



CORPUS CHRISTI ACADEMY

Lyndhurst, Ohio

End of Year Address — 2026

From the Desk of the Principal

With the Blessing of Fr. Estabrook

Dear Students, Families, Faculty, and Friends of Corpus Christi Academy,

What a magnificent year it has been. As we gather together at this close of the school year, our hearts are full — full of gratitude, full of faith, and full of pride in every single member of this community. Today, we pause to celebrate what we have accomplished together and to look with hope toward the summer ahead.

To Inspire. To Excel. To Serve.

These four words — our motto — are not simply something printed on a banner or spoken at assemblies. They are the living heartbeat of everything we do at Corpus Christi Academy. This year, you have inspired one another every single day. You have excelled in your classrooms, on the playing fields, in the arts, and in your acts of kindness. And you have served — your school, your families, your parish, and your God. That is something to be immensely proud of.

Our Three Root Beliefs

Everything we do at Corpus Christi Academy is rooted in three foundational beliefs that anchor us as a community of faith and learning.

1. Jesus is the Model. In all that we do — in how we treat each other, in how we work, in how we love — we look to Jesus as our ultimate example. His compassion, His courage, His service, and His mercy set the standard for how we walk through this world. This year, as in every year, we have strived to reflect that example in our daily

lives. As we close this chapter, let us carry that commitment with us into the summer months and beyond.

2. We Are All Learners. Learning does not stop when the school bell rings for the last time in June. Every student, every teacher, every parent, every administrator — we are all on a journey of growth. The summer is not a pause in that journey; it is a continuation of it. Whether you are reading a book on the porch, exploring nature, or working through Exact Path, you are learning. And so are we. We never stop growing, and that is a beautiful thing.

3. Communication and Collaboration Unite. This community is strong because we talk to one another, we listen to one another, and we work together. The relationships forged in these hallways — between student and teacher, between family and school, between neighbor and neighbor — are the fabric of who we are. Carry that spirit of togetherness with you this summer. Reach out. Connect. Uplift. The Corpus Christi spirit does not take a vacation.

The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

As we prepare to step into summer, I invite each of you to reflect on the gifts the Holy Spirit offers us — the nine fruits that nourish our souls and guide our actions. St. Paul names them for us in Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

This summer, I ask you to let these fruits bloom in your daily life. Show love to your family. Find joy in simple things — a sunset, a good meal shared, a laugh with a friend. Pursue peace in your home and in your heart. Practice patience when things do not go as planned. Choose kindness, even when it is not easy. Seek goodness in the world and in yourself. Be faithful to your prayer, your family, and your commitments. Walk with gentleness toward others and toward yourself.

And above all this summer — practice **self-control**. Self-control is one of the most powerful fruits of the Holy Spirit, and it is one that requires daily practice. As screens compete for your attention, as schedules become unstructured, and as the long days of summer invite ease, I encourage you to exercise the quiet discipline of self-control. Choose wisely what you watch, what you read, what you say, and how you spend your time. Be mindful of how you treat your body, your mind, and your spirit. Self-control is not about restriction — it is about freedom. It is the freedom to choose what is truly good. This summer, let it be your quiet superpower.

A Note on Exact Path: Keep Growing All Summer

Because we believe that we are all learners, and because we believe that growth never stops, I want to take a moment to speak directly to our students about Exact Path.

Exact Path is a wonderful, personalized learning tool designed just for you — meeting you exactly where you are in both math and reading. Over the summer, I am asking each of you to make time for Exact Path regularly. Just a few sessions each week will keep your skills sharp, fill in any gaps, and prepare you to come back in September stronger than ever.

To our families: please help make Exact Path a part of the summer routine. Think of it like practice for an athlete or scales for a musician — it does not take long, but the rewards are enormous. Your partnership in this is invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for it.

Students: your teachers believe in you. Your principal believes in you. And God has given you a remarkable mind — honor that gift this summer by using it.

A Summer Filled with Family, Faith, and Rest

Summer is a sacred season in its own right. It is a time to slow down, to breathe deeply, and to remember what matters most. Please, cherish this time with your families. Put down the devices, sit around the table, take a walk, play a game, and simply be present with the people you love. These are the moments that will stay with you far longer than anything else.

Please take care of yourselves and one another. Stay safe in the sun, near the water, and on the roads. Look out for your neighbors. Be a good friend. Check in on those who may be lonely or struggling. That is the Corpus Christi way.

Make time for prayer. Even a short, quiet moment each morning — "Lord, guide my day" — can change everything. God is with you every step of this summer, in every adventure, every quiet afternoon, every new experience.

And when September 1st arrives — and it will come quickly, I promise you — I want you to walk through these doors rested, rejuvenated, and reinvigorated. I want your eyes bright, your hearts open, and your spirits ready. I want you to come back excited for what lies ahead, because what lies ahead is extraordinary.

To our graduates moving on to the next chapter: you carry Corpus Christi Academy in your hearts wherever you go. The lessons you have learned here — about faith, about excellence, about service — these will never leave you. We are so very proud of you.

To our returning students: we cannot wait to see who you will become. The best is still ahead.

To our extraordinary faculty and staff: your dedication, your patience, your love for these children is a true gift from God. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for everything you pour into this mission every single day.

And to our incredible families: thank you for trusting us with your most precious gifts. Thank you for your partnership, your support, your prayers, and your presence. Corpus Christi Academy is what it is because of you.

To inspire. To excel. To serve. This is who we are. This is what we do. And by the grace of God, this is who we will continue to be.

On behalf of Fr. Estabrook and the entire Corpus Christi Academy family — have a safe, blessed, and beautiful summer. We will see you on September 1st.

In faith and gratitude,

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