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For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5 ESV

Administrator's News

By Mrs. Schrag, CCS Superintendent

The conquest of the Promised Land was nearing completion seven years after the children of Israel had crossed the Jordan River with Joshua and Caleb. Battles had been fought, cities were being settled, and land allotments had been established. The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh were preparing to cross back over the Jordan to their land on the east side of the river. They had left their land and families to help the other tribes conquer the land and now they are returning. Joshua gathers them and gives them his parting instructions and words.

"You have done all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and you have obeyed me in everything I commanded. For a long time now—to this very day—you have not deserted your fellow Israelites but have carried out the mission the LORD your God gave you. Now that the LORD your God has given them rest as he promised, return to your homes in the land that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan. But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." Joshua 22:2-5

His instruction to them had five parts, to keep God's laws, to love the Lord, to walk in obedience, to hold fast to Him and to serve Him wholeheartedly. These instructions are vital to our own walk as believers, but recently the phrase that has caught my attention is his instruction to hold fast to the Lord. This idea of holding fast is easy for us

to understand. If we slip on an icy sidewalk, we reach out to snatch the hand of a friend nearby. If you are falling off a cliff and we are able to grasp on to a shrub, we would cling to it. But what about the Lord? Are we holding fast to Him? Are we clinging to Him? Or is our hold weak and momentary? Do we take His hand when we have fear, but release it as the fear subsides? Do we only cling to Him in the darkness of a trial and let go as the path brightens and widens?

The apostle Paul had a similar instruction for the church of Thessalonica. *So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. II Thessalonians 2:15*

My prayer is that we heed the instructions and truth of God's Word, that we hold fast to the Lord and His teachings and that our response is echoed in the psalmist's words,

Be gracious to me and teach me your law. I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws. I will hold fast to your statutes, LORD. Psalm 119:29-31 Amen and Amen.



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November

3	HS Chapel, Mark Dommel	14	Family Night Out, Culver's in Bellevue, 5-9 PM	18	Pancake Feed - Senior Missions Trip Fundraiser, 6-8 PM
7	PTF Meeting, 7 PM @ Pre-K-MS Campus	15	MS Chapel, Mark Dommel	22	MS Chapel, Hugh Smith Voice of the Martyrs
8	MS Chapel - Prayer Chapel	15	School Board Meeting, 6 PM @ Pre-K-MS Campus	23-25	No School - Thanksgiving Break
9	Elem Chapel, Hugh Smith, Voice of the Martyrs	16	Elem Chapel, TBA	29	MS Chapel, Teri Lynn Schrag
10	HS Chapel, Hugh Smith, Voice of the Martyrs	16	Thanksgiving Meal	23-25	No School - Thanksgiving Break
11	Mid-term	17	HS Chapel, Chris Clinchard, Assemblies of God World Missions	30	Elem Chapel, Peter Baye, King of Kings Church
11	PTF Movie Night @ Pre-K-MS Campus	17	High School Orientation, 7 PM @ the HS campus		
14-18	CCS Book Fair @ Pre-K-MS Campus	18	Mid-term grades sent home		

Events & Info

PTF Meeting

Monday, Nov. 7
7:00 pm
Pre-K - 8th Campus

November School Board Meeting

November 15, 6PM
@ the Pre-K-MS campus
Parents are invited to attend



CCS Book Fair

Nov. 11th - 18th
Pre-K - 8th Campus
Don't miss it.

PTF Movie Night

Friday, Nov. 11th
at the Pre-K - 8th Campus



Senior Missions Trip Fundraiser



Pancake Feeeeeeeeeed

with the Pancake Man
Friday, November 18th, 6 - 8 PM
Pre-K - 8th Campus



Join us for Moms in Prayer

Wednesdays, 8:30 - 9:30am in the Prayer Room at the Pre-K - 8th Campus



For more information contact: Debbie Pedersen, 402-238-6858 or Laurie Schmaus, 402-881-7986

High School Orientation - an introduction to the CCS High School program. The event is for both parents and students. The focus of the evening will be for upcoming freshmen, but all middle school families are invited to attend.

When: Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: High School campus, 16405 Clay Street, Bellevue, NE 68123

RSVP by November 14 to the school office (402)291-2260 or (402)292-1030

 <p>Self-portrait by Julia D.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Self Portraits</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This is a selection of the artwork created by students in Mr. Kozak's high school Art History class.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Can you identify the students?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(see page 4 for more)</p>	 <p>Self-portrait by Dillian D.</p>
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Cornerstone Christian School is a non-denominational school dedicated to bringing the Lord honor and glory in every aspect of our school. We are blessed to have families in attendance at many local churches and appreciate the support of these churches. We have CCS families that represent the following churches:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adat Hatikvah Tzion Avery Presbyterian Beautiful Savior Lutheran Bellevue Christian Center Brookside Church Calvary Chapel West Omaha Calvary Christian Church Candlewood Church Christ Community Church Christ Lutheran Church Christ the King Lutheran Church City Light Church Common Ground Church Community Bible Church Cross Point Bible Church Eagle Heights Church Emmaus Bible Church First Baptist Church - Glenwood First Baptist Church – Plattsmouth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Christian Church First City Church First Lutheran Church Glad Tidings Grace Baptist Church Grace Bible Church Harvest Community King of Kings Lutheran Church Kingsway Christian Church Life Church Lifegate Church LifeSpring Church Living Faith Church of the Nazarene Messiah Reformed New City Church New Life New Life Baptist Church Offutt AFB Chapel Omaha Chinese Christian Church | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Omaha Christian Center Omaha Vineyard Christian Fellowship One Life Church Overland Hills Church Plattsmouth Bible Church Prairie Lane Christian Reformed Reality Church South Ridge Church Southview Bible Church Southwest Church of Christ St. Mary Thanksgiving Lutheran Church TKC Word of Life Nation Twin Valley Church Waypoint Church West Omaha Baptist Church Wildwood Christian Church |
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Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
 Hebrews 10:23-25





Mrs. Lisa Binko



Mrs. Lisa Binko has been a Cornerstone Christian School teacher for 18 years. She taught 4th grade full time for 15 years at CCS. For the last 3 years, she has been teaching 4th grade in the morning with a co-teacher teaching in the afternoon. Before coming to Cornerstone, Mrs. Binko taught at Central Christian School. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and an endorsement in Early Childhood from Kearney State University.



With her vivacious personality, Mrs. Binko is the perfect person to be our Drama club sponsor. This is her fifth year meeting every Wednesday after school with the drama club students. She says, "I am very excited about this year's production...it is still under wraps!" Mark your calendars for a delightful drama production on March 27, 2017. Lisa's two children, Ariel and Josh, both attended CCS. The delight of Lisa's life is her three-year-old granddaughter, Ellie. Ellie lives in Papillion, so Lisa gets to see her often.

In her free time, Lisa enjoys reading, cooking, and watching the Huskers win!

Fun Tidbits:

Something special about this year is that Mrs. Binko is teaching a 2nd generation student! She taught the mother of current 4th grade student, Payton, at Central Christian many years ago. Wow!

Favorite Scripture verse:

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." ~ 3 John 4



Self-portrait by April S.

Self Portraits

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Can you identify the students?

(see page 3 for more)



Self-portrait by Jessica E.