

Recap Small Group Meetings

Thank you to the parents who provided valuable input and insights into the process of creating the all new Corpus Christi Academy. Here are many of the common themes that we heard over the course of last week's meetings:

Let's Go! Based on your feedback, we have accelerated the timeline for staffing the principal position and selecting the principal search committee. The principal position will be posted by the Diocese Education office as soon as possible, as well as beginning to select search committee members. Also, we have provided a Parent Input Questionnaire to all school parents to assist the principal search committee in hiring the best candidate and to help the principal delegate understand our shared values and hopes for our new Academy.

Parental Input. Since we announced the parental advisory committees at the Meet and Greet event on January 24, we have received strong interest in the different committees. At the small group meetings, we received clear input from the parents that two of these committees in particular, Marketing & Communications and Academic Programs & Activities, should be formed asap.

Marketing & Communications will be very important to help provide both ongoing communications to our school parents and to help promote our new school to new families. Your feedback was that our communications need to be more inspirational and paint a clearer picture of our new Academy.

To help paint that clearer picture, the Academic Programs and Activities committee will recommend "special" academic programs – math tracts, computer, art, music, language, library, etc. – for consideration by the principal designate and staff. As well, a slate of

extracurricular activities, such as drama, will be recommended.

It is our hope to activate these two committees in the next two weeks, with the other parent advisory committees to follow shortly thereafter.

When is "Go" a "Go"? We all understand the importance of getting in our enrollment registrations. The earlier we receive them, the quicker we can charge out of the starting blocks. Please get your registrations in as soon as possible. Since open enrollment began at Meet and Greet Sunday only ten days ago, we are already at 40% of our launch. With all registrations being due no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, February 12th, we are targeting a formal "Go" announcement no later than February 17.

Sustainability. Parents, especially parents of younger children, want to feel more confident in the long term sustainability of Corpus Christi Academy. The Diocese has many examples of successful school mergers, such as Lakewood Catholic Academy, Metro Catholic, Sts. Robert & William, and most recently St. Benedict. All of these schools have a positive trajectory to sustain well into the future. We believe that the financial model for Corpus Christi Academy is conservatively constructed to enable that long term success. More importantly, we believe that the strong, vibrant school parents of our parishes will be a strong key to our enduring success.

Pre-School/Pre-K. We heard strong acknowledgement of the importance of a robust Pre School program. Two themes surfaced during our meetings – (1) let's be opportunistic and, where possible, integrate our pre-school with the K-8 school community, and (2) consider other alternatives, such as a five day pre-K program, to attract more families.

Class Size. Both Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Clare schools have smaller class sizes today in certain grades. In the merged environment, class size increases are likely in some grades. Our school, like all schools, will balance between cost and ability to educate. Classroom aides will be added in the primary grades to provide support as class size grows. If enrollment warrants, a second class per grade will happily be added.

Facilities. We were asked near-term and future-term questions on facilities. In the near term, accommodating a larger library was a common request, which is being considered using currently available space. Long term, there were questions on future construction projects, such as an expanded gym or new cafeteria. Capital facility investments to maintain existing facilities are part of the five-year financial plan. While there are no large improvements planned for the upcoming year, the new board of trustees may choose to make improvements in future years.

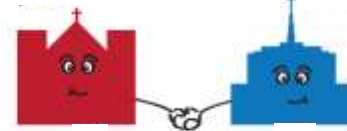
Other Topics. As you can imagine, many additional topics came up over the course of all these meetings. We had conversations on the sacraments, teachers, busing, auxiliary services, field trips, and more. Our intention will be to address these additional points in future Q&A.

We enjoyed the productive conversations on our new school, Corpus Christi Academy. Thank You for your input !

Enrollment Update

Over 100 students registered !

Over 40% of target !



**Register Now and accelerate
the launch of Corpus Christi Academy!**

CCA Activities Timeline

Week of Feb 1....

- Select Principal Search Committee members and begin interview planning. Post job on Diocese website as soon as possible
- Select Parent Advisory committee Chairs, especially Communications/Marketing and Academic
- Publish Chatters and Q&A regarding enrollment and topics from Small Group meetings
- Visits by Pre-School students to Corpus Christi Academy home

Week of Feb 8....

- Personal letters and phone calls to parents, encouraging enrollment and answer questions.
- Select other Committee Chairs and begin planning
- Publish Chatters and Q&A to keep everyone updated
- Final encouragement and push to enroll students by February 12

Week of Feb 15....

- Analyze enrollment and announce anticipated "Go" decision on Feb 17
- Continue Principal search process
- Continue marketing push to encourage new students to enroll
- Compile and summarize parent input regarding principal selection
- All parent committees actively meet to plan for future of the Academy