

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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

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## Administrator's News

By Mrs. Schrag, CCS Superintendent

*Away in a manger no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

The Christmas season brings the sweet strains of many beloved Christmas carols including many beautiful songs that we recall from youth. As children, we sang the simple yet profound truths of Christmas within the carols, songs of the "good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

In addition to the beautiful Christmas carols, comes the wonderful scents and smells that are part of our holiday traditions. It may be the fragrance of a fresh cut tree, the scent of hot mulled cider, and the aroma of gingerbread and sweet treats. But what scent was on Mary's mind as she recalled that first Christmas morning? It was not the fragrance of fresh pine or even cinnamon rolls, it was the odor of cattle, straw, and perhaps the smoke of a small fire. She welcomed the Messiah into a Bethlehem stable, cradling the Creator and King of Kings to her heart.

Within Scripture, the Lord has spoken of scents, aromas, and fragrances when we are instructed to "*spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him*" as we walk through our daily lives, appointed by the Lord "*as men of sincerity, commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.*" II Corinthians 2:17 This Christmas season, as commissioned by God, spread the aroma, the scent, the fragrance of Christ to your world.

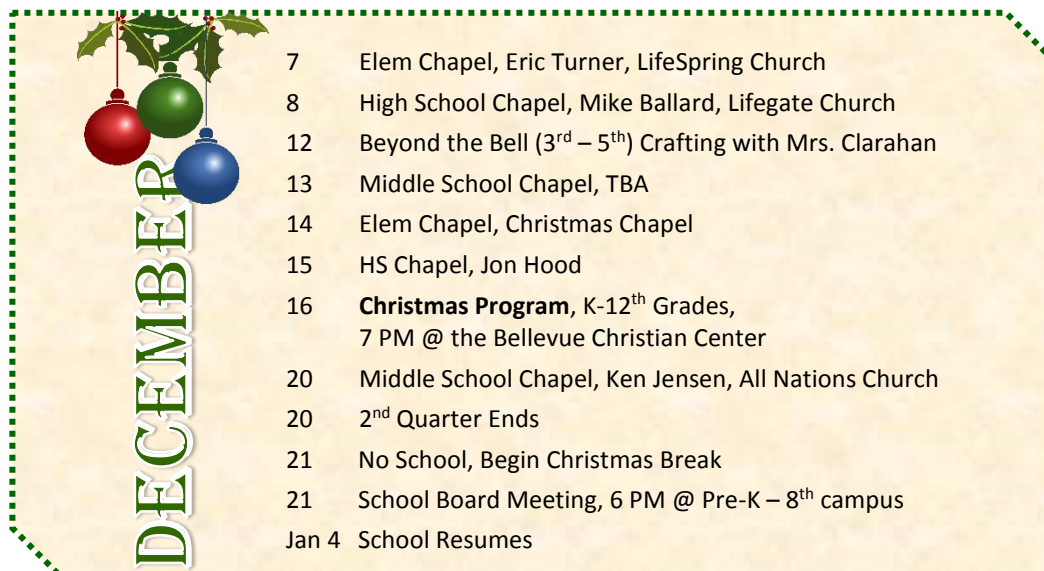
*But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. II Corinthians 2:14-15*



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7	Elem Chapel, Eric Turner, LifeSpring Church
8	High School Chapel, Mike Ballard, Lifegate Church
12	Beyond the Bell (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Crafting with Mrs. Clarahan
13	Middle School Chapel, TBA
14	Elem Chapel, Christmas Chapel
15	HS Chapel, Jon Hood
16	<b>Christmas Program</b> , K-12 <sup>th</sup> Grades, 7 PM @ the Bellevue Christian Center
20	Middle School Chapel, Ken Jensen, All Nations Church
20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends
21	No School, Begin Christmas Break
21	School Board Meeting, 6 PM @ Pre-K – 8 <sup>th</sup> campus
Jan 4	School Resumes

## Events & Info

### Brandeis Hot Lunch Catering –

Cornerstone is happy to announce we now have a full hot lunch program through Brandeis Catering. The students and staff have been enjoying many delicious and nutritious meals. If your child(ren) would like to participate in our hot lunch program, sign up on [Parentsweb](#). You can review the hot lunch menu on our [Cornerstone website](#) and on [Parentsweb](#). The hot lunch menu will vary from month to month. Your hot lunch order for the whole month is due in Parentsweb the **Friday before the beginning of each month**. Payments for hot lunches may be turned in to the office at any time.

Brandeis Lunch Prices:      ♦ Elementary \$2.60                      ♦ Middle School \$2.95                      ♦ High School \$3.20

### Wednesday Vendor Lunches –

Our vendor lunches will remain the same as they have been from the beginning of the school year: 1<sup>st</sup> week – Sam & Louie’s pizza, 2<sup>nd</sup> week – Chick-fil-a sandwich, 3<sup>rd</sup> – week Runza hamburger, 4<sup>th</sup> week – Arby’s roast beef sandwich, 5<sup>th</sup> week – Subway sub sandwich.

### 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. Please send in a completed form with the non-prescription medication.
- ♦ 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. Please send in a completed form with the prescription medication.

Pick up either of these forms at the school office.

### 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.



### Quiz Bowl

is a game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, sports, and popular culture. Our Middle School students Quiz Bowl coaches are Mrs. Bookless & Mrs. Young. The team has two remaining matches – January 14<sup>th</sup> at Nathan Hale Middle School and March 4<sup>th</sup> at Brownell Talbot. Go Cougars!

### December School Board Meeting

December 21, 6:00 PM  
at the Pre-K-8 campus  
Bellevue, NE

Parents are invited to attend.

## LOST & FOUND

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

Encourage him or her to check the lost & found box. They may be surprised at what they find!

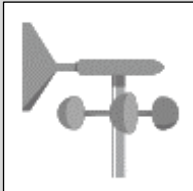


#### Weather Station News Bulletin – By Mr. Allen Huebert, CCS High School Science Teacher

Are you interested in knowing the current weather conditions at Cornerstone Christian? Your students study meteorology informally through conversations and formally through meteorology units in science.

Our school's weather station is part of worldwide network of 200,000 + commercial and personal weather stations hosted by Weather Underground.

[Click Here](#) to connect to the Cornerstone weather station.



## Cornerstone Christmas Program



Friday  
December 16  
7:00 PM  
Bellevue Christian Center  
1400 Harvell Dr.  
Bellevue, NE



We are pleased to announce that we raised \$135.00 at our September Skate Night!

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

### Save the Date Cornerstone Annual Fundraiser Banquet

Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 5:30 pm  
at the Livestock Exchange Building

#### Congratulations Are In Order

We are pleased to announce that our principal, Mr. Jon Hood, is the newly elected regional representative of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). In November, he attended a two-day conference in Indiana representing the Christian schools of Nebraska. Congratulations, Mr. Hood!





## Mrs. Anna Keeney



It is a two-way blessing to have Mrs. Anna Keeney as one of our third grade teachers. Not only is she a blessing to us - she responds with, "The staff, students, and families at Cornerstone are a constant blessing to me. God is so good and faithful and I get to experience that with all of you every day."

For the first twelve years of Anna's life, she lived in Omaha. Then, her family moved to a farm in Iowa where they raised horses and cattle. At the age of eighteen, Anna began her teaching career with her mother teaching pre-school students in their home. The school grew to over sixty students in just a few years. In the evenings, Anna attended college, first receiving her associate degree from Iowa Western College and completing a Bachelor degree in Elementary Education at UNO.



After college, Anna married Darryl and they moved to Portland, Oregon, where Darryl attended seminary. When Darryl completed seminary they ministered at churches in Manchester, Iowa; Hordville, Nebraska and presently serves at Lighthouse Baptist in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Mrs. Keeney has held a variety of teaching positions in her 28 years of teaching. Besides teaching pre-school, she spent three years at Portland Christian Academy teaching seventh and eighth grade English. She worked for two years as a special education para in Hordville. Next, she taught second grade for two years at Grand Island Christian. Sixteen years ago, when her family moved to Bellevue she began a twelve-year position of teaching

second grade at Bellevue Christian. Her next position was her call to Cornerstone Christian School. This is her fifth year of teaching third grade at CCS and she is "loving it".

Mrs. Keeney and her husband have two sons, Jonathan & David, and three wonderful grandchildren, who she declares, "are a constant joy!"

Anna adds these thoughts, "God is amazing! I enjoy every moment I am given in the classroom as well as with my family and church. I am blessed. May He walk closely beside you and your family and bring you closer to Him. May we victoriously glorify Him in all we say and do! May He find us faithful."

**Fun Tidbit:** As a teenager, Anna especially enjoyed raising, breaking, showing, pole bending and barrel racing horses. *(Editor's note: We didn't know we had an equestrian in our midst!)*

**Favorite Scripture verse:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

### SENIOR PICTURES

All seniors should have 2 senior pictures turned into Mrs. Dennis for the yearbook no later than Wednesday January 18.

Senior pictures may be submitted either digitally or by email. Please include the name of your photographer so we may give them credit in the yearbook.

### A Night of Drama & Dessert Theater

Presented by the 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Drama Club & the HS Drama Class

Friday, December 9, 2016, 7:00 PM

Southroads Campus

Free Admission

Dessert Items and drinks for sale (all funds to Senior Mission Trip)



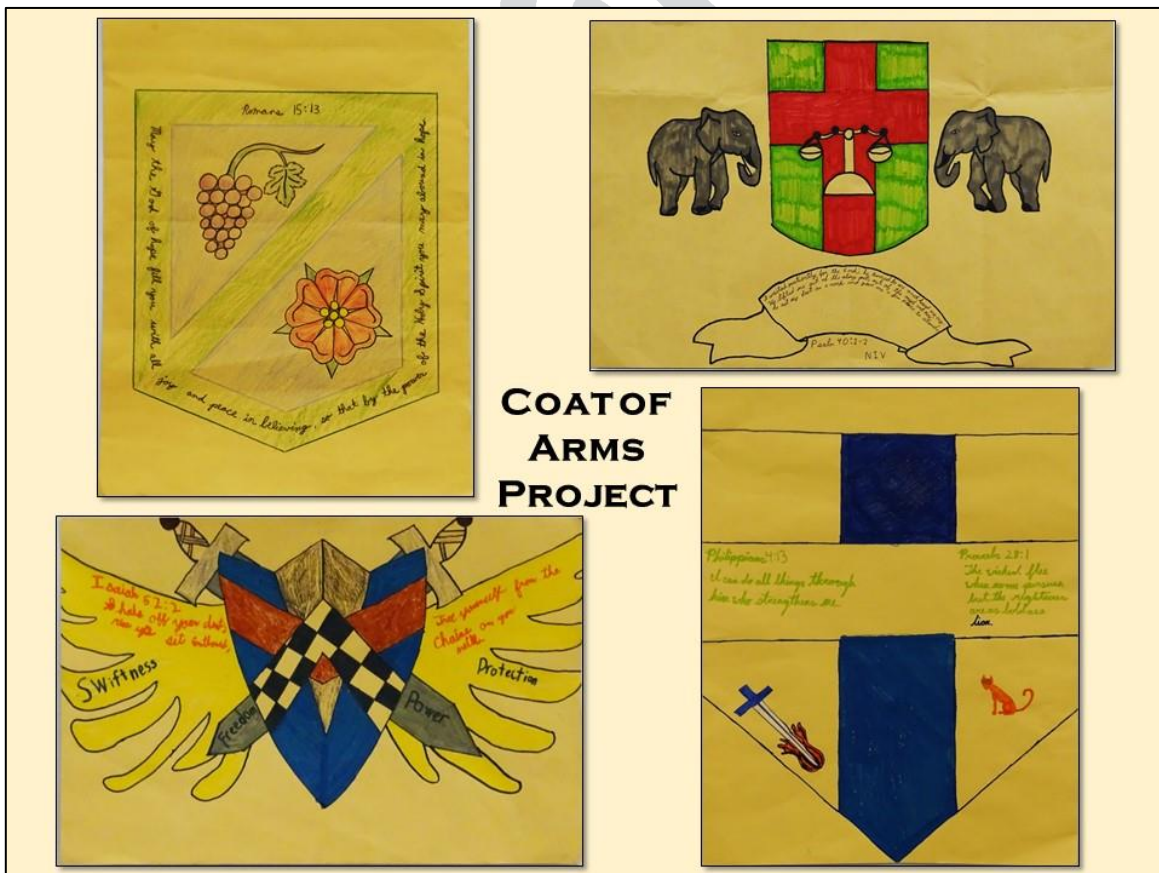
**Teacher Lunch Room –**

Several Cornerstone Parents blessed the teachers by transforming the teacher lunchroom from plain to delightful. Thank you so much!



**Music News**

We are pleased to introduce Stephanie Matson as a new piano and flute teacher for Grades 3-8. Stephanie has taught both piano and flute for more than 20 years. She played the flute with the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies as a teen and interned with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. Additionally, she received a piano performance scholarship in college and continues to play both instruments regularly in church today. She loves God's gift of music and truly love sharing that passion with children. Mrs. Matson joins our other music lesson teachers: Mrs. Bonnie Hartley – piano & violin, Mrs. Christine Kleiner – Piano & Voice, Mrs. Susan Holdaway – piano, Mrs. Becky Deese – piano. Welcome to our music staff, Stephanie. Please call the office (402) 292-1030 to register your student.



**COAT OF ARMS PROJECT**

**Coat of Arms by Mrs. Cook, Middle School Teacher**

Using colors, symbols and Scripture, sixth grade students developed a coat of arms that represented their spiritual journey and relationship with our Lord and Savior. It is a snap shot of who they are in Christ. Above are several examples of their work.

**– Thanksgiving Meal –**

Pre-k through high school students, as well as teachers and staff, enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all who donated and served for this fun and delicious Cornerstone tradition. A special thank you to the coordinators – Caroline Rice, Christy Woell, and Daniel Roman.



“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isa. 9:6 KJV

**“Jesus is the Reason for the Season”**



*Merry Christmas*

