

The Cougar



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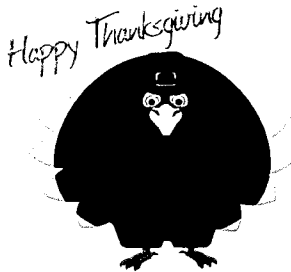
Nov., Dec., Jan., 2016/17

FIRST TRIMESTER PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

All teachers are required to meet with parents at least once during the first Trimester. Conferences will be scheduled before or after school or during planning periods based on the parent's schedule. Following each conference a written summary will be submitted to the office and placed in the student's file listing topics covered during the conference and appropriate follow-up actions. As always, conferences can be initiated by parent/Guardian and /or teacher anytime during the school year.

SPECIAL NOTE!!!!

Early dismissal November 1st-3rd
Thanksgiving Break begins 12:40pm dismissal
on November 23rd
Classes resume on November 30, 2016
Christmas Break begins with 12:40pm dismissal
on December 21, 2016
Classes resume on January 3, 2017



EMERGENCY CLOSING AND SNOW DAY INFORMATION



For information regarding weather-related school closing, delayed opening, early dismissal or the Extended Care Program please refer to the 2016-2017 Corpus Christi Catholic School Handbook.

Asbestos Notification

By Terry Conner
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The attached Parent/Legal Guardian Notification provides you with all the information necessary under the Asbestos A.H.E.R.A. Law to fulfill the notification requirements. All students, parents, or legal guardians of students must receive a copy of this notification.

Included In This Edition:

- Nov., Dec., Jan., Calendars & Menus
- Asbestos Notification Form
- Holiday Events

"Christ-centered 21st century learning"

To the Moon and Beyond

Students in grades 2-5 attended an assembly on Wednesday, October 5 hosted by Mr. Michael from the TriState Astronomy Club out of Hagerstown, MD in order to gain basic information on the moon. Students learned about the moon phases and interesting facts about the moon.

School and parish families gathered on Saturday, October 8 to participate in the first ever *International Observe the Moon Night* at Corpus Christi Catholic School. Participants attended three sessions throughout the evening. Dr. Snider from the Astronomical Society of Harrisburg conducted a presentation on the differences between telescopes and microscopes while Mrs. Super studied craters, Mrs. Menicucci introduced Google Moon, Mrs. Flohr and Mrs. Stonehill created star art, Mr. Kaiser discussed how high objects are in the sky, and Mrs. Lechleitner and Mrs. Randall held a moon trivia session. Door prizes were handed out and families could have selfies taken with our "astronaut". All families were given Moon Pies as souvenirs.

Dr. Snider returned the next evening and rolled out his telescope from his trailer. The sky was covered with many clouds and only a few students were able to see the moon up close.

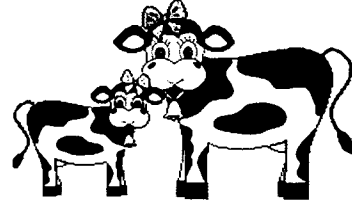
For more information on the astronomy clubs that helped make our events a success, please visit www.tristateastronomers.org and www.astronohbg.org.

Thank you to Mrs. Fetterhoff and Mrs. Blough for coordinating this family/parish event, all the teachers who volunteered their time and to the Home and School Association for providing funding to make the evening possible.



Fourth Grade Heads Down on the Farm

On September 22nd our fourth grade students went to Valley View Dairy Farm in Greencastle, PA. The students learned all about caring for dairy cows, including how to care for sick cows and how to plant crops for feed. Additionally, students learned about composting and recycling.



Reading Adventures Rewarded

On Friday, September 23rd, 175 students from Corpus Christi Catholic School were rewarded for taking time over the summer to read. Last spring all students were given a paper with requirements for reading at their level over the summer. Since they took time over the summer, on a beautiful Friday afternoon in September, they attended a picnic at Henninger Field. The weather cooperated with sunshine and mild temperatures. Teachers and parent volunteers walked the students to the field where they ate their lunch and enjoyed some time to play. Hopefully the students enjoyed the adventure they found in reading, as much as, they did the picnic.



Christmas Concert

Fa La La



The Cougar Band, Concert Band, Musical Cougars, Middle School Chorus, and Jazz Band have worked very hard preparing a special night of entertainment for family and friends. Thank you Mrs. Cermak and Mr. Morrow for your dedication to making this event a success! The Corpus Christi Catholic School annual Christmas concert will take place on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. Concert rehearsal will take place on December 5, 2016 during school hours.

Grade 6 Travels to Charlottesville, Virginia



On October 14th our sixth grade students, under the direction of Mrs. McMullen, traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia to experience Thomas Jefferson's estate Monticello. Other teachers participating were Mr. Morrow, Ms. Rose, Miss Freeman, Mr. Dortenzo and Mrs. Geesaman. In addition to historic Monticello, the student's also visited Michie Tavern and the Fralin Art Museum. The day concluded with ice skating at Main Street Arena.

This entire trip was financed through the Home and School Association, private funding, student contributions, and anonymous donations.

Athletics

Our school will begin its long tradition of participating in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball league. We will play Catholic schools from the Harrisburg area as well as some familiar teams from Adams County area. Our competing teams include boys and girls "Intermediate I" teams, which include students in grades 6 - 8. The 2-month season will start in the beginning of December. The CYO basketball schedule will be available in November in the school lobby. Come out to see the Corpus Christi Catholic School teams play this year!

Drama Club Tradition to Continue

Under the direction of Mr. Dortenzo, our spring play *Treasure Island* will take place on March 9, 2016 at 7pm at the Capitol Theatre here in Chambersburg.

Don't miss the opportunity to see our talented middle school students perform!!!



7th Grade Travels Back in Time

At Corpus Christi School we believe in immersing students in an historical experience whenever possible. Seventh grade will be traveling to Philadelphia to reinforce their early American History curriculum. They will have the unique experience of being given a guided tour by “Ben Franklin”! This tour will include walking along the oldest continuous residential street in America (which dates back to 1701), and visiting places like the Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross’s house, and the oldest and first post office started by Ben Franklin. Then we are going on a guided tour of Independence Hall and Eastern State Penitentiary. The evening will conclude with Sight and Sound Theater’s performance of Samson. Guaranteed to be a wonderful way to supplement the social studies and religion curriculums for seventh grade!

Trunk-or-Treat

On October 28, 2016 our Corpus Christi School families came together for a “spooktacular” event! Thank you to Mrs. Heverly and her Home & School team for providing everyone with a wonderful night.

In addition to gathering treats from trunks, the students participated in a costume contest, a cake walk and enjoyed the film *Room on a Broom*.

Thank you again, Mrs. Heverly!!!!



2017 Summer Program

Mark your calendars! If you register **and pay** prior to **March 1, 2017**, a **\$10 discount** for each week is applied. After March 1, 2017, the regular rates apply. Registration forms will be sent home with students in grades K-5 the week of December 5, 2016.

June 12-16 Cultural Cooking Week...
Making foods from around the world!

Rate: \$120 for the week (includes supplies)

June 29-23 Come Have a Ball!...
Explore familiar sports and some not so familiar sports!

Rate: \$100 for the week

June 26-30 STEMming It! ...
Applying the principles of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math into exciting activities! Come and explore with us!

Rate: \$120 for the week (includes supplies)

Race for Education

Our inaugural **Race for Education** event was a rousing success!!!! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Swope, the Race for Education Committee, parents, students, and teachers, we had over \$12,000.00 donated to our school! The funds will be used to update and expand our outdoor creative learning environment.

Thank you Mrs. Swope! Thank you Mrs. Flohr for your hard work as well and for capturing this event in photos and video!



*****Please check our website for updated menus from the Cougar Café.**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



November

2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Chicken nuggets Rice Choice of Fruit Milk	2 BBQ Chicken Sandwich Corn Choice of Fruit Milk	3 Chicken sticks Potato wedges Choice of Fruit Milk	4 Individual Mini Pizza Sidewinders Choice of Fruit Milk
Choice 2: Ham & cheese hoagie Choice 3: PBJ				
7 Breakfast on a stick hashbrowns Choice of fruit Milk	8 Baked potato bar w/toppings Choice of fruit Milk	9 Spaghetti w/ meatballs bread sticks Choice of fruit Milk	10 Hot dog Baked beans Choice of fruit Milk	11 No School 
Choice 2: Fiestada style pizza Choice 3: PBJ				
14 Waffles Sausage Choice of fruit Milk	15 Popcorn chicken buttered noodles smores Choice of fruit Milk	16 Thanksgiving Dinner Choice of fruit Milk	17 Cheeseburgers Mozzarella sticks Choice of fruit Milk	18 French Bread Pizza Curly fries Choice of fruit Milk
Choice 2: Grilled Chicken sandwich Choice 3: PBJ				
22 Breakfast Sandwich Tater tots Choice of fruit Milk	23 Teriyaki chicken Stir fried rice Choice of fruit Milk	24 Bosco sticks Smiley fries Choice of fruit Milk	No School 	25 No School
Choice 2: Cheese steak hoagie Choice 3: PBJ				
28 No School	29 No School	30 Taco in a bag Churros Choice of fruit Milk		
Choice 2: Corn dogs Choice 3: PBJ				

November 2016

October '16							December '16							January '17						
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30	31																			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2 Hour Early Dismissal 8th Grade Picture Retake Conference	2 2 Hour Early Dismissal Conference	3 2 Hr. Early Dismissal Teacher In-Service	4 Veterans Day No School	5 DOH Catechetical Conference
6 Daylight Saving	7	8	9 School Partner Meeting	10 End of First Marking Period	11	12
				17 Report Cards Distributed	18 7th Grade Field Trip	19
13	14	15 Faculty Meeting 3pm	16	24 Thanksgiving No School	25 No School	26
20	21	22	23 2 Hr. Early Dismissal			
27	28 No School	29 No School	30			
Notes						
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2016 Calendar			2017 Calendar			

December 2016

November '16							January '17							February '17						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Christmas Concert Rehearsal 8:30-1:30 Book Fair	6 Christmas Concert 7:00 PM	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Geography Bee <i>*tentative</i>	14 Confessions	15 Faculty Meeting 3:00 PM	16	17
18	19	20	21 Dec. Solstice 2 Hour Early Dismissal	22 No School	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day Chanukah	26 Kwanzaa begins No School	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
		Notes				

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January 2017

December '16							February '17							March '17						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 No School	3	4	5	6 2 Hr Early Dismissal Teacher In-Service	7
8	9	10	11 Principal Meeting	12 Mid-Progress Reports Tentative Farm Show Trip K	13 No School <i>*Farm Show if School open</i>	14
15	16 ML King Day No School	17	18	19 Faculty Meeting 3 pm	20 County Band Rehearsal	21 County Band
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Chinese New Year
29	30	31	Notes			

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION

2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

Receiving this report is an indication that your school contains some form or forms of asbestos. The Asbestos Management Plan will describe in detail all the information for your particular school. This plan is located in your school administration office and at the Diocese of Harrisburg, and is available for your review.

What is Asbestos?

Mineral found in rock formations. When separated from rock, it becomes a fluffy fibrous material that has many uses.

Types

Chrysotile (most common), Amosite, Crocidolite, Anthrophyllite, Tremolite and Actinolite

How is Asbestos Used?

- Construction Industry: For buildings constructed prior to 1988, about 2/3 of all asbestos produced was used for cement, roofing, plastics, insulation and floor tile.
- Automotive Industry: Widely used as friction material in brake and clutch linings – also as undercoating to protect against corrosion.
- Textile Industry: Fireproof clothing and staffs' equipment, fire-resistant curtains for theaters and schools.

Health Hazards of Asbestos

If air containing asbestos dust is inhaled, the small sharp fibers may work their way into the lung tissue and remain embedded for life – a constant source of irritation.

- Various Factors:
1. Intensity of asbestos dust
 2. Individual susceptibility
 3. Fiber size and variety
 4. Presence of other pollutants (cigarette smoke)

Asbestos-Related Disease

Asbestosis: A disease in which lungs are irritated by inhaled asbestos dust – characterized by fibrotic changes in the lung tissue and scarring in the thickening of the lung wall. Breathing becomes difficult, thus causing a strain on the heart. Usually appears 10-20 years after exposure.

Mesothelioma: A cancer of the chest or abdominal lining, which is rare except in people exposed to asbestos. Usually fatal within one year of the first symptom.

Cancer: Of respiratory system – is much more common in asbestos workers than in the general public. There is also a higher rate of cancer of the digestive system.

Asbestos Management Plan

Every school (K thru 12) must have their buildings inspected by state certified inspectors. This information is compiled by a certified asbestos planner into an Asbestos Management Plan. This Plan also includes information on subsequent inspections, testing, remedial actions, and any notifications to teachers, parents, and contractors. Each school must have their Asbestos Management Plan on file in the administration office and available for review for those who desire to see it. Getting acquainted with your plan is the best way to avoid disturbing asbestos in your school.

How to Recognize and Report Damage

The Asbestos Management Plan describes the type, amount, location and condition of asbestos at the time of the report. Visual inspection is the most important way to recognize damaged material. Any material containing asbestos that has become broken or damaged and may be releasing fibers to the air should be reported to management as soon as possible. In turn, management will notify the asbestos coordinator at the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Steps Taken by Diocese of Harrisburg to Insure Safety

1. Inspect all buildings as required under AHERA law, and prepare an Asbestos Management Plan for each school.
2. Perform surveillance inspections of all schools every six months, and a formal re-inspection every three years (see section #4 of the Asbestos Management Plan).
3. Provide two-hour awareness training for all custodial and maintenance staff.
4. Notification through proper channels to all workers, occupants, parents/legal guardians of occupants (this report).
5. Notification/documentation to all contractors who work in each school to meet the Right-to-Know rules.
6. Complete all asbestos remedial actions in a timely fashion (see section #6 of Asbestos Management Plan for work performed, if any).