



Corpus Christi School

Dear Parents,

We are excited to continue sharing our school-year theme: "Celebrating the Saint." Several teachers have already highlighted a different saint, using the saints' lives as a source of inspiration, reflection, and learning for our students. This month, Mrs. Labay and Ms. Blecker presented St. Lucy to the faculty as another saintly example for us all to live by.

St. Lucy (also known as Santa Lucia) was a young Christian woman who lived in Syracuse, Sicily, during the late 3rd century, a time when Christians were persecuted under the Roman Empire. Her name means "light," and she truly lived up to it.

Lucy was known for her deep faith, courage, and compassion for the poor. She had consecrated her life to God and refused to marry, choosing instead to devote herself to prayer and service. When her secret faith was discovered, she was arrested and faced great suffering rather than deny Christ. Tradition says that even when her persecutors tried to harm her, God protected her until her final moment of martyrdom around the year 304 AD.

St. Lucy and the Wreath of Candles

The wreath of candles that St. Lucy wears is one of her most famous symbols. According to tradition, during a time when Christians were forced to hide in underground catacombs to escape persecution, Lucy brought food and aid to them in secret. Because her hands were full carrying supplies, she wore a wreath of candles on her head to light her way through the dark tunnels. The candles also represent light, faith, and hope; a reminder that Lucy's name means "light." They symbolize how she brought the light of Christ to others, even in times of danger and darkness.

On her feast day, December 13, many people, especially in Sweden and other Scandinavian countries, celebrate St. Lucy's Day by having a young girl wear a white robe and a wreath of candles on her head, leading a procession and bringing light, songs, and joy to others. St. Lucy is the Patron Saint of the blind and those with eye troubles.

St. Lucy reminds us that true light does not come from the world, but from faith that burns quietly and steadily in the heart. In times of darkness, she invites us to trust that God's light will guide our steps. Her courage shows that even the smallest act of faith can shine brightly and give hope to others. Like St. Lucy, we are called to let our lives be lamps; burning with love, compassion, and truth, so that others may see God's goodness through us.

How We Can Be More Like St. Lucy

St. Lucy's life challenges us to live with faith, courage, and compassion. Here are some ways to follow her example:

- Shine your light - Be a source of kindness, truth, and hope in a world that often feels dark.

- Stand firm in your beliefs - Like Lucy, have the courage to live your values even when it's hard or unpopular.
- Serve others selflessly - Lucy cared for the poor and those in need. We can imitate her through acts of charity and love.
- Keep your eyes on God - Lucy's name reminds us to seek spiritual sight: to see the world as God does, with love and mercy.
- Bring light to others - Whether through words, actions, or prayer, help others feel God's light and peace through you.

In the spirit of Saint Lucy and her traits of faith, courage, and compassion, the faculty and I wish everyone a Christmas filled with love and light.

Merry Christmas!

Peace,
Ann T. Sarpu

Important Dates

December 1

End of the First Trimester
Advent Wreath Lighting

December 3

Christmas Concert Gr 4-8/Band: 6:00 P.M.

December 4

Christmas Concerts
Grades 1,2,3: 8:30 A.M.
Grades PreK & K: 10:30 A.M.
Early Dismissal
Barnes & Noble Book Fair

December 5 & 6

Feast of Saint Nicholas

December 8

Advent Wreath Lighting Holy Day of
Obligation: Feast of the Immaculate
Conception; Mass 9:00

December 8-10

Santa's Workshop

December 10

Birthday Dress Down

December 12

PJ Dress Down Day \$2.00

December 15

Advent Wreath Lighting

December 19

Report Cards Distributed

December 22

Advent Wreath Lighting

December 23

Early Dismissal
No After Care

December 25

Merry Christmas!

December 24 - January 4

Christmas Vacation

January 5

Classes Resume

School-Wide Advent Project



As we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus, we are embarking on a school-wide Advent Project.

The Hartford Catholic Worker serves the poor and homeless in Hartford. They work to feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless, and support the children who come to them.

This Advent, we will be collecting donations of hats and mittens for children (ages 5 & up) as well as adults. Donations can be brought to school starting tomorrow.

Any student who donates items for this worthy cause can dress down on Tuesday, December 16.

Thank you for your support!



Wednesday, December 17th
Gingerbread and Elf Day
Wear elf ears, elf hats, elf shirts, or gingerbread gear

Thursday, December 18th
Christmas Vacation Day
Ugly Christmas sweater/shirt day

Friday, December 19th
Christmas Tree Farm Day
Wear Flannels, jeans, and boots

Monday, December 22nd
Comfort and Joy Day
Dress in comfy clothes

Tuesday, December 23rd
We Wish you a Merry Christmas Day
Dress festive and fun

Mission Statement

Corpus Christi School Mission Statement

Corpus Christi School is a Catholic school rooted in the Gospel values of love and respect, where Jesus is present in the development of each child's mind, body, and soul.

Corpus Christi School offers a safe, inclusive, and nurturing learning environment that develops the faith and character of each student.

Christmas Concerts!

Please mark your calendar for one of our most beloved school traditions – our Christmas concerts. The students have been heartily practicing their songs, and the band has also been diligently working on their selections. It's wonderful to have the sound of music echoing through the halls here. We are looking forward to welcoming families and friends into the building. Students should dress up in their Christmas outfits.

The schedule is:

Wednesday, 12/3 at 6 P.M. – Students in Grades 4 -6 and the Band
Thursday, 12/4 at 8:30 A.M. – Students in Grades 1 -3
Thursday, 12/4 at 10:30 A.M. – Students in PreK-3, PreK-4, and Kindergarten

We hope you can join us to see our talented students perform!

Corpus Christi After School Program

The After School Program is closed on **12/23!**

Please plan accordingly.

Inclement Weather



Inclement Weather?

Corpus Christi School follows the directive of the Wethersfield Public Schools with regards to Early Dismissal, School Closing, and Delayed Opening.

Watch [WFSB](#) for school closing information for Corpus Christi School.

In addition, you will receive a text/phone call and an email regarding school closings.

Corpus Christi Welcomes Officer McDonnell

We are pleased to share that Officer David McDonnell has joined Corpus Christi School as our new Security Officer beginning December 1st. We are excited to welcome him to our campus and look forward to the experience, professionalism, and warm presence he will bring to our community.

Officer McDonnell is a retired member of the Watertown Police Department, where he proudly served the community for 25 years. During his distinguished career, he worked as an experienced Police Field Training Officer and spent many years as a School Resource Officer at both the middle school and high school levels. His strong background in youth engagement, safety operations, and community partnership makes him an outstanding addition to our school.

Officer McDonnell will be working closely with our staff, students, and families to support a safe, positive, and welcoming school environment. In the coming weeks, you may see him around campus getting to know our routines, assisting during arrival and dismissal, and introducing himself to students and staff. We encourage you to say hello and help us make him feel at home.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Officer McDonnell. We are grateful to have him as part of Corpus Christi School.

Early Release Reminder

If you need to pick up your child before regular dismissal time, please do so no later than 1:50 P.M. After 1:50 P.M., students will need to remain until the regular dismissal.

Thank you for your cooperation!



A statewide initiative raising funds, spirits
and awareness for kids battling cancer.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Donate \$1, or more, to wear PJs in support of kids at Connecticut Children's who wear their PJs for long periods of time while enduring treatment.



School Lunch



2025-2026 Lunch Pricing
Paid lunch \$2.60
Middle School deli/salad lunch \$3.60
Breakfast \$1.60

If you're interested in applying for free/reduced lunch at \$0.40, apply at myschoolapps.com under Wethersfield Public Schools.

Click Here For December Lunch
Menu

A Message From The School Nurse



To all Preschool Parents:

A quick reminder that flu shots are mandatory for all preschool Students per State Statute.

Now is the time to make an appointment with your child's doctor to ensure that there are available vaccinations for the upcoming flu season. I cannot take prescriptions from your child's doctor if there are not. Your child will have to remain home until the flu shot becomes available.

All flu shot paperwork is due to me by December 31, 2025, for your child to return to school in the New Year. No exceptions. I am including information on flu clinics in the area, as well as some sensory-friendly drive-through flu clinics for your convenience.

Thank you and stay healthy!

Mrs. Cowan, RN, BS
Corpus Christi School Nurse

District Health Guideline

2025 Community Vaccination Clinics



Central
Connecticut
Health
District

**To schedule your
appointment:**

www.ccthd.org/flu

or

860-785-8380, then
press 216

Appointments available online
and via phone beginning on .
September 2, 2025



This clinic is sensory friendly. A
therapy dog will be visiting from
10am-12pm.

At any clinic, our
staff can make
accommodations
for those needing a
quieter space, more
time or for any
other special need.
Please call our
clinical services
director at
860-335-7158 to
learn more.



Wethersfield, Newington, Berlin & Rocky Hill

Wethersfield Pitkin Center:

*Wednesday, October 1 - Indoor - 10am - 2pm
Thursday, October 2 - Drive-through - 2pm - 6pm

Newington High School Family Clinic^^:

Saturday, October 4 - Indoor - 10am - 2pm

Newington Senior & Disabled Center:

*Wednesday, October 8 - Indoor - 2pm - 6pm
*Thursday, October 9 - Indoor - 10am - 2pm

Berlin Senior Center:

*Wednesday, October 15 - Indoor - 2pm - 6pm
*Thursday, October 16 - Indoor - 10am - 2pm

Rocky Hill Senior & Community Center:

*Tuesday, October 21 - Indoor - 2pm - 6pm
*Wednesday, October 22 - Indoor - 10am - 2pm

*Flu (pediatric, adult & senior high dose)
will be available at all clinics.

Pneumococcal, Shingles, Covid & RSV
vaccines will be available at clinics
marked with an asterisk in partnership
with Beacon Prescriptions.



*sensory friendly
& accessible*



FLU VACCINE CLINICS

CCHD Clinical Health Services
506 Cromwell Ave
Suite 202, Rocky Hill

if you or your child needs....

- EXTRA TIME
- REDUCED NOISE OR LIGHT
- THE USE OF DISTRACTION AND COMFORT ITEMS
- A VACCINE ADMINISTERED IN YOUR VEHICLE
- A SEPARATE WAITING ROOM SPACE
- ANY INDIVIDUAL ACCOMMODATIONS THAT WOULD MAKE YOUR VACCINE EXPERIENCE MORE POSITIVE

...these clinics are for you!

October

- 28th 10am - 3pm
- 29th 2pm - 7pm

November

- 11th 10am - 2pm
- 18th 10am - 2pm
- 25th 10am - 2pm

December

- 2nd 10am - 2pm
- 9th 10am - 2pm
- 16th 10am - 2pm
- 17th 2pm - 7pm
- 23rd 10am - 2pm
- 30th 2pm - 7pm

**pediatric, adult & high-dose
flu vaccines available.**

To view and/or book available appointment slots, please go to:



Central
Connecticut
Health
District



ccthd.org/flu

scan the code,
or call us at 860-785-8380 x 216

**Please choose "clinical health services"
as the location of your appointment.**

Wellness Counselors

Meet the Wellness Counselors

2025-2026



FROM REFLECTIONS COUNSELING
AND CONSULTING SERVICES



**ERICA AMATO,
LCSW**



**KAYLEIGH PIER,
LMSW**



**DANIELLA
DILORETO, INTERN**



**JORDAN THOMPKINS,
INTERN**

Wellness Counselors are present at Corpus Christi Tuesday-Friday to provide one-on-one support to students, lead Wellness Workshops and classroom presentations, and specific-need group sessions. We are looking forward to helping create a safe, warm, and kind environment at school for a successful year.

Contact Us: eamato@corpuschristischoolct.org and kpier@corpuschristischoolct.org.

VIRTUS Training for Parent Volunteers

Any parent who would like to volunteer for any event or activity at Corpus Christi School needs to attend VIRTUS training and complete a Background Check.

Send completed forms into the School Office.

Directions for online training:

Go to www.virtusonline.org.

Click "First Time Registrant"

Click "Begin the Registration Process".

Registration should be completed under "Hartford" as in the Archdiocese.

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