

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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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

by Mrs. Schrag

My time of prayer for our Cornerstone students often ends with this theme—may we bring the Lord glory and honor in our day. But what am I truly asking for? Is this request even one that is reasonable? One that is possible? Again and again in Scripture, we see the Lord's call for us to live holy lives, to live lives that bring Him glory and we can understand that the Lord does not ask of us what He is incapable of producing in your lives. So how should we live in order to bring God glory and honor?

**A. We should live holy lives. HOLY LIVES SHOW FORTH HIS GLORY.** The only way we can show forth His glory is to live our lives worthy of His calling. Philippians 2:15-16 tells us *“that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.”* How will this world ever know of the power of God to change men's lives if God's people fail to live holy lives which show forth His glory? We must not only proclaim Christ but live holy and pure lives demonstrating God's glory.

**B. We should live humble lives. HUMBLE LIVES SHOW FORTH HIS GLORY.** Not only do *holy* lives show forth His glory, but also *humble* lives! In Isaiah 43:21, God says, *“This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.”* When God saves us, He expects us to give our lives totally to Him. Forgiven souls are humble souls. We cannot forget that we owe all that we are and hope for to God's amazing grace, and this keeps us humble.

*With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. II Thessalonians 1:11-12*

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**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

4	Elem Chapel, Kenneth Ring, Living Faith Church of the Nazrene	10	School Board Meeting, 6 PM @ MS/HS	16	Introduction to High School Meeting for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders & parents, 7 PM @ MS/HS
5	MS/HS Chapel, Mike Ballard, Lifegate Church	11	Elem Chapel – Jenny Barnard, Calvary Christian Church	18	Elem Chapel – Hugh Smith, Voice of the Martyrs
6	Midterm	12	MS/HS Chapel – Matthew Anderson, Waypoint Church	25-27	No School, Thanksgiving Break
10	Beyond the Bell (K-5), Animal Habitats	13	Midterm grades sent home		
10	Family Night Out, Panera Bread, Bellevue, 4-8PM	13	PTF Movie Night, 7 PM @ MS/HS campus		

**Hot Lunch Menu**

- Nov 4 – Pizza
- Nov 11 – Chick-fil-a

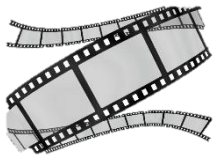
**Nov 18 –Thanksgiving Meal Lunch**



**Events & Info**

**CCS Double Feature  
Movie Night**

by Joya Kinney, PTF Fun Committee



Join us on Friday, **November 13<sup>th</sup>** (please note date change) at the CCS Middle School gym for a fun movie night. Bring pillows and blankets to get comfy, and enjoy our concessions stand while you watch the movies. There will be a short intermission in between features for anyone who doesn't want to attend both movies.

FIRST FEATURE

6:00 PM

**“Inside Out”**

94 minutes

SECOND FEATURE

8:00 PM

**Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope**

121 minutes

**CCS FAMILY NIGHT OUT**



Tuesday, November 10, 4-8 PM

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.

**Skating Party** by Karen Baardson, PTF Fun Committee

We had a great turnout for our October Skate Night with 116 skaters. It was so fun to see the mix of abilities. Some kids/adults were zipping through the crowd and others were clinging to the wall taking it a few inches at a time. At one point there was a giant herd of inexperienced skaters slowly tripping their way around the oval together. I didn't see anyone that wasn't having a good time.

We played several games - red light/green light, limbo, and a game with a giant dice. They also turned off the main lights several times and let us skate with just the colored and black lights.

**Mark your calendars for our next Skate Night -  
Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm.**



Get Ready! The CCS Scrip Shoppe opened on October 26, 2015. Keep your eyes open for the order form to be sent to you by hard and electronic copy. We are excited for what the Lord has in store for this program! Kari Curry is our coordinator for the Scrip program this year. This year funds raised will be designated towards new playground equipment and upkeep.

**What is scrip?**

Scrip is a no-selling program that allows families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). This is done through everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks and credit cards. CCS purchases gift cards from Great Lakes Scrip at a reduced price. Gift cards are purchased from CCS at face value. CCS receives an instant rebate from your purchases. You are fundraising for CCS just by using scrip cards for your normal weekly purchase. These purchases could easily raise \$500 or more per year, with no extra cost to you!

**Let's make this personal.**

We have about 195 families at CCS. For the purposes of this example we will assume that we as a school love Starbucks, I (Michele) am personally a Scooter person but I'll flow with this. If each family purchased one \$25 scrip card scrip once a month for nine months, we would have spent \$43,875. The rebate for Starbucks is usually 7%. This means, by stopping for a cup of Joe at Starbucks, something many of us do, we raised **\$3,071.25** for CCS at no extra cost or effort.

**But wait!** As with any informational ad, there is a bonus. Starbucks scrip cards are one of the many cards available through Great Lakes Scrip that are reloadable. You can go online to [glscrip.com](http://glscrip.com) and reload most cards from the comforts of your home. It is the gift that truly keeps giving!

Would you join us in the decision to make at least one scrip purchase a month? It doesn't have to be \$25.00, it could be \$10.00. As with anything, every little bit adds up! Thanks for your support!



**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.



Cornerstone Christian School opened its doors for the first time in 1984.

- How many students were enrolled in 1984?
- What grades were offered the first year?
- How many students are currently enrolled at CCS?
- What grades are offered today?

(Answers on page 4)

**Medication Information** – According to the Nebraska State Medication Act and school policy, written parental permission is required for any medication given at school, including non-prescription medication such as Tylenol, etc. All Medication must be in original container or prescription bottle.

If your child needs to take any medication while at school for longer than one week, or carries an inhaler at school, parental permission and a physician's signature is required to be on file at the school office. A medication permission form is available at the office. If you have any questions, please call the office as 402.292.1030.

<h1>Thank You Students</h1>	<b>Total collected this school year</b>	<b>2015 Chapel Missions Projects</b>
	<b>\$311.67</b>	Elementary chapel offering supports Shalom Home an orphanage in Rajahmundry, India.
	<b>\$82.38</b>	Middle/High School chapel offering is used to purchase chicken coops & chickens for an orphanage in Haiti.



**Cross Country**

Mr. Hood reports that the high school cross country team had 6 boys and 1 girl compete in the district meet. This was the first year ever for girls cross country at Cornerstone. All seven athletes improved their time by minutes throughout the year. In fact, at the district meet every runner ran their fastest time of the season. All six boys and the one girl return next year.

Photos courtesy of Mrs. Guerry

**CCS Christmas Programs – Coming Soon!**



Elementary Program: Tuesday, Dec 8, 7 PM  
@ Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Middle/High School Program: Friday, December 11, 7 PM  
@ St. Paul's Methodist Church



**CCS Trivia Answers**

- 1984 enrollment – 10 students
- Grades offered in 1984 – K-2
- 2015 enrollment – 296 students
- Grades offered today – K-12



**Pumpkin Day –**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes of Mrs. Burkett & Mrs. Pfortmiller were up to their elbows in pumpkins as they had fun estimating how many seeds are in a pumpkin.





**Mrs. Sara Bookless**



**Mr. Samuel Bookless**



THE BOOKLESS BOOKENDS!

After high school Sara did an internship in children's ministry and missions then served in Lithuania on a mission's team for 6 months. There she taught English, helped lead a daycare, and interacted/lead Bible studies with the local church. When she returned to North America she earned an associate's degree in counseling from Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Then she transferred to Grace University and completed her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in English as a Second Language and Biblical Studies.

Sara worked for Bellevue Public Schools for a year before beginning her teaching career at Cornerstone this Fall as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

Sara has 2 brothers – Ben, her twin, and Jeff. Her Mom, Dad and Stepmom live in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Sam Bookless began his college career with a 1 year program in Biblical studies at Prairie Bible Institute. Then he transferred to Grace University in Omaha. He graduated in 2011 with a Secondary Education Mathematics degree and Biblical Studies.

Mr. Bookless joined the Cornerstone Christian School faculty in December 2014 teaching high school Algebra, Calculus and Personal Finance.



Sam has 2 older brothers, Michael & Daniel living in Canada and Portland. His parents live in Hillsboro, KS. They are all dual citizens – Canadian and American!

Sam and Sara met and dated while in high school. They continued dating long distance while Sara was overseas doing missions work for the next year and a half. The couple got engaged in February 2012 while both were students at Grace University and married in June. They made a life commitment that they were "Willing to stay, but ready to go" in terms of God's call on their lives.



Working for Cornerstone has been a moment where they have had to say, they are 'willing to stay' as they have had desires of doing missions work overseas or moving closer to Sam's brothers. They believe the Lord has totally blessed them by working at Cornerstone in giving them awesome administration to work under and friends to work alongside. They admit that this year has been extremely difficult with two first year teachers under one roof, but they are excited to finally be living their dreams together!

**Fun Tidbit:** The Bookless couple run a not-so-little online Book business (through Amazon: *Bookless2Be*), which now overtakes their basement. It's a fun hobby that they enjoy together, but also helped them in becoming debt free shortly after college! They say, It has been fun to watch it evolve over the years, since they first started it out of the trunk of their car.

**Favorite Bible Verses:**

Sara - "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

Sam - "We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps." Proverbs 16:9