

# The Cougar



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## 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.

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## SPECIAL NOTE!!!!

Early dismissals (12:40 PM) are scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>, November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>. School is closed on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.



## 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 2015-2016 Corpus Christi Catholic School Handbook.

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## Asbestos Notification

By Terry Conner  
Diocese of Harrisburg  
Buildings and Properties Director

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.



## Home & School Unveils our Theme for the Year Family@Heart

The Home & School Association has kicked off the theme Family@Heart for the 2015-2016 school year. Monthly activities designed to celebrate our nuclear family, school family, parish family, community and world family will be provided for the students and their families prior to the start of each month. An assembly to kick off our theme will be held on November 2, 2015.

Mrs. Moore will be working with Student Council members in coordination with the Home & School Association to coordinate activities designed around the Family@Heart theme and the Year of Mercy that begins December 8, 2015.

Check out the school website for additional information.

## Fourth Grade Heads Down on the Farm

On September 17<sup>th</sup> our fourth grade students went to Franklin Fall Funfest at Cornerstone Dairy. 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. The students also experienced “the good ole days” by grinding corn off the cob by hand! To top off the day, students were treated to ice cream from Anteitam Dairy.



## Reading Adventures Rewarded

On Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 190 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 Thursday, December 10, 2015. Concert rehearsal will take place on December 9, 2015 during school hours. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2015.

## Grade 6 Travels to Charlottesville, Virginia



On October 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Mrs. Moore, Ms. Rose, Mr. Dortenzo and Mrs. Geesaman. In addition to historic Monticello, the student’s also visited Mount Vernon. 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.

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## Sports with Ski



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!

Mr. Spolski

## Students Speak with Astronaut Kjell Lindgren on the ISS

On Tuesday, October 6, 2015, students from Corpus Christi Catholic School were able to talk to NASA astronaut Kjell Lindgren who is currently aboard the International Space Station. This was done through Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS). About 200 students and another 200 additional guests were on hand to witness this historical event at the Capitol Theatre. Eleven students from grades K-8 were selected from a drawing were able to ask a total of 18 questions. The Cumberland Valley Amateur Radio Club assisted during the event to make the connection possible. Representatives from the State of Pennsylvania, the Diocese of Harrisburg, Franklin County, Corpus Christi Parish and school also shared in this event. Please visit our school website at [www.cccschambersburg.org](http://www.cccschambersburg.org) to view the link that has the day's events documented. For more information on the ARISS program, please visit [www.ariss.org](http://www.ariss.org). For more information on the International Space Station, please visit [http://nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/station/main/index.htm](http://nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/index.htm)

## Drama Club Tradition to Continue

A zany musical will be coming your way this spring. Be sure to check out the school website for additional information. The cast of characters will appear in the Spring edition of the Cougar Newsletter.

