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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

The Christmas season is filled with special memories- stringing the twinkling lights on a fresh Christmas tree, baking delicious treats to share with friends and neighbors, and selecting that perfect gift for a child. It is also a time of wonderful music; music that transports us to the humble manger or the starry fields of Bethlehem. One beautiful hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful" beckons us to come adore the baby, Christ the Lord.

But when was the last time that you truly pondered this call to adore the Lord? We rarely use this word in our conversations. We might say that we love or admire someone, but what does it mean to truly adore Christ? Webster's dictionary gives a understandable definition, "To adore means to worship or honor as deity and to regard with loving admiration and devotion. Does this define our love for the Lord Jesus Christ? Do we worship, honor, and adore the Lord?"

In the 1300's A.D., a devoted saint wrote a book, *The Cloud of Unknowing*, calling us to a life of devotion. He writes, "Oh God, fix my heart so I may perfectly love Thee and worthily praise Thee." This beautiful prayer is a call to adore the Lord. May this be the prayer of your heart this season. May God fix our hearts to perfectly love, praise, and adore Christ!

O Come All Ye Faithful

Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye,

O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him,

Born the King of Angels;

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord.

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| 2 | Elem Chapel, Carolyn Fast | 11 | MS/HS Christmas Program, 7 PM @ St. Paul's Methodist Church | 17-18 | High School Finals |
| 3 | MS/HS Chapel, Sam Melara | 14 | Beyond the Bell (3-5), Crafting with Mrs. Clarahan | 18 | 2 nd Quarter Ends |
| 7 | Beyond the Bell (K-2), Crafting with Mrs. Clarahan | 14 | School Board Meeting, 6 PM, @ MS/HS | 18 | Classroom Christmas Parties (K-5) |
| 8 | Elem. Christmas Program, 7 PM @ Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church | 15 | Family Night Out, Culvers, Bellevue, 5-8PM | 21 | No School, Christmas Break Begins |
| 9 | Elem Chapel, Drew Severson | 16 | Elem Chapel – Christmas Chapel | Jan 4 | School resumes |
| 10 | MS/HS Chapel, Mr. John Hunsberger, Lifegate Church | | | | |

Hot Lunch Menu

- Dec 2 – Pizza
- Dec 9 – Chick-fil-a
- Dec 16 – Runza Hamburgers



Events & Info

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 the 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 (292-1030).

**JOIN US FOR OUR
CCS FAMILY NIGHT OUT**



Tuesday, December 15, 5-8 PM

**December
School Board Meeting**

Monday, Dec. 14 at 6:00 PM
at our MS/HS campus
16405 Clay Street, Bellevue, NE

Parents are invited to attend.

Lost & Found

Is your child missing a jacket, gloves, water bottle or other item?

Have him or her check the lost and found box. You may be surprised what will be found.

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.



[Click this link for the Cornerstone Facebook page.](#)

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL

is scheduled for Dec. 12, 9:00 AM
at Lewis & Clark Middle School.



We are pleased to announce that we raised \$174.00 for the Skate Night!

Mark your calendars for our next Skate Night on Tuesday, January 19th, 6-8pm.

Cornerstone Christmas Programs



Elementary Program

Tuesday, Dec 8, 7 PM
@ Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
7706 S 96th St, La Vista, NE 68128



Middle/High School Program

Friday, December 11, 7 PM
@ St. Paul's Methodist Church
324 S Jackson St, Papillion, NE 68046



Jesus is the
Reason for the Season



B-r-r-r-r, its cold outside...
time to snuggle up with a good book.
Here are some recommendations from
Cornerstone teachers and staff.

Mrs. Baxter, Receptionist - *Counter Culture* by David Platt & *Gods at War* by Kyle Idleman. Great books!

Mrs. Bookless, 5th grade teacher - *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate & *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

Mrs. Deese, Admissions Assistant - *For the Love* by Jen Hatmaker & *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

Mrs. Goodsell, 5th grade teacher - *Hudson Taylor* is a book our fifth graders are currently reading. It is a wonderful book!

Mrs. Clarahan, Librarian - For adults, *Rules of Murder* (The Drew Farthering Mysteries) by Juliana Deering
For teens & young adults, *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness* (The Wingfeather Saga Series) by Andrew Peterson.
For children, *Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo.

Mrs. Pfortmiller, 2nd grade teacher - We like the classics in 2nd grade: *Bambi (extended version)*, *Black Beauty*, *Trumpet of the Swan*, *Charlotte's Webb*, *Stewart Little*, *The Wind in the Willows*, *The Black Stallion*.

Ms. Lexi Dick, 3rd grade teacher – For 3rd graders: *The One and Only Ivan* by K.A. Applegate. For Adults: *The Bridge* by Karen Kingsbury.

Mrs. Sprunger, Office Support Specialist – *Gifted Hands* by Dr. Ben Carson.

Mrs. Kinney, CCS Bookkeeper - Because I have little kiddos our favorite is *Click, Clack, Peep*. It's a super fun book. We always wrap up reading time with our favorite devotional *The Bible for Little Eye* by Kenneth N Taylor.

Mrs. Hemsworth, A.D. Assistant - *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio

Mrs. Woods, Kindergarten teacher - *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (a great bedtime read aloud!) *A is for Adam: The Gospel from Genesis* by Ken Ham, *Waiting is Not Easy!* by Mo Willems, & *Martha Doesn't Say Sorry* by Samantha Berger

Everyone Won with Our Penny War!

By Joya Kinney, PTF Committee



That is a lot of pennies!

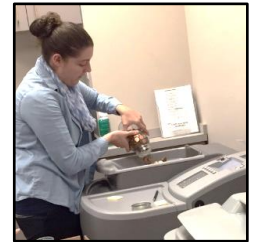
We collected:

- 14,953 Pennies
- 1,275 Nickels
- 1,991 Dimes
- 1,152 Quarters
- 1 Silver Dollar
- 64 \$1 Bills
- 1 \$2 Bill
- 1 \$5 Bill
- 1 \$20 Bill

Totaling \$781.38!!!



Let me back up a little. This summer CCS said goodbye to our fellow students Caleb, Rebekah and Sara Harder, as their family was called to the mission field in Lithuania. We miss seeing them in class every day and we wanted them to know that we are thinking and praying for them. So, we decided to send them a Christmas package. The Kindergarten through 5th grade had a 4 day challenge called the Penny War! Each grade had a designated jar and their goal was to fill their jar up with pennies and the other grade's jars up with silver coins. Pennies were positive points and silver coins negative points. We had so much fun! Coming down to the wire, the Kindergarten classes sneaked in to take first place followed closely by the very plucky 3rd graders. Overall, there was tremendous participation by all the grades, demonstrating fierce competitiveness and generous hearts. We are thrilled to bless the Harder's with new Cougar wear and some of their most missed treats from the US. If you would like to add a note, letter, Christmas card, or picture for the Harder's, please bring them to school on Thursday, December 10th.



Taking it to the bank.



Missions

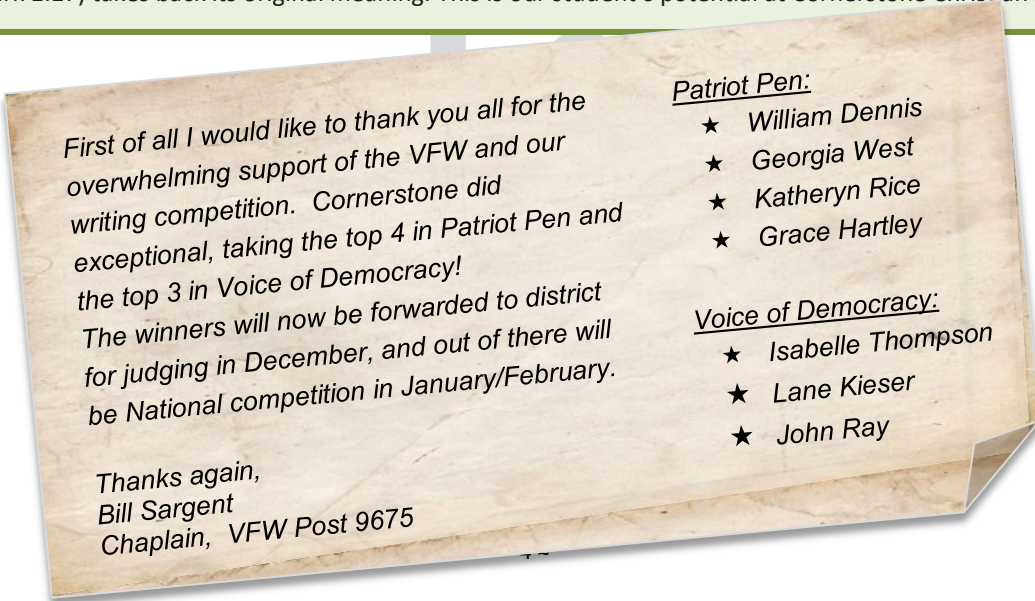
High school Missions Trips- February 25- March 1, 2016

Camp Calvin Crest, Fremont, Nebraska and Hope Village in Port au Prince, Haiti

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.

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. With this in mind, “Come, follow me” (Mark 1:17) takes back its original meaning. This is our student’s potential at Cornerstone Christian School.





Mrs. Cami Hughes



Les presento a Señora Cami Hughes, nuestra maestra de español.
 (Translation: *I present to you all Mrs. Cami Hughes, our Spanish teacher.*)

Mrs. Cami Hughes has been teaching our high school students Spanish for the last two years. Her students explore the Spanish language and culture in the classroom and through various field trips.

Mrs. Hughes earned her Bachelor of Science in Spanish Education from UNL and her Master's in Language Teaching from UNO. She also has a K-12 ESL endorsement. As an undergraduate, she studied in Queretaro, Mexico, where she taught an English test preparation course.

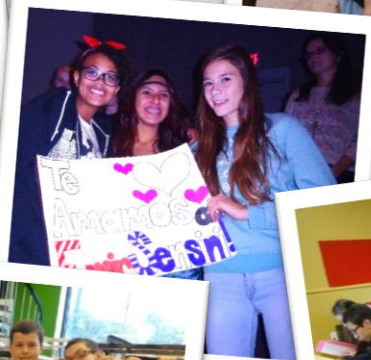
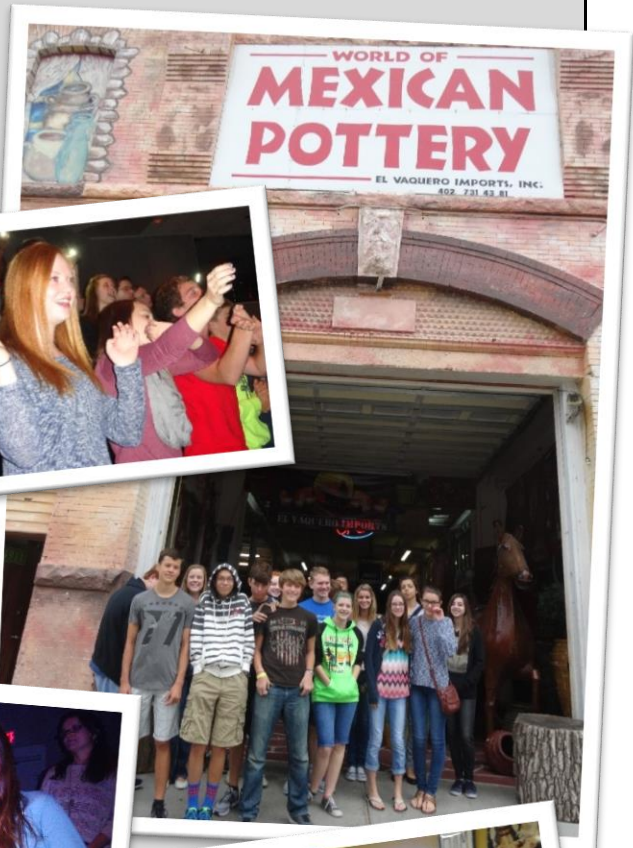
She taught Spanish for three years before her children were born, then stayed home until they were in school.

Cami has been married to her high school sweetheart, Neal, for 16 years. They have two children: Ashton, 11 years old and Lily, 9 years old.

When she's not at Cornerstone, she spends time with her family - riding bikes, traveling, camping, watching movies, and baking together. She also likes to spend time with her parents and sister who all live in the area.

Fun Tidbit: Cami was born and raised in the Papillion area. After college she and her husband moved with the Air Force to Florida, Oklahoma, Texas and South Carolina in a matter of 21 months.

Favorite Bible Verses: *You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*
 Matthew 5:14-16.





Middle School Girls Basketball Schedule 2015-16

	Opposing Team	Location	Date	Day	Time
Cornerstone Christian School	Holy Name	St. Thomas More	Dec 5	Saturday	12:30 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Christ the King	Christ the King	Dec 19	Saturday	12:15 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Holy Name	Holy Name	Jan 9	Saturday	10:50 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	Lifegate Christian	Our Lady of Lourdes	Jan 16	Saturday	10:10 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	Christ the King	Holy Spirit	Jan 23	Saturday	10:10 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	Lifegate Christian	Holy Ghost	Jan 26	Tuesday	7:30 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Brownell Talbot	Holy Name	Jan 30	Saturday	10:50 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	Omaha Christian Academy	St. Bernard	Feb 6	Saturday	11:20 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	Brownell Talbot	Brownell Talbot	Feb 12	Friday	6:40 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Omaha Christian Academy	St. Pius Leo	Feb 20	Saturday	10:50 AM



7th Grade Boys Basketball Schedule 2015-16

	Opposing Team	Location	Date	Day	Time
Cornerstone Christian School	Mary Our Queen	St. Thomas More 3515 S. 48th Street	Dec 5	Saturday	11:20 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Columbkille	St. Bernard 3601 N 65th St.	Dec 12	Saturday	10:10 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Paul Lutheran	St. Bernard 3601 N 65th St.	Dec 19	Saturday	11:20 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Pius Leo	St. Pius Leo 6905 Blondo St.	Jan 9	Saturday	10:50 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Robert	St. Robert East	Jan 16	Saturday	9:10 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	Boystown	Boystown Wegner	Jan 21	Thursday	6:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Stephen	Our lady of Lourdes 2110 S. 32nd Ave.	Jan 29	Friday	6:40 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Concordia Jr.	Our lady of Lourdes 2110 S. 32nd Ave.	Feb 13	Saturday	12:30 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	OHS Lightning	Our lady of Lourdes 2110 S. 32nd Ave.	Feb 20	Saturday	11:20 AM



8th Grade Boys Basketball Schedule 2015-16

	Opposing Team	Location	Date	Day	Time
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Robert	St. Cecilia 3869 Webster St.	Dec 5	Saturday	12:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Concordia Jr.	Holy Spirit 520 South 18th Street, Plattsmouth	Dec 12	Saturday	1:40 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Vincent	St. Vincent 14330 Eagle Run Drive	Dec 19	Saturday	12:40 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Wenceslaus	St. Stephen	Jan 9	Saturday	1:10 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Concordia Jr.	St. Thomas More 3515 S. 48th Street	Jan 16	Saturday	11:20 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	Brownell Talbot	St. Albert High School	Jan 23	Saturday	12:30 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Wenceslaus	St. Wenceslaus	Jan 30	Saturday	12:40 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Robert	St. Robert East	Feb 4	Thursday	7:50 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	St. Vincent	Holy Spirit 520 South 18th Street, Plattsmouth	Feb 13	Saturday	10:10 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	Brownell Talbot	Brownell Talbot 400 N. Happy Hollow Blvd	Feb 16	Tuesday	5:30 PM



High School Girls Basketball Schedule 2015-16

	Opposing Team	Location	Date	Day	Time
Cornerstone Christian School	College View Academy	5240 Calvert St. Lincoln NE 68506	Dec 5	Saturday	6:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Parkview Christian School (home)	104 East High Street Murray, NE	Jan 5	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Nebraska Lutheran (JV game)	203 Kendall St. Waco, NE	Jan 11	Monday	6:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Whiting High School (home)	104 East High Street Murray, NE	Jan 29	Friday	6:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Cedar Bluffs High School	110 E. Main St. Cedar Bluffs, NE	Feb 8	Monday	6:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Omaha Christian Academy (home)	104 East High Street Murray, NE	Feb 9	Tuesday	6:00 PM



High School Boys Basketball Schedule 2015-16

	Opposing Team	Location	Date	Day	Time
Cornerstone Christian School	College View Academy	5240 Calvert St. Lincoln NE 68506	Dec 5	Saturday	7:30 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Brownell-Talbot	400 N. Happy Hollow Blvd. Omaha	Dec 8	Tuesday	7:45 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Lincoln Lutheran (JV game)	1100 N. 56th Street Lincoln, NE 68504	Dec 19	Saturday	10:00 AM
Cornerstone Christian School	Parkview Christian School	104 East High Street Murray, NE	Jan 5	Tuesday	7:45 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Conestoga High School	8404 42nd Street Murray, NE	Jan 9	Saturday	2:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Mead High School (JV game)	114 N. Vine Street Mead, NE	Jan 15	Friday	7:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Frontier Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament		Jan 23, 25, 26, 28		
Cornerstone Christian School	Whiting High School	104 East High Street Murray, NE	Jan 29	Friday	7:45 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Nebraska Lutheran	203 Kendall St. Waco, NE	Feb 2	Tuesday	6:30 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Cedar Bluffs High School (JV game)	110 E. Main St. Cedar Bluffs, NE	Feb 8	Monday	7:30 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Omaha Christian Academy	104 East High Street Murray, NE	Feb 9	Tuesday	7:45 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Weeping Water	204 W. O Street Weeping Water, NE	Feb 15	Monday	7:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Lewiston High School	104 East High Street Murray, NE	Feb 19	Friday	7:00 PM
Cornerstone Christian School	Sub District Tournament		Feb 22- 25		

