



Why is Corpus Christi Catholic School the right school for your child?

OUR VALUES

We help build a foundation for a life-long love of Christ by incorporating the Catholic faith into every facet of our day and reinforcing values and morals in our everyday lessons.



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Elementary: 1909 E. Lincoln St., Bloomington, IL
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Junior High: 705 N. Roosevelt, Bloomington, IL 61701
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Religious Education

Christ is the heart of our school. At each grade level children are prepared to live their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ and His Church. They are brought to the Lord through prayer, scripture and the sacraments. Mass is celebrated weekly. Children serve as lectors, gift bearers, altar servers and participants with reverence and respect. The Creed, Commandments, Beatitudes, lives of the Saints and history of the Church are some of the topics studied in religion classes. Second grade and seventh grade are unique in their preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Children are encouraged through example to be servants in their community and witnesses of their faith.

Our Mission Statement:

Our school "... founded in the living Catholic tradition, is committed to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional and social growth of each child."

Humanities Flourish in Our School

Beginning in preschool, our students engage in a variety of classes which reach beyond core curriculum and that promote life skills, health and the fine arts.

Technology in our classrooms is continuously being enhanced. In our computer lab younger children learn keyboarding, word processing and publishing. Older students are limited only by their imaginations as our labs are well-equipped and current. Responsible use of the Internet is integral to their learning.

The focus of our **P.E. Department** is skill development and good sportsmanship. Competitive sports are available in grades 5-8.

Our **music curriculum** is as basic as rhythm in the lower grades and as advanced as music composition using computer technology in the upper grades. Vocal and instrumental performances are practiced and enjoyed. Chorus begins in grade 4, while Band is offered to students in grades 5-8.

The **art program** is likewise broad and all-encompassing. Medium, technique and art history are woven into each lesson at each grade level.

Students in Preschool-grade 5 enjoy weekly **Spanish** lessons by immersion in the language. Our Junior High level students receive Spanish 3 days a week. Lessons include basic vocabulary as well as development of the oral and written language.



Our Curriculum at a Glance

Preschool & Kindergarten

- * Development of language skills: building vocabulary and language development
- * Reading readiness in a print-rich environment including introduction to letter sounds and how they apply to the reading process
- * Development of basic number sense, including counting and one-to-one correspondence
- * Social development
- * Development of fine motor skills such as cutting, drawing, gluing and tying shoes
- * Learning centers: math manipulatives, literacy, dramatic play
- * Faith building by celebrating God's love through the life teachings of Jesus featuring Old and New Testament
- * Circle Time emphasizes calendar, seasons, weather and spelling



Grades 3-5

- * Continued vocabulary development
- * Guided reading
- * Development of advanced comprehension skills, such as author's intent, drawing conclusions, summarizing and cause and effect
- * Development of complex sentence and paragraph structure while incorporating proper punctuation, grammar and usage
- * Introduction and development of multiplication and division
- * Continued development of measurement, geometry, fractions and probability
- * Science topics include but are not limited to study of the human body, the Solar System, embryology, weather, properties of matter and beginning botany
- * Social Studies topics include United States history, regions of the United States, in-depth study of Illinois, agriculture, historical communities and advanced map skills, among others
- * Development of work/study skills, such as time management, organization and the use of student planners
- * 4th and 5th Grade teacher team approach



Grades 1-2

- * Phonemic awareness, intensive phonics and development of advanced word attack skills
- * Guided reading program
- * Introduction and development of writing skills, including basic story and paragraph writing
- * Development and application of sight word vocabulary
- * Development of basic reading skills, with transition to independent reading focusing on comprehension, fluency and expression
- * Development of number sense and place value
- * Development of problem-solving skills and strategies
- * Mastery of addition and subtraction facts
- * Introduction and development of time, money, basic measurement, geometry, fractions and probability concepts
- * Awareness of current events
- * Science topics include plants and animals, dinosaurs, light and color, health, and more
- * Social Studies topics include communities, Native Americans, Colonial America and basic map skills, as well as a variety of other concepts

Grades 6-8

- * Application of word analysis and vocabulary skills to comprehend reading selections
- * Development of organization and research skills, including pre-writing, writing, revising and publishing
- * Continued application of reading comprehension skills
- * Introduction to speech communications
- * Problem solving using the operations, rational numbers, real numbers, fractions, decimals and integers
- * Algebra
- * Exploration and understanding of geometric concepts
- * Awareness of current events
- * The study of world and American history
- * Application of geography skills
- * The study of the United States government system and preparation for the U.S. and Illinois Constitution tests
- * Application of the Scientific Method
- * The study of Life, Physical and Earth Sciences
- * Outdoor education program
- * Fine Arts Rotation
- * Challenger Learning Center



Special Services and Resources

Reading Intervention, Math Intervention, Language Arts and Math Enrichment, Speech and Language Services.

