

HOME & SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – September 2, 2010

- The board was welcomed back to another school year.
- School August envelopes are available in Narthex of church.
- First week of school schedule:
 - Wed Sept 8th Grades 1-8 and Kindergarten boys - Full Day
 - Thur Sept 9th Kindergarten Girls (Full Day) and Pre K's 3 orientation (child & parent)
 - Fri Sept 10th Pre K's 4 orientation (child & parent)
- Sept 15th:
 - Opening School Liturgy on Wed Sep 15th at 10:30AM. Grades 1-8
 - H&S sponsored Flu Shots for Faculty & Parish Staff 11:45-12:45.
 - Back to School night at 7:00PM in gym.
- Sept 16 -Magazine drive kicks off
- Sept 20 - School Group Pictures for Pre-K - 8th grades
- Sept 24 - No NP Hot Lunch
- Sept 27 - School closed due to In-service This year school is working toward submitting package for the prestigious "Blue Ribbon Award.
- Sept 28 - Kids Books Stuff Drive begins
- Sep 29 - Honeywell System Practice - Test message will be sent out. Emergency forms still need to be filled out for school. POC for Honeywell System is Kathy Murphy
- Oct 1 - 1st & 2nd Grade Reading night
- Gym floor was resurfaced this summer. The cost was split between parish, bingo, CYO, and H&S.
- President stated that VP position was still vacant. President will look into how that works and the group will think about maybe changing the President position to Co-Presidents next year.
- New Family Welcome was a great success. Co-chairs did an excellent job of running the event.
- President stated that Frances McKenzie would be designated a Special Projects Officer for the H&S Board. She would work areas that need help and find solutions to those needs. Many co-chairs are vacant. Frances will be very helpful in the area.
- Mrs. Costello brought up the fact that NP Lunch program will be getting a new program director on board Oct 1st. Talk is that there may be a rise in the cost of the NP lunches. NP Lunch committee will limit sales of tickets to a month at a time until notice about lunch prices is given.
- Mrs. Laffety reminded that pretzels will begin on the first day of school and not the beginning of the second week.
- Discussed the need for Home Room Moms. Volunteer lists would be sent out again in first Wed envelopes for Home Room Moms.
- A suggestion was made to post class lists on the website which would allow those families on vacations to view the class lists. Mrs. Costello stated that class lists are ever changing up the morning of the listings and web manager is not available last week of summer. Group decided that present system would remain in place.

HOME & SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – October 4, 2010

- Administration is working on Blue Ribbon schools. Nothing to report at this time.
- Nancy Caramanico will be working with the 6th, 7th & 8th graders about Internet safety. She will be speaking at the H&S general meeting more specifically on “supervising your children” regarding the Internet.
- Teaching/Touch Safety lessons are scheduled for 10/25 and again in March.
- Teacher in-service on 10/29. Class Halloween parties will be on 10/28.
- Conferences are scheduled for November this year. Parents have already been notified of dates.
- 1st & 2nd Grade social was a big success. All feedback indicates the kids had a great time.
- Kid’s Stuff Books – it appears more books are being returned than bought. Mrs. Costello estimates about 30% of books are selling. Committee will put an ad in the church bulletin to sell them after the mass.
- Homeroom parent meeting – Guidelines were given. Two parents need to complete their clearances. A list of homeroom parents will be given to Mrs. Costello.
- School Directory – The deadline was Friday to get contact information to committee. The directory details will be finalized this week and distribution is planned for next week (week of 10/11).
- Hot Dog Lunch and NP lunches– 1st hot dog lunch scheduled for 10/13. New North Penn lunch director has been hired. At this point we do not know if lunch prices will go up. Lunch ticket purchases are limited to one month at a time.
- Muffins with Mom – Good response so far.
- 7th & 8th grade dance – There was a conflict with the DJ’s schedule. Committee will check with other schools to see who they use for the dances.
- Fall Book Fair – This event and is running on schedule.
- Spring Book Fair – Board discussed how to best handle the spring fair. Possibly combine Borders and Scholastic books at the fair or do summer reading sale separate.
- Smartboard training and procedures – a whole day of training is scheduled for the teachers at the end of this month followed by a ½ day of training in January. All teachers have some level of expertise in using them. They have access to a website for tutoring and programs.
- IT needs – Corpus just purchased five new Dell computers to replace older computers in classrooms when needed.
- Tuition Raffle eligibility – It was discussed and decided that the board members would be eligible for the tuition raffle at the end of the year. With this vote, we hope to promote interest in serving on the board.
- School pictures – the subject was brought up because of the increase in the picture prices this year and the lack of selection offered by the photographer. Mrs. Costello will call the photographer and ask for a meeting with them. Rich and Amy will be present to represent the board and parents.
- Honeywell System update – school now has ownership of the system. Any questions regarding the system should be directed to the school office.
- School Uniforms – The uniforms have been sorted. Uniform committee will offer uniforms at certain events. Parents can call Joan Dolan or Jean Van if they would like to look through the uniforms. Uniforms will be available in the science lab before the H&S meeting on Wednesday night.

- Defibrillators for school – The idea has been put on hold for now. Mary O’Sullivan will hold onto the information until further notice.
- School Events – There are still a few co-chair positions open. Big need at this point is the spring fundraiser.
- Co-Presidents – The idea was discussed by the board because Rich has found that many people would take on the VP position, but did not want to take on the President position. Other schools take this approach.
- A request was made to buy wiffle ball sets for the students to use at recess. Mrs. Costello and Mrs. Lafferty thought that the bats might be a problem on the playground. The board will try to think of other playground equipment they could use instead.
- Safe environment classes – there is a link on the web.

The next H & S Board meeting will be on November 3rd at 9:00 in the Principal’s office.

HOME & SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – November 3, 2010

- Administration has continued their work on Blue Ribbon schools. The 1st draft is complete and final editing is underway. Final copy will be submitted to CAPE by December 3rd.
- Tonight is Corpus Christi is hosting High School Night for 7th and 8th graders and their families. Representatives from local Diocesan and private high schools will be present to answer questions about their schools.
- Universal Visitation Day is scheduled in two weeks. This gives the 8th graders an opportunity to visit local Diocesan high schools.
- Landscaping – Quote was received by Reimel for landscaping around the sign. Board decided to go ahead with the project. Reimel will complete the job by Thanksgiving.
- Grandfriend's Day – an e-mail went out to volunteers on Monday. Tentative schedule: set-up Sunday 3:30pm, food set-up Monday 8:30am, donuts for grandparents in Social Hall @ 10:00am, classroom visits @ 10:30am.
- 7th & 8th grade dance – Attendance was good. Some students from other schools attended.
- Parent's Night to Shop – Flyers are going out today. Event scheduled for November 17th.
- Book Fair – "Be a Hero" theme. Committee is hosting a coloring contest for grades K-5. Entries will decorate the Social Hall during the book fair. Committee is also hosting two contests and a raffle at the Ice Cream Social. Book flyers will go out November 8th.
- Main Fundraiser – Brainstorm meeting this month some time before Thanksgiving. The idea is find out what people want to do for our fundraiser. All are welcome to attend. Rich will schedule that meeting.
- Winter uniforms schedule will be pushed back to November 1st in an effort to keep the students comfortable during the warm October days.
- New policy states that the maintenance staff will not set-up or breakdown the tables and chairs for weekend events. All necessary committees have been notified. Special requests must be made through Ed Murphy.

HOME & SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – December 13, 2010

- Administration is focused on final events before Christmas break including the Christmas Pageant, band concert, dance show and red & green day.
- Newman Scholarship program funded by the Connelly Foundation – 20 of 44 students qualified to sit for the scholarship test. They are competing for four scholarships. Each scholarship is a fully paid scholarship to an archdiocesan high school.
- The Middle State Report was accepted. We received our accreditation.
- Grandparent's Day – A big success. May need to look at budget/food for next year. Administration received several notes from those who attended saying they thought it was very well done.
- Book Fair – Another success. Some new things were added this year, lots of participation and volunteers. We also turned a profit of \$2,395.00 + vouchers earned.
- Christmas Bazaar – Again, another big success. Positive feedback from parents and possibly showed a profit of about \$1,000.00. Final numbers are pending.
- Parent's Night to Shop – Another success story – showed a profit of about \$1,000.00. Anna Marie Daley has stepped up to take over this event next year.
- Spring Book Fair – it was decided that this event will happen. Pat Tendo and Mary Jean Moroz will chair again. It will take place during the day only. Pat will work with Mrs. Costello to come up with a date for the event. The required reading sale will be handled separately by another vendor.
- Bingo Bash – Scheduled for February 11th. Rich Almeida is heading up this event again and Gina Kelly is handling the kitchen.
- Spring Fundraiser is scheduled for March 26th. The theme is Night at the Races. There will be no silent auction, live auction or classroom gifts. Neighborhood baskets will stay and a "Save the Date" flyer was approved for this week's envelope.
- Catholic Schools Date – January 30th is our open house. Slogan is A+ for America. Student Council will speak at masses. Penny Races and Pig Races during Student Appreciation Day – class wins dress down day.
- Lollipops for Love – Item was brought to the board by a parent who was concerned about hurt feelings this has caused some students in the past. Student Council and Administration are reviewing this item. A decision to continue this fundraiser will be announced in January.
- Student Council – Another issue raised by a parent. There was a question about a student's past demerit history and if that affects his/her service the following year. The 4th thru 7th grade positions are chosen by classmates or teacher. The 8th grade officer positions are based on grade point average, behavior and an essay they submit anonymously. The 4th grade thru 7th grade positions are filled without the knowledge of a student's demerit history. However, students have been removed from the council because of bad behavior after being selected to serve.
- Pep Rallies/Spirit Days – Administration is open to pep rallies before championship games and they are happy to make announcements regarding such games when informed of these events. Board representative will speak to CYO representative about communicating these events to Administration. The cheerleading coach would need to be available to assist the cheerleaders at the pep rally.

HOME & SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – January 5, 2011

- Mrs. Costello spoke with Tipping about the school pictures and they will offer a smaller package option to the parents on next year's form.
- Neumann Scholarship program funded by the Connelly Foundation – 15 students from Corpus will be taking the scholarship test. They are competing for four scholarships. Each scholarship is a fully paid scholarship to an archdiocesan high school.
- This year, 15 8th graders will attend the March for Life demonstration in DC.
- Materials for 2011/2012 new students will be mailed to the parents of our 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Mrs. Massi will include information about the pre-school. The 1/12 Wednesday envelope will include registration information for returning Corpus students.
- Mrs. Lafferty thanked the board and home room moms for their help with the classroom parties and teacher's gifts.
- Catholic Schools Week – events planned for the week include a spelling bee, bingo, mystery saint competition, a door decorating contest, select a student raffle for a DDD, penny races and pig races. Student Council will speak at masses a week prior to Catholic Schools Week.
- At this point, funds are a little ahead of last year.
- Catholic Schools Week - \$300 budget. Jean Van will handle hospitality part of event.
- Spring Fundraiser - Planning meeting is scheduled for January 11th. Rich reports that the liquor license letter is complete.
- General Home and School meeting scheduled for January 12th has been cancelled. Speaker cannot make the meeting. Speaker will be re-scheduled for the February meeting.
- Safe Environment training continued – Parents need to watch a short video to complete their safe environment training. If possible, H&S will include the video in the General meeting in February. Otherwise, a separate time will be scheduled for this viewing.
- 5th & 6th Grade Social – Theme is Winter Wonderland. Barb Hladik and Sandee Burnham are co-chairing.
- Bingo Bash – planning meeting will be scheduled for 1/12.
- Spring Book Fair – Scheduled for May 5th in the gym during school hours only. Teachers can preview the books on May 4th. Summer reading will be handled separately and a chairperson is needed for that committee. Summer reading form will be sent home on April 27th.

HOME & SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – February 16, 2011

- Mrs. Costello and Mrs. Lafferty are scheduled to visit the OCE (Office of Catholic Education).
- Terra Nova testing is scheduled for the first week of March. There will be no specials in the morning.
- The speaker has been finalized for the H&S meeting (Officer Lynch will speak on bullying).
- We are moving into Lent. Students in grades 3 and up will participate in the Stations of the Cross each Wednesday during Lent.
- D.A.R.E. program begins February 17th.
- Night at the Races – Ad sales are good, half of the horses have been sold and ticket sales have started.
- 5th & 6th Grade Social – The social went well. Next year would like to have DJ play more games with the students.
- Book Fair – Scheduled for May 9th in the gym. The theme of the fair is Carnival of Reading.
- Required Reading – These books will be ordered separate from the book fair and will be handled prior to the book fair.
- H&S General meeting – Nomination forms will be handed out for the open positions on the board. Current members who want to stay should re-nominate themselves. General elections will be held if more than one person is nominated for an open position.
- A suggestion was made to move the Christmas Bazaar items from the stage storage room to the shed. The shed needs to be cleaned out before we can move anything. We may need another shed depending on space available in current shed.
- Administration's proposed wish list for school:
 - Five classrooms with Smartboards with PCs
 - Microphone and mini receiver
 - New main computer in library
 - Some teachers would like accessories for their Smartboard
- Hot Dog Lunch Coordinator – Chair position is open for next year.

HOME & SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – March 16, 2011

- Mrs. Costello reports that enrollment for 2011-2012 is stable.
- Next year schedule will include two full days of professional development workshops for the teachers.
- A new microphone has been ordered for the gym.
- The tax ID and account problem has been straightened out with TD Bank. The old account has been closed. However, there are some outstanding checks that need to be followed up on before the account can be closed completely. Hope to have the account completely closed by May 1st.
- There may be a temporary lag in reimbursements.
- Spring Book Fair –The theme is Carnival of Books. The committee plans on involving the students in three carnival games the day before the book fair to build excitement for the fair. The teachers will be asked for a wish list.
- Required Reading – All lists have been submitted for the required reading. A flyer will go in the Wednesday envelope on April 13th and April 20th. All money will be due on April 29th. Books are scheduled to be distributed before Memorial Day weekend. Harleysville books will deliver the books and are giving us a discount.
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – There are 18 people attending at this point. Another flyer has been sent in the Wednesday envelope.
- Spring show – The spring show will be on April 13th and includes the 5th through 8th grade students. It takes the place of the Dr. Seuss show held each year. Performances will be held in the morning for the K-4th grade students and in the afternoon for the parents.
- 3rd & 4th Grade Social – Pizza Party theme. All is running on schedule and there are plenty of volunteers for this social.
- Night at the Races – The plans for the evening are running on schedule. As of this meeting, there was one horse left to buy. The volunteer flyer is going out today. Committee has the gym from Thursday after school through Sunday.
- Chaperones – A concern was raised about the number of chaperones needed for the 7th and 8th grade dances. It was determined that a minimum of seven chaperones are needed for each dance. Chaperones must have their clearances. If the committee does not have seven chaperones in place by the Thursday before the dance, the dance will be cancelled. The policy for the dances will be posted on the website. A note must be faxed to other schools prior to the dance that states “only those students attending those schools are permitted to attend Corpus Christi dances”.
- Currently there are four dances scheduled throughout the year. This will change to one dance per trimester for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Donor plaque in lobby – Name plates are falling off. Rich needs to discuss with Monsignor.
- Parent/Teacher Expo in Oaks – Amy attending this Expo and came back with some assembly ideas that could be used during Catholic Schools Week and other times. Also shared information about “Smart Tables” that could be used in the Kindergarten classes.
- Board positions – No responses as of this meeting. Note: The day after the board met, a submission was received for the position of President.

HOME & SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – April 11, 2011

- There are a lot of activities the next few weeks...3rd & 4th grade social, Donuts with dad, spring musical, Communion retreat, Communion, field trips and school visits.
- Next week the students will participate in a Lenten retreat. Each class will participate in its own way but it will be a time of quiet and reflection so the children can prepare for the events of Easter.
- Night at the Races fundraiser net a profit of @ \$11,700. The Administration and Board are discussing how best to use this money.
- Amy and Terry McKay have generously offered to store our tent and the wires in a safe place in their shed. This will ensure it stays in good condition and free up some much needed space in the H&S shed.
- The carnival themed Spring Book Fair will kick off with each class playing three carnival games for prizes the day before the book fair. Prizes are being supplied by Scholastic and some leftover prizes from the Christmas Bazaar.
- The information for ordering the required reading material for summer was sent home in the Wednesday envelope. Harleystown Books offers an option to order the material on-line. Parents are not required to order their books through Harleystown Books. This is being offered to parents only as a service of convenience. Parents are welcome to purchase the books elsewhere.
- Donuts with Dad – This event has plenty of volunteers and is on schedule for Thursday, April 14th.
- 3rd & 4th Grade Social – Pizza party theme – all is ready for this event scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2011.
- 7th & 8th Grade Dance – the dance is scheduled for May 6th and all is set for this event.
- Nominations for the open H&S board positions have been received. President – Kathleen Currie, VP – Mary O’Sullivan and Secretary – Katie Duffy. The Assistant Treasurer position is still open at this time.
- H&S Hot Dog Lunch program has two new chairpersons – Gloria Baker and Lisa Kelly.
- It has been reported that the North Penn hot lunch price will go from \$2.80 to \$3.30 for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Last general H&S meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st at 6:00

HOME & SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – May 11, 2011

- Wrapping up the school year with the band and strings concerts, class trips, May procession and field days.
- A presentation to Sister Ann will take place on Friday morning. She will be presented with the money raised from Funds for Nuns drive. Administration is happy to report the school will be giving a gift of approximately \$4,500.00.
- 7th & 8th grade dance went very well. The Administration was happy with the number of chaperones. The dance was well attended by our students and the students were well behaved.
- Spring Book Fair – The fair was a big hit. The students enjoyed the carnival theme and the games leading up to the fair. The teacher's wish lists were fulfilled using Scholastic dollars and the teachers were very happy with their stock of new books. We have a balance of Scholastic dollars remaining to spend on prizes and book fair supplies in the fall.
- Required Reading – Sales are complete. It was decided that the required reading will be handled separately again next year. The Board will re-evaluate the process next year to see if it is a valuable service to the parents. A Required Reading committee will be added to the volunteer form.
- Teacher/School Financial Support/Amount – The Board decided on how they would use the funds raised this year. It was decided the available money would be spent on the following items immediately: Microphone for gym, 10 new microscopes, rechargeable batteries and chargers and prep slides for microscopes, 3 Smart Tables, 32 Smart Response PE & 32 Smart Response XE Smart Board hand held devices, computer for library with appropriate memory capacity to accommodate the library's growth. It was decided to put money aside until final quotes can be obtained for a permanent mounted Smart Board for 2nd grade classroom and to host an Author's visit during Catholic Schools Week.
- Volunteer Event Sheet revision – A "Required Reading" committee will be added to the form along with some other additions and deletions. The revised form will be sent home in next week's Wednesday envelope.
- Junior National Honor Society – This club is primarily a community service oriented club based on grades. The Administration feels our school already offers a lot of opportunities to serve our community and feels there is no benefit to the school or the student to start a club at Corpus at this time.
- The Assistant Treasurer position has been filled for the next term.
- Next General H&S meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st. The time has been moved to 6:30 pm. It will be a very short meeting along with the raffle drawing.