



# CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter. The events of February 14th at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida have left many of us shaken. As a community, we must keep the victims and families of this terrible tragedy in our prayers and send our strength to Florida. Events like this give us a grave reminder of the importance of school safety and have us questioning how we can better provide safe environments for our students.

My top priority is the safety of our students, teachers and staff. As many of you know, we have been working and collaborating with the NYPD to revise our lockdown procedures and update our safety measures. We will be continuing these efforts throughout the year. In the next few weeks, I will be releasing the dates of our upcoming lockdown drills. The police MAY will be present during these drills and you will be notified prior to these dates so there is no confusion or miscommunication regarding the police presence at the school.

As part of the Archdiocese's effort to further improve our school safety practices, the Office of the Superintendent has partnered in recent months with local law enforcement and Fire/EMS agencies, including the NYPD and FDNY, and private security professionals to develop a comprehensive Safety & Security Training Program for our schools. This program will help ensure our school communities are prepared to respond to the ever-evolving security challenges facing schools across the nation. As a part of this effort, there will be a safety training for the entire faculty and staff. **This training will require our school to be closed on March 26th.** This includes UPK. This decision to close was a direct request from the Office of the Superintendent. We just received the date. I do understand closing school creates challenges for families. Safety is always our main priority.

I will keep you updated as we work on these increased measures.

Thank you,

Matthew Bull  
Principal