

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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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

By Mr. Jon Hood, Assistant Principal

How big is our God? How strong is our God? We say He is strong and nothing can hold Him back. Why? What feats of His strength have we observed? I have read about the parting of the Red Sea; but I did not see it. I have read about Lazarus coming back to life, but I did not observe it. During the high school mission trip God reminded me of His power.

On the second day of our trip, we visited a Hindu Temple. This was not a museum or some historical landmark. This was a working temple with 20 idols set up and people worshipping. The Spiritual darkness was strong. However, our Lord reminded us that He is stronger!

On our visit, we witnessed several young kids being dedicated into the Hindu faith. This was very upsetting and God was using it to break our hearts. These young souls had no idea what they were being pushed into. Several team members were overcome with emotion at the sadness of the events. God was moving in our hearts.

However, God wanted to continue showing us His power. Inside this house of idol worship, He began working in the heart of one of our students. This particular student had not fully given his life to Christ. Inside of a Hindu temple, where people were bowing down to a false god – we had a student dedicate his life to Christ!

How strong is God? Strong enough to get through to a high school student among the Hindu chants and prayers. Not even a place dedicated to idols can stop our Lord from doing His work. If he wants to break our hearts, he can! If He wants to turn our hearts towards Him, he can! That is power.

Psalm 18:31

*For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?*



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## March Calendar

<p><b>4</b> Elem Chapel, Jenny Barnard, Calvary Christian Church</p> <p><b>5</b> MS/HS Chapel, Micah Eldridge, Lifegate Church</p> <p><b>6</b> Kindergarten Open House @ 1:30 PM <b>Noon Dismissal for Kindergarten</b></p> <p><b>6</b> Third Quarter Ends</p> <p><b>9</b> PTF Meeting Walk-a-thon Kick-off, 7 PM @TLC</p> <p><b>11</b> Elem Chapel, Jackie Weiss, Child Evangelism Fellowship</p> <p><b>12</b> MS/HS Chapel, Jessica Songster (Girls) Joe Harder (Boys)</p> <p><b>12</b> Volunteer Brunch</p> <p><b>13</b> Grades sent home</p>	<p><b>14</b> Winterguard Performance @ Burke High School</p> <p><b>16</b> School Board Meeting, 6 PM @ the MS/HS</p> <p><b>16</b> Family Night Out – Jimmy Johns – Twin Creek 5-8 PM</p> <p><b>18</b> Elem Chapel, Kenneth Ring, Living Faith Church of the Nazarene</p> <p><b>19</b> MS/HS Chapel, Ryan Brons, Beautiful Savior Church</p> <p><b>21</b> HS Track Meet @ Nebraska Wesleyan, 10 AM (indoor meet)</p> <p><b>22</b> Drama Club Tech &amp; Blocking Rehearsal, 2-4 @ Christ the King Lutheran Church</p> <p><b>23</b> No SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service</p>	<p><b>25</b> Elem Chapel, TBA</p> <p><b>26</b> MS/HS Chapel – Kelly Deases</p> <p><b>27</b> HS Track Meet @ Conestoga High School, 1 PM</p> <p><b>28</b> Winterguard Championship @ Bellevue West, Time TBA</p> <p><b>29</b> Drama Club Dress Rehearsal, 2-4 PM @ Christ the King Lutheran Church</p> <p><b>30</b> Drama Club Performance, 7 PM @ Christ the King Lutheran Church</p>
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### Hot Lunch Menu

- Mar 4 – Pizza
- Mar 11 – Chick-fil-A
- Mar 18 – Hamburgers
- Mar 25 – Chicken Fried Rice



## Events & Info

**CCS would like to thank** our Winter coaches for their hard work and dedication to our school and teams. Our coaches train our student-athletes with a Biblical emphasis, not only to help them on the court, but to become Godly men and women. We are blessed to have great coaches with Godly character who invest their time to our students. Thank you!

- Middle School Girls Basketball: Ethan McClain
- 6th Grade Boys Basketball: Joshua Kozak
- 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball: Brett Dotzler
- High School Boys Basketball: Jon Hood
- Cheerleading: Alyssa Dennis
- Winterguard: Mark Lambert

## Save the Date



### CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL High School Graduation

Sunday, May 24  
3:00 p.m.  
Lifegate Church,  
Papillion, NE

## Congratulations



### ACSI Spelling Bee Contestants

#### Third Grade

Luke Iverson – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Samuel Shuler – 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Fourth Grade

Nathanael Atwood – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Logan Baardson – 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Fifth Grade

Lucas Hemsworth – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Claire Quinn – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(advancing to Regionals)

#### Sixth Grade

Hayes Anderson – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Jack Wegner – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(advancing to Regionals)

#### Seventh Grade

Ethan Haeder – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ryan Vilter – 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Eighth Grade

Rhema Anaya – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jessica Evans – 6<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to Jenny Barnard  
for helping to judge this event!

**February Chronicle  
Contest Winner**



Thank you for all the entries for our February Chronicle contest. **Congratulations to our winner – Ted Atwood.** Enjoy your gift card!

**Carpool Note**

We are growing in attendance as is shown in how long our carpool line is. We cannot stress enough how **important it is to be courteous and careful** when dropping students off in the morning and picking students up in the afternoon. Morning drop off is single lane only and pick up is two lanes.

**Elementary campus only:** If you choose to walk-in and pick up your child, please **do not** park in the parking lot adjacent to the building. You may park in the parking lot by the playground. We are also asking parents to pull into the parking lot coming in to the plaza from the east side. If you normally enter from Maass Road, please drive around the circle to get in line. We not only watch for the safety of our students, but we also desire for parents to be safe as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CCS Family Night Out**

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 8 PM

**Jimmy John's**

4115 Twin Creek Dr. Bellevue, NE

**Don't miss it!**



**School Board Meeting**

Monday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m.

at our MS/HS campus

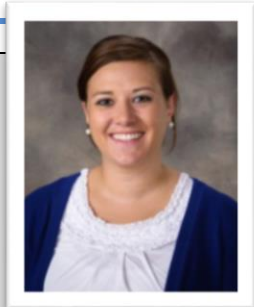
16405 Clay Street. Bellevue, NE

Parents are invited to attend.



**Mrs. Kendra Williams**

Mrs. Williams is a much loved kindergarten teacher at Cornerstone Christian School. She has been teaching for 5 years with 4 of those years at Cornerstone. She holds a BA in Elementary Education from Grace University and a MS in Literacy from Concordia University.



Kendra and her husband, Willie, have been married for 8 years. He is the Athletic Director, men's basketball coach and a professor at Grace University. They have two sons - Tre and Carter. The oldest will come to CCS for kindergarten next year. They will welcome their 3<sup>rd</sup> son this April.

The Williams family spends a lot of time in the Grace gym watching and playing basketball. It's one of their family's favorite places to be.

**Favorite Bible Verse:**

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."* Psalm 121:1 & 2



### Mark Your Calendar for the CCS Fireworks Stand

**June 25 - July 4, 2015**

We appreciate all the volunteers who make this such a wonderful fundraiser. All proceeds go towards the CCS tuition assistance fund!



### Drama Club Performance



**The American Revolution: 1763-1789**  
by Ron Fink & John Heath

March 30, 7:00 PM

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
7303 S. 42nd St., Bellevue NE



Please note –  
Spring Program  
change of date!

CCS Spring Program  
will be at Salem Baptist  
on **APRIL 24**



### Did you know...

archived copies of the Chronicle  
are available on the  
Cornerstone Christian School website?

<http://cornerstonechristianschool.org/newsletters>



### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CCS Walk-a-thon

The Cornerstone Christian School Annual Walk-a-thon will be **May 1, 2015**. The Walk-a-thon includes a walk and a carnival for our students. This fund-raiser is important to the financial well-being of our school. Tuition covers about three-fourths of school expenses and the fund-raisers supplement the needed funds. We need 100% participation by our families and we are currently beginning to organize the committees needed to bring success. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact the school office at (402) 292-1030. Also, please begin praying that this event will bring honor and glory to the Lord in all that we do.

#### Important Dates for the Walk-a-thon

Monday, March 9 - Kick-off

- MS/HS at 9:00
- Elementary at 2:20
- Parents at 7:00

Date	Elementary	Middle School / High School
Monday, March 9	Best BLUE Day Show your school Spirit	Blue Day
Tuesday, March 24	Medieval/Renaissance Day Dress like a princess, queen, king or knight	Career Day
Friday, April 10	Superhero Day – Pep Rally Dress like your favorite superhero or make up a new one	Favorite Team Day
Thursday, April 23	Space Day – Pep Rally Dress like an alien, astronaut, a planet or your favorite outer space character	International Day

### Friday, May 1 Walk-A-Thon



### Mrs. Renee Hanson



Mrs. Renee Hanson is a favorite teacher at our middle school. She teaches English and History. She has been in education for 25 years and at Cornerstone for 10 years. The USAF brought her family to Nebraska years ago; from the central valley of California. She and her husband have a son in Washington, DC, and two daughters in Omaha. They also have two adorable grandchildren and are looking forward to the arrival of a third grandchild this summer. They also have two cats.

Mrs. Hanson loves teaching middle school and feels very blessed to be where she is!

**Fun Tidbit:** Mrs. Hanson's family was invited to the Oval Office to meet President George W. Bush - he kissed her cheek! She was also thrilled to unexpectedly meet former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. She walked the streets of London the day Prince William was born and heard the church bells ringing - that was exciting. She has been quite the Anglophile ever since as a third grader her teacher was an English exchange teacher from London.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*



### We are proud of you, Natalie



You have been designated an Outstanding Spokesperson for Freedom and received the Voice of Democracy Certificate of Merit in recognition of excellence in the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

**WINTERGUARD COMPETITION**



Mar 14<sup>th</sup> at Burke  
Mar 28<sup>th</sup> Championships

**Middle School Ministry Project**

Our middle school students and their families participated in a ministry opportunity in February to bless the Hope Center in North Omaha. Several large boxes of "backpack food" were collected - snacks/meals in small portions that the Hope Center could tuck into the backpacks of the youths to whom they minister. We are so thankful for the generous response of our students to this need in our community.



**Kindergarten  
Konnection**

Kindergarten Konnection is Friday, March 6. Current Kindergarten students will be dismissed at **noon** to allow for the teachers to prepare for Kindergarten Konnection. There will be no lunch for them that day. Dismissal will be the same as regular dismissal. Mrs. Cloward and Mrs. Williams will escort your student to your car. Enjoy the afternoon with your Kindergarten!

Kindergarten Konnection is Friday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. It will be held in the Heritage Sanctuary on the upper level of T!LC. Parents will spend time with Mrs. Schrag learning about what to expect in Kindergarten, as well as have an opportunity to ask questions. The "Kindergartners will join Mrs. Cloward and Mrs. Williams and their "helpers" Mrs. Vilter and Mrs. Hesse for "class". Students will join their parents upstairs for a time of refreshments in the Missions room (lunchroom).

**Children's Scholarship Fund  
2015-2016**

Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha (CSF) believes that all families, regardless of income should be able to choose the best educational setting for their children. The mission of CSF is to provide partial- tuition scholarships so children from low-income families can access the private or parochial K-8 education of their choice. By providing scholarship assistance during the time a child's educational foundation is being established, CSF believes that it is helping prepare children for continued success.

Scholarships are awarded based on income and drawn through a lottery system. Families awarded the scholarship for the duration of their student's educational career. An application was sent home with your student the last week of February. You may also download an application by visiting [www.csfomaha.org/scholarships](http://www.csfomaha.org/scholarships). Applications are **due to the CCS office by Friday, April 24.**

**CCS High School Track Schedule**

Coaches: Mr. Hood and Mr. Doetzler

Date	Location	Time
Saturday, March 21nd	Nebraska Wesleyan	10 am
Friday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Conestoga	1 pm
Tuesday, April 14th	Lewistown High School	9:30 am
Tuesday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Conference Track Meet	1 pm
Tuesday, May 5th	Cedar Bluffs	9 am
Friday, May 8th	Lourdes Central Catholic	9 am
Wednesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> (Districts)	TBA	TBA
Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Saturday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> (State)	Burke High School	TBA

**CCS Middle School Track Schedule**

Coaches: Mr. Harder and Ms. Berg

Date	Location	Time
Saturday, March 28nd	Skutt	8 am Boys and Girls
Saturday, April 11th	Blackburn	Boys 8 am Girls 11 am
Saturday, April 18th	Millard West	Girls 8 am Boys 11 am
Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Gross	Boys 8 am Girls 11 am
Saturday, May 2nd	Gross	Girls 8 am Boys 11 am
Saturday, May 9th	Burke (Supermeet)	Boys 8 am Girls 11 am

