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May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. ~ I Thessalonians 5:23-24

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Administrator's News

Amy Carmichael was born in 1867 to a family in Northern Ireland, but she is best known for her life-long work in India. Amy began her missionary work in Japan and China, but then moved to India where a life-changing event occurred in 1901. A little five-year-old girl, named Pearl Eyes, was brought to her by an Indian woman. The child had been sold by her mother to the temple. Twice she had run away only to be caught, carried back, beaten, and branded. Finally, as she was running away again, she met a Christian woman in the marketplace who brought her to Amy. Amy gathered the child up into her lap, picked up a rag doll and gave it to the child to play with. It was then that she really truly understood the evil of the temple practice. Little Pearl Eyes talked freely as she played with the doll. She told Amy of her life in the temple. Amy never forgot that day nor the child's story and this was the beginning of her rescue of these children who had been dedicated to the temple gods. This incident led to the founding of the Dohnavur Fellowship where over the next 50 years of Amy's life, thousands of temple children were rescued.

Amy tells the story. "One day we took the children to see a goldsmith refine gold after the ancient manner of the East. He was sitting beside his little charcoal fire. In the red glow lay a common curved roof tile; another tile covered it like a lid. This was the crucible. In it was the medicine made of



salt, tamarind fruit and burnt brick dust, and imbedded in it was the gold. The medicine does its appointed work on the gold, "then the fire eats it," and the goldsmith lifts the gold out with a pair of tongs, lets it cool, rubs it between his fingers, and if not satisfied puts it back again in fresh medicine. This time he

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blows the fire hotter than it was before, and each time he puts the gold into the crucible, the heat of the fire is increased. It could not bear it so hot at first, but it can bear it now; what would have destroyed it then helps it now. "How do you know when the gold is purified?" we asked him, and he answered, "When I can see my face in the liquid gold in the crucible, then it is pure."

Amy concludes, "I think God wants to make me pure gold, so He is burning out the dross, teaching me the meaning of the fire, the burnt offering, the death of the self-part of me."

The Lord desires the very same for each one of us that we live a holy and pure life- for His glory! A life that reflects the face of our Creator and Redeemer.

Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright. Proverbs 20:11

Excerpt taken from Gold Cord (1932) by Amy Carmichael 

JANUARY CALENDAR

8	HS Missions Trip Meeting, 7:00 PM	14	Elem Chapel, Mrs. Schrag	21	School Board Meeting, MS/HS Campus, 6 PM
8	MS/HS Chapel, Tammy Steele (Girls) Joe Harder (Guys)	15	MS/HS Chapel, Brad Zuck, Brookside Church	22	MS/HS Chapel, Rich Rudd
9	Grades sent home	19	No School, Martin Luther King Day	28	Elem Chapel, Darwin Brown First Baptist Church , Glenwood
12	8 th Grade Science Fair, MS campus, 7 PM	20	Beyond the Bell – Cowboy Dave	29	MS/HS Chapel Reid Milliken, Calvary Christian Church
12	Family Night Out, Fazoli's, 5-8 PM	21	Elem Chapel, Ryan Brons, Beautiful Savior Church		
13, 15	Mini Cheerleader Clinic K-3 rd grade, 3:30 -5:00 PM				




Hot Lunch Menu

Jan.7 – Pizza

Jan. 14 – Chick-fil-A

Jan. 21 – Hamburgers

Jan. 28 – Chicken Fried Rice



Events & Info



2015 – 2016 REGISTRATION

Student registration for next school year will begin in February. Packets will be sent home with your student. CCS will open registration to the community on March 13th, so please have all registration forms to the office as soon as possible to reserve your student's place for next year. We do have a waiting list from community members for the upcoming school year.



Family Night Out
Monday, January 12th,
Fazoli's in Bellevue



Mini Cheerleader Clinic
Kindergarten – 5th grade
Jan. 13 & 15
at the Elementary Campus

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 6:00 p.m.
at our MS/HS campus
16405 Clay Street, Bellevue, NE
Parents are invited to attend.

New CCS Board Member –

We are pleased to announce the newest CCS school board member, George Schuler. George and his wife, Jami, have three children at the elementary campus and a younger daughter at home. George is employed with Boyd Jones in Omaha and attends LifeSpring Church, Bellevue. We are blessed by this addition to the school board!



Absences and Tardies –

If your child will be absent or more than 15 minutes late for school, please notify the office before 9 a.m. Class begins at 8:15 a.m. for Middle & High School and 8:30 a.m. for K – 5. If your child is late you will need to sign him/her in at the office before they are able to go to class. This prevents unnecessary phone calls from us inquiring if he/she is home ill. Notices will be sent home from the office for students who have excessive absences. Thank you for your help!

Inclement Weather –

School snow days and school closings will be announced on television stations KMTV (Channel 3), WOWT (Channel 6), and KETV (Channel 7.). Cornerstone Christian School follows the Bellevue Public School District in the closing of school due to inclement weather and icy roads. Whenever the weather is questionable, tune in to one of these stations.



Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF)

January 13th at 7:00 p.m.

As CCS has grown over the last several years, our needs as an organization have continued to grow and change as well. It is the perfect time to ask what our families would like to see happening at CCS. We have already started doing some benchmarking of similar organizations to see where others are having success.

What can you do for the students at CCS?

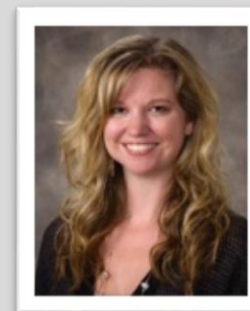
We are looking for parents who would like to get together to help brainstorm and plan a new and energized Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF) which will include a wide range of things like a book fair, room parent organization, volunteer coordination, grant writing, etc.

If you have ideas you would like to submit or are interested in the PTF, please contact Ann Thrasher via e-mail at Ann-TLC@doodedoo.com.



Mrs. Lisa Deese

When you call the elementary campus, Mrs. Lisa Deese’s voice is likely the first one you hear. She serves our school as a receptionist. Mrs. Deese has been with Cornerstone for five years. Prior to working at Cornerstone, she worked at Lifegate Church as an administrative assistant. Before that she enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom. Mrs. Deese splits her time between both campuses, but is primarily at the elementary campus. Besides taking phone calls, Mrs. Deese keeps track of admissions and inquiries, attendance, registration, maintains the hot lunch/milk database and helps sick kiddos. She enjoys her job at Cornerstone and loves that no day is ever the same!



Mrs. Deese has 3 daughters who all attend Cornerstone. Abby is a sophomore in high school, Julia is in 8th grade and Olivia is in 4th grade. Her husband works as a systems analyst at First Data.

Fun Tidbit – Mrs. Deese had dual citizenship for her first 18 years of life and enjoyed living in Germany for 3 years while her husband was on active duty in the Air Force.

Favorite Bible Verse – Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”



“Find the Snowmen” Contest –

How many snowmen are in this issue of the Cornerstone Chronicle? The contest is open to parents of Cornerstone students. One entry per family, please. One contest winner will be drawn from all of the correct entries. Be sure to state your name and the number of snowmen you find. Submit your entry by the January 13th deadline. The contest winner will be announced in the next issue of the Chronicle and the winner will receive a gift card. [Click here](#) to enter the contest or send your entry to rsprunger@ccsnebraska.org.



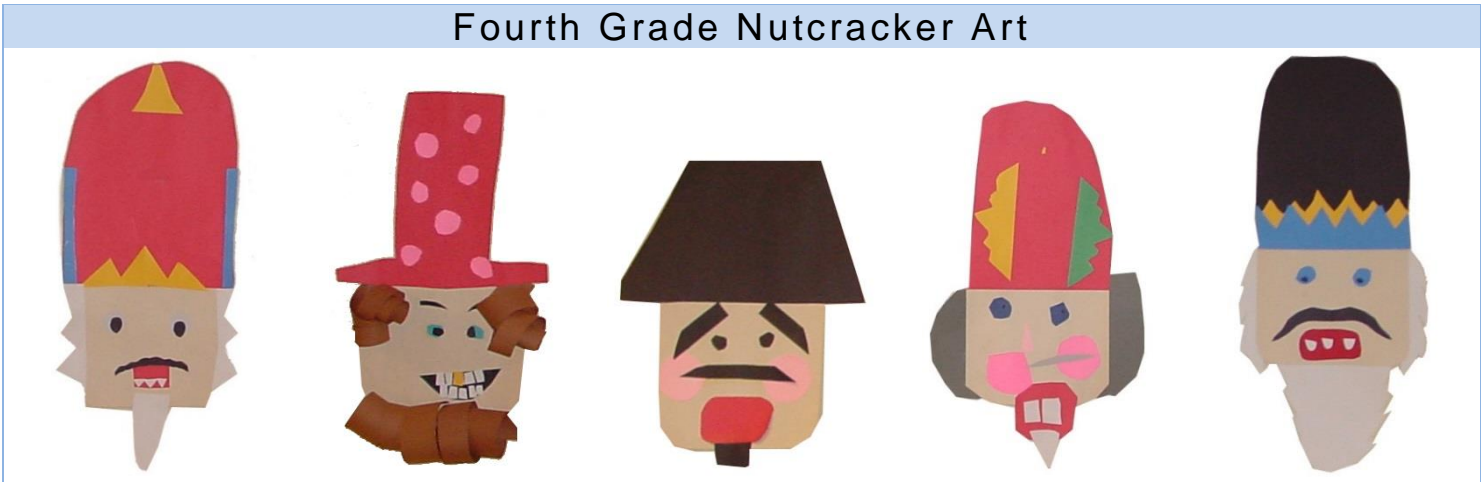
Pastors Luncheon -

On Thursday, January 22 at 12 p.m., pastors from over 65 churches representing the CCS student body have been invited to a luncheon. We are truly blessed by the prayer of these leaders for our students and the Lord’s work at CCS!

Cornerstone Dress Code Reminder –

Jeans with holes that show either skin or undergarments are not permitted in our dress code. Jeans with frays, but no skin or undergarments showing are permitted. If your student chooses to come to school out of dress code, a phone call will be made requesting a different set of clothes and if you are unable to bring anything, your student will be given a P.E. uniform to be worn for the day. Our goal is to set a professional tone so that learning can take place during the school day.

Fourth Grade Nutcracker Art



Missions

Each spring semester, the Cornerstone high school students take a missions trip. For the past several years, we have divided into two teams, one to Haiti and the other to serve locally. This year, we are taking the entire high school to Minneapolis to serve at Engage Global, February 12-15. Please be in prayer for our students and staff as they serve the Asian communities with Engage Global. The trip will cost \$200 per student and prayer and financial support is needed.

Currently almost 3 billion people living in over 7,000 people groups are beyond access to the gospel. A majority of these unreached peoples are found in the 10/40 window, a stronghold of five major world religions; Tribal Animist, Hindus, Unreligious, Muslims, Buddhists (T.H.U.M.B.).

Plan: During EXPLORE trips, teams will learn of God’s heart for the nations through His word, explore the THUMB communities and discover ways to get involved in reaching the nations.

Purpose: To cultivate a passion for God’s global glory.

Product: Engage Global desires that those who leave after an EXPLORE trip will take steps to align themselves with God’s global agenda.

Read more about this ministry at <http://engageglobal.net>.



Dear Mrs. Schrag,
I want to tell you again what an enjoyable time I had with you and all the staff and students at Cornerstone Christian School. Thank you so much for making it possible for me to come and share about the Persecuted Church. I felt a real connection with the students and trust what I shared will produce real and lasting fruit in their lives.
Thank you, too, for taking time to share with me the vision the Lord has given to you for the school. How honored we are to be a part of discipling young lives in His name! A blessed Christmas to you and your family!
Sincerely,
Hugh Smith

CORNERSTONE BASKETBALL TEAMS – 2014/2015			
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL	MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL	7 TH & 8 TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL	6 TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL
Joel Bartels	Rachael Atwood	Ethan Haeder	Hayes Anderson
Peter Frazee	Zoe Barkley	Ezra Hemsworth	Nathan Barnard
Marcus Hilding	Reagan Boex	Christian Maas	Aaron Bullie
Lane Kieser	Aliah Clarke	Gabriel Poppen	William Dennis
Garrett Poppen	Mathia Haizlip	Nathan Schrag	Tristan Jenkins
Aaron Schrag	Grace Hartley	Kaden Skarda	Rheece May
Michael Sorensen	Ada Kustka	Jordan Strong	Daniel Rice
William Stevens	Alayna Kustka	Ryan Vilter	Trevor Starling
	Carissa Linse	John Voner	Ty Thrasher
	Rachel Smith	Carl Young	Reese Velasquez
	Brianna White		Jack Wegner

Staff Spotlight

Mr. Joshua Kozak



We are pleased to have Mr. Joshua Kozak at Cornerstone for the third year. He teaches high school history courses including Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, European Art History and Contemporary Issues & Global Affairs. Mr. Kozak is also the National Honor Society (NHS) Advisor and our 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

Josh's family includes 3 siblings – two brothers who are army majors currently serving in Iraq & Afghanistan and a sister living in South Carolina. He is the proud uncle to 6 nieces and nephews.

Joshua graduated from Papillion-La Vista High School where he played varsity soccer and was the sports editor for the school newspaper.

He holds a B.S. in Secondary Education with a History Endorsement and a major in Biblical Studies from Grace University.



Mr. Kozak's students especially like his ties and bow ties and say that he is creative.

Fun tidbits – Mr. Kozak is left handed. He was born in England to a military family. He spent the summer of 2013 hiking across Spain. His personal record for juggling a soccer ball in the air before it touches the ground is 1,077.

Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 16:9 *"We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps."*