



CCA S.O.A.R.S.

Dear Families,

Corpus Christi Academy (CCA) is excited to roll out our new positive behavior intervention support (PBIS) program. PBIS is a school wide approach to recognizing and rewarding the positive choices our students make throughout the day. *Research has shown that the implementation of punishment, especially when it is used inconsistently and in the absence of other positive strategies, is ineffective. Introducing, modeling, and reinforcing positive social behavior is an important step of a student's educational experience. Teaching behavioral expectations and rewarding students for following them is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehavior to occur before responding. The purpose of school wide PBIS is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.*

This summer, we developed CCA S.O.A.R.S. (**S**erving **O**thers **A**s **R**espectful **S**tudents) as the school wide PBIS program. All faculty, staff, priests, and visitors will be encouraged to take an active role in recognizing students and classes throughout the school day. Each classroom has a visible S.O.A.R.S. space that includes a program description and a bingo board. Students who are observed demonstrating the S.O.A.R.S. motto will be given a badge. This badge will allow the student to choose a number from 1-100 out of a bag. That student will then mark off the number they choose on their class bingo board. The student will then be able to deliver their badge to Super Eddie's nest in the school office for an opportunity to win additional prizes. If an entire class is recognized, the teacher will then select students to choose five numbers to mark on the bingo board. When classes reach a bingo, they will vote on a class reward. Rewards will vary throughout the classrooms. Our goal was to develop an incentive program that would encourage CCA students to be soaring examples in their school and community.