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*How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! Psalm 119:9-10 ESV*

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Administrator's News

At Cornerstone Christian School, discipleship is not just a program added to the curriculum. Discipleship is at the very core of who we are. It is a responsibility taken up by teachers in the classroom, students in the hallways, coaches at games and practices, families at special events, and administrators in how the school is managed and operated. Discipleship cannot be separated into an add-on program, because it permeates everything we do. Our interest is in helping students become true disciples of Christ — not just people who have a Christian worldview.

While we believe that discipleship happens in every area of our school, there are specific programs created at CCS to help facilitate this kind of transformation. Our goal is for every person — faculty, staff, student, board member, administrator, coach, etc. — to be actively disciplined in some way. At CCS, we want our students to chase Jesus.

Imagine a school where a student is motivated to do his or her very best in response to his or her love for God. Whether it is in academics, athletics, or fine arts, a student's primary focus would be to commit all of his or her might to

doing the best that he or she can as a means of expressing love for God. Take academics for example, because students realize and believe that their minds are more than just storage for information, they become life-long learners of truth. Academics become more than transcripts for successful completion of high school and a necessity for entrance to college. In this discipleship environment, the mind is not "checked-at-the-door" for ignorant and naïve religious indoctrination, but rather clear and well-developed wisdom and knowledge are looked upon as an achievement in expressing gratitude to the provider of all Truth.

Interwoven into this relentless pursuit of excellence is a heartfelt passion for our fellow man. As a means of expressing their love for God, students welcome and seize the opportunities to meet the needs of others. Upon completion of high school, students have had the

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opportunity to reach out and touch lives locally, nationally, and internationally. Imagine what it would be like if students were able to begin to shift the focus from “What does this world have to offer me?” to “What do I have to offer this world?” What if students entered the world after graduation better knowing what gifts and talents they possess and how they could possibly offer these in their careers?

What if students began to capture and integrate this passion for discipleship and the Truth of God’s Word to the point in which they too felt the need to make sure those who follow them know the magnitude of traveling this path of life? Would the lives of students in such a school be different? What would their impact on the world be? If this is possible, could this not bridge the gap of what Jesus taught discipleship to be and what it has become? With this in mind, “Come, follow me” (Mark 1:17) takes back its original meaning. This is your student’s potential at Cornerstone Christian School.

(Written with themes taken from *Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation* by James K.A. Smith)



CALENDAR

- 7 Elem Chapel, Bryan Rice, Christ the King Lutheran Church
- 8 MS/HS Chapel, Luke Isaacson, All Nations Church
- 9 First Quarter Ends
- 12 Family Night Out, Lansky’s, 5-8PM
- 14 Elem Chapel – Brad Knorr, King of Kings Church
- 15-16 No School, Teacher In-service

- 19 Skate Party, Skate City, (Bellevue) 6-8 PM
- 20 Beyond the Bell, (K-5), Hip Hop Dance
- 21 Elem Chapel – Ryan Brons, Beautiful Savior Church
- 22 No School, Parent/Teacher Conf., 2-7PM

- 23 No School, Teacher Work Day
- 28 Elem Chapel – Harold Rice
- 29 MS/HS Chapel – Ryan Brons, Beautiful Savior Church

November

- 10 School Board Meeting, 6 PM

Hot Lunch Menu

- Oct 7 – Pizza
- Oct 14 – Chick-fil-a
- Oct 21 – Runza Hamburgers
- Oct 28 – Arby’s Roast Beef Sandwich



Events & Info

Student Absence or Tardy Reminder

Parents, please contact the school office by 9:00 AM to confirm an absence or tardy for your child.

- Elementary Office: **402.292.1030**
- Middle/High School Office: **402.291.2260**

Parents of elementary and middle school students, please come in to the office to sign your child in when they arrive late to school.

High school students may sign themselves in.

Communicate pre-arranged absences at least three days prior to the time of the absence if advance assignments are expected.

Refer to the Student Handbook for a more complete explanation of the attendance policy.



CCS FAMILY NIGHT OUT

3909 Twin Creek Drive Bellevue, NE
Monday, October 12th, 5:00-8:00PM.

See you there!

November

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:00 PM
at our MS/HS campus
16405 Clay Street, Bellevue, NE

Parents are invited to attend.

~ CCS Skating Event ~



Skate City
Bellevue
Monday,
October 19th
6:00 – 8:00 PM.
Don't miss it.

Meals Ministry


This ministry provides meals to families who may have an extended illness or have experienced a loss of a loved one within their family. If you are interested in serving on this team, please call the school office. Thank you!

Welcome, Jeanine Craig!

Jeanine is a recent addition to the Cornerstone piano department, and is also serving as the first and second grade para professional.

Scrip

Scrip cards are gift cards that can be purchased at school with a percentage of the sales goes towards our school. Orders will be placed once a week and order forms are due in the office of both campuses by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. We also have scrip cards available for purchase at the elementary campus to No Frills, Hy-Vee and Bakers. Stop by the elementary campus to purchase them.



Thanksgiving Meal Lunch

Our tradition has been to serve a Thanksgiving meal for lunch the Wednesday prior to the week of Thanksgiving. All students will be served a meal and one milk. We also have a menu for students with special dietary needs. Keep an eye out for information on how you can participate in this much anticipated meal!

Mark your calendar for our Christmas Programs

Elementary Program
 Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.
 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Middle & High School Program
 Friday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.
 St. Paul's Methodist Church




Parent – Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 22, 2:00 – 7:00 PM, at both campuses.

Please be conscientious of your time with our student’s teachers. If you would like to discuss a concern further, please schedule an appointment with the teacher by calling the office or sending an email.


Grades K – 5 Conferences will be held in 15 minutes increments at the **Elementary campus**.
 You may sign up for conferences through Sign-up Genius by clicking on the button below.
 Mrs. Yost - Music and Mrs. Hespe - Art will be available to visit with parents from 4 – 7.
 Mr. Renfro – PE will be available from 2-4 at the elementary campus & 4:30 – 7 at the MHS campus.

Grades 6 – 12 Conferences will be at the **MS/HS campus**.
 Conferences are on a first come, first served basis and are held in five minutes increments.
No appointment is necessary.

 SIGN UP!

Order Ahead of Time

Please make changes or additions to your child’s hot lunch order by the Thursday prior to the Wednesday hot lunch meal. Thank you.

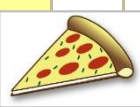


CORNESTONE TRIVIA

What is the favorite hot lunch pizza for...?

- Elementary students?
- Middle & High School student?

(Answers on page 6)



Quiz Bowl

Cornerstone is proud to announce the addition of Quiz Bowl to our extracurricular activities. Quiz Bowl is a competition for middle school and high school students in which two teams face off in order to answer the most questions correctly. The questions are academic falling into Math, Science, History, and Literature categories. Tournaments will be held in the Omaha and Lincoln area. If your student is interested in being part of the Quiz Bowl team, please contact Coach Sam Bookless – sbookless@ccsnebraska.org . We look forward to having our first Quiz Bowl season!



Middle School Retreat

The Middle School Retreat on Friday, September 4, was a day to focus on growing in our relationship with the Lord and with each other. The middle school students spent the day at Camp of the Good Shepherd and enjoyed a time of worship with Miss Berg and two devotionals by Mr. Hood. He spoke of the importance of the Truth of the Lord and not filling our lives with other “truths” that turn out to not be from the Lord. He encouraged the students to “chase Jesus”. We are grateful for all the parents who helped transport the students to the camp and all the great snacks.



Spirit Week

Cornerstone middle & high school students and staff enjoyed a week of exceptional school spirit in September.

Each day was an opportunity to come to school dressed a little differently.

Monday students dressed in blue for our school colors.

Tuesday was Hawaiian day.

Wednesday they wore patriotic Red White & Blue.

Thursday was Movie Character Day.

Friday each class dressed in their own pre-chosen class color.

Can you identify the movie characters in the picture to the left?

(Check your answers on page 6)



Red, White & Blue Day



Mrs. Amy Pfortmiller



Mrs. Amy Pfortmiller is known at Cornerstone to have a great sense of humor. She is a much loved 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Pfortmiller has been teaching since December of 2012 and this is her 4th year at Cornerstone. She graduated from Grace University with an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education. She is currently completing her graduate work at Grace in Elementary Education with an emphasis on ELL Curriculum and Assessments.

Amy and her husband have three sons. They retired three years ago from the Air Force and have lived here for 8 years.

Fun Tidbit: Amy enjoys drinking coffee, writing poetry, and going for hikes. The family loves to go on vacation to new places, and their favorite place is Florida and snorkeling off of the Keys.

Favorite Scripture verse: *For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."*

Romans 15:3 NASB



Made in God's Image art work by Mrs. Pfortmiller's Class



CCS Trivia Answers
 Elementary favorite pizza = cheese
 MS/HS favorite pizza = pepperoni