and again when they received Communion. I would highly recommend coming to the May Crowning Mass next year.

This year's First Communicants really took the time and effort to prepare and honor this sacrament. All the children wanted to get closer to God and to be a bigger member in the church. Even though they were all nervous and felt like they were going to fall through the floor, they did it all for God. And through God they will share the good news of Christ with others and be a light to all those around them.

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### Not Guilty is the Final Verdict

By Matthew LaPorte and Victor Cassar

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the eighth-grade class of Corpus Christi celebrated what was the culmination of about 8 weeks of hard work and preparation. Eight weeks earlier, we had a mock trial purchased for us by Circuit Court Administrator Kevin Bowling, who came in with his helper, Mrs. Reenders, a few times to help us prepare for our mock trial. Another help that was present was Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray was a huge help to us and came each week into our classroom to help us form questions for witnesses, and to understand more about our Judicial system. He was an amazing help and helped us prepare a lot. During our mock trial preparation, we took on the roles of the different lawyers and witnesses, writing questions and opening and closing statements. From there, we prepared witnesses, and practiced questions with each other. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8:45 am, the eighth-grade class boarded the Corpus Christi School bus and traveled to the Ottawa County courthouse in Grand Haven. We arrived, and began the mock trial in a real courtroom, with a real judge! The trial went smoothly, and the presiding judge,



Judge Jon Hulsing, complimented our knowledge and preparation several times. It was truly an experience to be proud of. The whole experience helped us learn in a interactive experience about public speaking and our Judicial System. We want to thank everyone that helped make this possible, and we appreciate this opportunity to learn about our courts in an interactive way.

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### Catholic Schools Week

By Leah O'Connell and Molly Griffith

We as students of Corpus Christi are so fortunate to celebrate such a beautiful and important part of our life, our religion. We believe this year's Catholic Schools Week was the best one yet. Due to the crazy winter weather, we were on a little bit of a setback, but we were able to still enjoy all the fun when we came back, enjoying our annual celebrations and festivities as a school.



We first kicked off Catholic Schools Week by celebrating Mass at Our Lady of The Lake. Our lovely students participated in the choir, altar serving, readings, and bringing up the gifts. Following the

Mass, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class co-hosted a Pancake Breakfast through the generosity of The Knights of Columbus. The proceeds we collected are all going to help fund the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip, which we partake in at the end of the year.

The following week, the students of Corpus Christi Catholic School got to enjoy multiple activities and days of fun. These activities included crazy sock day, crazy hat day, dress up like your favorite book character day, bingo, and our annual school raffle. All the students loved and participated in these fun activities. The annual school raffle consisted of toys, gadgets, and other fun things for kids. The proceeds for the raffle helped to fund our school athletic programs. It was so cool to see all the kids support each other in the raffle as well. On Wednesday, we celebrated Mass, which was brought forth by the students of the school.



On each weekend, we celebrated Mass at Our Lady of The Lake and St Francis De Sales to remind us of the blessing of Catholic education, and to celebrate the Eucharist with one another. Catholic Schools Week was so

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much fun and taught us a lot about our faith and unity with Jesus Christ. Thank you, Corpus Christi Catholic School, for making this Catholic Schools Week possible!

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The Spelling Bee

By Caleb and Noah Pham

In February, Corpus Christi Catholic School hosted their annual Spelling Bee. Students from Fourth Grade to Eighth Grade competed to represent the school in the District Bee. Starting at the School Bee, the winner must



win the Regional Bee to make it to the State Bee. After the State, the winner will get to represent their state in the National Spelling Bee.

This year, there were more students than most years with the addition of new Fourth Grade students. Caleb Pham, 2nd place from 2 years before, was first person to go up and spell. Spelling is a skill that not everyone has. Spelling without writing it out is hard for some people. The list to memorize consisted of 450 words. You never know which of these words you will be asked to spell. The spellers got to start out with a practice round to shake off their nervousness and to get a feel as to what the real deal is like.

As spellers got eliminated, the ones who studied hard emerged in the midst. The last 5 remaining were Gavin Maurer, an 8th Grader, Elaina Dishinger, an 8th Grader, Noah Pham, a 5th Grader, Yavin Fickel, a 6th Grader, and Caleb Pham, an 8th Grader. As the other spellers were eliminated, Noah, Caleb, and Yavin remained. Suddenly, Noah was eliminated, leaving Caleb and Yavin. Caleb won 1st place, but Yavin now must fight Noah for 2nd place. Lucky for Noah, he got to come back according to a rule of the spelling bee, and he won 2nd place.



The 1st and 2nd place winners got to compete in the Regional Bee, in which Caleb got 2nd and Noah got 1st. Only 1st place got to continue, so Noah competed with the State to win 7th in the State Bee. Noah and Caleb represented our school well in the Spelling Bee and we hope for another chance like this in the future.

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### The Lenten Retreat

By Caleb Pham and Aidan VandenElzen

The season of Lent is important to our religion and it only happens once a year. Lent leads up to Easter, the resurrection of Jesus. During Lent, we are to devote our lives to becoming disciples, almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. The Corpus Christi Middle School went to Saint Francis de Sales in Holland where they celebrated Lent through a retreat.

To celebrate, we started in groups. There were 4 groups altogether; in which we did several things, including confession and Catholic board games. After we finished one rotation of all the group activities, we did the stations of the cross. Next, we had lunch: pizza was delivered, and people brought in chips and other snacks for us to eat. After lunch, Coach/Master Kilroy came in and played music, showed videos, demonstrated some jujitsu, and talk to us about how it is cool to be Catholic.



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One of the videos Coach K showed us was about a drunk driver who killed a woman's daughter. The video displays a beautiful story of how the woman came to forgive the drunk driver years later. They then went on to share their stories at concerts and the drunk driver had his sentence lessened. Coach K also talked about the seven deadly sins: greed, envy, lust, wrath, sloth, pride, and gluttony. He talked about what these sins do to us and how we can counter them: humility, kindness, forgiveness, chastity, charity, temperance, diligence. Then he talked about how we live our faith; he told us to find out why we are part of our faith and why it is important. We also had to create a mission statement about our faith that we can use to explain our faith in a short little snip-it that will define our faith to someone else. He called it an elevator speech, something short that defines our faith.

After we made up our own elevator speeches, we took a group picture. We then went back to school where we stayed and reflected on the retreat for the rest of the day. A few days later, our teacher, Mrs. Koster, had us write a reflection on the Lenten Retreat. We also had to fill out a review for Coach K. The 8<sup>th</sup>-grade class enjoyed the retreat. The Lenten retreat was a great way to show our faith and to reflect upon what our faith really means and does for us in our lives.

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Sharing Our Gifts and Talents Through Sports

By Isabel Shepard and Samantha Rangel



At Corpus Christi Catholic School, we like to celebrate our gifts and talents. A way that we share these gifts and talents is by taking part in sports. We offer many sports, including; cross country, cheerleading, boys'

basketball, girls' basketball, volleyball, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, track and tennis. Our athletic director is Mike Owens, Mr. Owens oversees finding coaches, ordering new sports uniforms, advertising the sports, setting up schedules for games, etc.

In order to play a sport, you must be in fifth grade. Corpus Christi Catholic School works with Innocademy, as

Innocademy does not offer sports. Students who attend Innocademy that are interested in playing a sport join our school teams. Having Innocademy students join our team helps us to know that we have enough students to form a team.



Here at Corpus Christi Catholic School playing a sport comes at no cost. Having a sports program is also a benefit for many students here at Corpus Christi Catholic School and Innocademy. Playing a sport is a great way to interact with other students. It is also an easy way to make new friends.

Both of us have had experience in doing track. This year, our coaches for track were, Chelsea Day, Pam Munster, Tim Munster, and Peter Hupcik.

I, Samantha, played volleyball in the fall. Kristin Schuon was the amazing coach that took time from her day to help us make progress and improve in volleyball. I, Isabel ran cross country this year. Coaches were Chelsea Day and Pam Munster. We enjoyed that we got to meet new people and make new friends. We also liked that we could be active with our friends and in a way that we enjoy.



The sports program at Corpus Christi Catholic School is a great program that goes throughout the entire school year. It is a great way to help us students stay in shape. Being in a sports program can also help students socially. We would recommend this sports program to many, especially because everyone makes the team and does not have to try out. We had a great time getting to meet new people, make new friends, and create new memories.

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### Chess Club

By Dominic Cranmer and Nicholas Goeddeke

This school year, students of Corpus Christi Grades 2-8th, had the opportunity to join Chess Club every Tuesday, 3:30-4:30. This year Chess Club is back by popular demand. There are 27 participants, most of which were in the 2017-2018 chess club. The majority of Chess Club are 5th graders. May 7th started the chess tournaments, which is a double elimination bracket. The 2 winners last year were Nicholas Goeddeke and Matthew LaPorte.

We have a better turnout of students this year than last year. The teachers who oversee Chess Club are Mrs. Megan Koster and Senorita Sarah Butch, who ran it last year, too. Corpus Christi did have Chess when Mr. Joe Amante taught third grade. Chess Club has been around since 2009.

Tournaments were held the last week of May. First place went to Matthew LaPorte and Second place to Nicholas Goeddeke. Congratulations to everyone.

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### Girls' Dream Fair

By Gabrielle Gaiser



The Girls' Dream Fair was a convention at Yanfeng where groups of seventh and eighth grade girls come and find out how to apply for, dress for and keep a job. We did many different activities, but we mainly focused on STEM (science, technology, engineering and

mathematics) related careers. We also got to go to booths that they set up and we learned what schooling we needed to work at that job. We also did a map of milestones which are events marking a significant change in development, and chose what jobs we are interested in. We also found how much a STEM job pays now and how much it is expected to pay in the future.

The Girls' Dream Fair was a good experience because there has been a steep decline in the number of female graduates with computer science degrees over the past three decades. Also, because teenagers have said they are discouraged from pursuing STEM careers because either they don't know anyone in these fields, or they don't understand what people in these fields do.

The seventh and eighth grade girls went to this event March 27, 2018 at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors headquarters. The eighth-grade girls who went last year said that this year they listened more than they did last year because they need the information to know what classes they need to take in high school so they can pursue that career in college.

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### 8th Grade Sacrament of Confirmation

By Isabella Bays

To start off, I would like to say what an honor it is to make your Confirmation. During this Sacrament, you receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, you become an adult of the Catholic Church, and it is the last Sacrament of Initiation. That is what is so amazing about being in a Catholic-Christian environment; you can practice your faith and everyone helps prepare you for the sacrament. Especially being the 8th graders' last year at Corpus Christi, this was a very special time for us, being able to share our joy of the Sacrament with one another.

Some of you may be wondering, what is Confirmation? Well I can tell you, from just being Confirmed myself, it is a very powerful sacrament. As I had said before, we

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receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, become a full adult of the Catholic Church, and it is the last Sacrament of Initiation (which completes the Initiation into the Church). The grace given to us in Baptism is renewed, confirmed, and made strong in Confirmation. As well, in Baptism, we are anointed with Sacred Chrism, which dates back to the Old Testament. This is why Jesus gives us a mission to baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In a way, we kind of have our own personal Pentecost. Like when the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles to give them strength and speak in different tongues, God is asking us to do the same.



Some of the students had learned so much through this experience, and some are still learning. Elaina Dishinger, an 8th grader, said, "It showed that we are all welcomed into the church and gave me a deeper understanding of our faith." Another 8th Grader, Leah O'Connell, said "God is active in my life today through all my friends and family that I am blessed to see every day." Our Lady of the Lake Church candidates had already made their Confirmation, but St. Francis will make theirs this upcoming Fall. Samantha Rangel, also an 8th grader who attends St. Francis, said, "What I hope to get out of Confirmation is growing in my faith and having a stronger relationship with God." As you can see, all of these 8th graders, whether they have made their Confirmation or are going to make their Confirmation, can all learn how important it is to have a faith filled relationship through the Sacrament.

Our in-class experience also had a lot to do with us getting ready for the Sacrament. During our Religion class, one to

two times a week, we would watch videos, have discussions, and get prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We did a series of videos called *Chosen*, which dove deep on why being a disciple of Christ and proclaiming the Gospel is so important. Along with the videos, we would stop them at certain points and have a group discussion, or even small discussions with table partners. We also wrote answers to questions there had been about the video, one including, what we hoped to get out of Confirmation. I think this question was very important for us 8th graders, especially going to high school next year: it made us take a step back to really reflect on our relationship with God.

Through our experience, we have all learned a lot. What it means to be a disciple of God, why proclaiming the Gospel is important, why Confirmation is important, and what it truly means to be an adult of the Catholic Church. At this time, I would like to say thank you to Mrs. LoPiparo, the 7th grade homeroom teacher and our Religion teacher, as well as the whole staff of Corpus Christi, and everyone who attends the school. They have all had a huge impact on the kind of person we are today, and hope to continue to be that person in the next chapter of our lives.

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### CCCS Drama Club

By David Murray

This year the Drama Club has done two wonderful plays: "Twas The Opening Night Before Christmas", and "Recess, the Musical". We have had lots of fun preparing for the plays. We all work together; we have students from 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. From 3:30 to 4:30 you can hear us practicing in the gym from almost any part of the school. We have had a blast making these wonderful plays a reality. This is what the kids in Drama Club have to say about Drama Club.

*Savannah says her favorite part of Drama Club is "acting as someone that she is not" and likes meeting new people there. Her favorite play is "Recess" because she can then make others laugh.*

*Ian's favorite part of Drama Club is making other people laugh. His favorite play is 2016's "The Big Bad Musical".*

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In conclusion, all the students really enjoy being in the drama club because they all want to have fun with friends, and all enjoy a good laugh. Also, they learn about teamwork and helping others. What is better than making people laugh!!

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Calling All Colors

By: Elaina Dishinger and Emily Asselin

The eighth graders this year participated in a program called Calling All Colors. This program taught us that we cannot put labels on people even if we do not know them. It also taught us that we need to celebrate each and every culture and our diversity. In the fall, our class attended the first conference which was held at Hope College. In the spring, our class attended the second conference which was held at Grand Valley State University.

At the first conference, guest speakers gave presentations about their background and stories to us and other schools around the area. After the guest speakers presented, the students were split into smaller groups to have more in-depth conversations. In our group, we went around and shared things about ourselves. In those groups as well, we filled out a sentence that said, I am _____, but I am not _____. This phrase is meant to show that we should not be labeled, and we should not label others because we may not know them.

Back at school, we went over lessons every two weeks with Mrs. VandenElzen. We watched videos about labels,

stereotypes, and racism and discussed them as a class. Near the end of our Calling All Color lessons, we started to brainstorm ideas for our final class project. By the end of our brainstorming, we decided upon the idea of making a map and placing pins to show the diversity in our school. We had the main pin, which was in Holland, Michigan, showing that we all trace back to the same place. Then we attached fishing wire to each pin, all connecting to the pin in Holland.

Our class split into two groups, one group worked on the presentation piece to share at the spring conference, and the other group worked on the map itself. Our class also needed to decide on a title for our project. After taking a vote and discussing different options, we finally decided on the title One World, One God, Many People. This title represents that there are many people from many different cultures and diversities, but we are all united as children of God.

This spring we went to Grand Valley University to present our class project and listen to what the other schools did. It was cool to see all the other ways that students were able to show diversity. Our class came up with several ideas, but none of our ideas were close to what the other schools came up with. Even coming up with different ideas and the different types of ideas also showed diversity. By the end of the conference, we all learned that racism, stereotypes, and labels are hurting our community and it needs to be fixed. We are all children of God and we all are special in our own way.

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Friends enjoying Catholic Schools Week

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### The Geography Bee

By Gavin Maurer

The Geography Bee is a national competition hosted by National Geographic, a company that specializes in films and pictures that show life on Earth in their natural habitat. They have shown how animals are struggling to survive in the changing world. They encourage their viewers to learn more about the planet and work towards a healthier planet, which was exactly what Geography Bee contestants had to do to win.



First, all students from fourth through eighth grade faced off in their class. They had answer questions about locations of states, borders, rivers and other bodies of water, and different animals. Questions varied in difficulty, but each grade would have the same test, so that it would be fair. Each grade submitted two students to compete in the final school competition. The students submitted from each grade were as follows, 4th-Patrick Nelis, Andrew Nguyen, 5th-Noah Pham Harrison Maurer, 6th-Ian DeloSantos, Yavin Fickel, 7th-Jesus Lopez, Nicholas Goeddeke, 8th-Matthew LaPorte, Gavin Maurer.

The final school competition was held on the 24th of January in the school forum. The competition started with all the competitors seated at a table at the end of the forum, with chairs set up for viewers. All competitors were given a whiteboard and a marker, so they could write their answers, and a map they would turn over when instructed. The students started out with different questions each, and eventually moved into a round where they were given the same questions. The final two competitors were Noah Pham of 5th grade, and Gavin Maurer representing 8th grade. In the end Gavin Maurer won the competition and advanced to compete in a timed online test. Gavin had to come in on Friday the 29th of January to compete in the online test. This was the final

Friday of Catholic Schools Week and was also a snow day. Gavin did not make it onto the next round of the Geo Bee.

Corpus Christi Catholic School encourages all students to learn more about the planet and help keep the planet healthy. Events like the Geography Bee and Spelling Bee help our students learn more about the world and our culture. Keep on learning

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### Our Spiritual Leaders

By Ruby Rodriguez and Marianne VandenElzen

As you know Corpus Christi is blessed to have three priests from our parishes. We have Fr. Kyle, Fr. Mike, and Fr. Charlie. Our school is very grateful to have these priests. Although they have their own things to do and their own church to lead, they have given us their time to lead our school in Mass every Wednesday. Even though they could just lead us in Mass, they are always kind enough to talk with kids, participate in school fundraisers, and be involved in the activities going on. So, if you see them after Mass, at St. Francis or Our Lady of the Lake, or just anytime you see them tell them thank you for being a part of our school.

### Thank You Ms. Carol!!

By Ruby Rodriguez and Marianne VandenElzen

Ms. Carol is a pianist who has been playing at Our Lady of the Lake for 15 ½ years. This year she was kind enough to begin playing for our school. She has been playing for both our CCCS Liturgical Choir and for our Middle School Choir. She is an incredible person and very skilled. She has been kind enough to come to our school every Wednesday and sometimes even Tuesdays and Thursdays to help our choirs sing and prepare for Mass. So, please after Mass or whenever you see her just give her a quick thank you!



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*Thank  
you*



We couldn't do it without you . . . . .

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Home & School Association  
CCCS School Board Members  
Crusader Boosters  
Corpus Christi Foundation Members  
Community Volunteers  
Guest Speakers  
Sports Coaches  
Ms. Carol McAndrew  
Mrs. Karen Bush  
Father Kyle Kilpatrick  
Father Mike Cilibraise  
Father Charlie Brown  
Junior Achievement Volunteers



To our Graduating Class of 2019 . . .

Our last word . . . . .

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Hard to believe how time flies through your elementary years here at Corpus Christi! For many of you, I've known you since the first day you walked into my physical education class as small and insecure kindergarteners that were not sure what lied ahead for you. Now, you are walking out the doors of Corpus Christi and again, not quite sure what lies ahead but with a stronger foundation to reach for the stars with everything that you do. Each one of you are developing into fantastic young adults that can-do great things and don't forget that!

I have enjoyed being a part of your lives here at Corpus Christi and witnessing your growth and maturity by preparing yourself for high school and life beyond. Your class has been a lot of fun and a group that I will always remember. Each of you have added a lot of enjoyment to my teaching career and you will be missed. From soccer, to bike riding, rollerblading, football, basketball, ultimate Frisbee, disc golf and even badminton and pickle ball, each of you always seem to find a way to make what we were doing fun for everyone. I hope that none of you ever lose that spirit. Good luck in the years ahead. You will be missed at Corpus Christi and please come back and visit!!!

In health and wellness,  
Mrs. Sleeman



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"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think" - Unknown  
Congratulations on your graduation and best of luck as you continue on your journey.

From Ms. Centilli - Third Grade

Querida clase del 8º grado,

¡Felicidades en todos que ha alcanzado a Corpus Christi! ¡Estamos muy orgullosos de sus éxitos a Corpus Christi! Es un privilegio maravilloso que pueda conocerse. Espero que tenga grandes éxitos en todas de sus aventuras. La familia de Corpus Christi se echa a menos mucho. Vaya con Dios.

Abrazos,

Señorita Butch

*Que no caigan en la bajada  
ni en la subida del camino.*

*Que no encuentren obstáculos  
ni detrás ni delante de ellos,  
ni cosa que los golpee.*

*Concédeles buenos caminos,  
hermosos caminos planos.*

~Popol-Vuh

Congratulations!

Today is your day. You're off to Great Places!

You're off and away!

Oh the Places You'll Go! (Dr. Seuss)

Best wishes on your next journey.

Mrs. Patrick, Kindergarten

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.

From Amy Plackowski, Preschool

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jer. 29:11

To the 8th grade graduates

from Maestra Gonzalez-Urbina

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws."

—Psalm 119:105-106

To the 8th grade graduates

from Ms. Crimmins

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Speak up.

Raise your words, not your voice.  
It is rain that grows flowers,  
not thunder. - Anonymous

Mrs. Dishinger



"People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway. ~Mother Teresa"

Ms. Coffin



Micah 6:8

You have been told, what is good,  
and what the LORD requires of you:  
Only to do justice and to love goodness,  
and to walk humbly with your God.

Father Charlie Brown

Ephesians 3:14-21

"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen."

Father Kyle Kilpatrick

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"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. You're playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." Marianne Williamson

Congratulations 8th Grade Graduates! -Mrs. Day

"You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

—Dr. Seuss

Congratulations, 8<sup>th</sup> graders! From Ms. Garcia

Dear 8th Grade graduates,  
Congratulations on finishing this chapter of your schooling, and starting another exciting chapter in high school! Prayers and blessings to all of you in your futures.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight."  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Supple

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates,

Our lives are much richer because you have been a part of them. You will be remembered.

Mrs. Koster



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