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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

In a recent conversation, I was reminded of a thought-provoking question that I heard several years ago. The question seems to have a simple answer until you begin to examine your thoughts, responses, values, and ideals. A renowned author asked the question, **“What do you love more – your child’s happiness or your child’s holiness?”**

As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, we quickly give the “right” answer. Oh certainly, our child’s holiness! But then in the quietness of our souls, we begin to look at how we spend our time and our money. We look at what we value, what we pursue, where our treasure lies, and how we use our words, and the answer begins to look clouded. We say that we desire our child’s holiness and then we pursue their happiness. In essence, we sacrifice our child on the altar of pleasure, fleeting and temporary pursuits, meaningless undertakings, or personal gain.

The Scripture speaks clearly about this pursuit and the Lord’s call to holiness.

*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! I have
stored up your word in my heart that I*

*might not sin against you. Blessed are you,
O LORD; teach me your statutes! Psalm
119:9-12*

It is my prayer that we seek after the Lord, guarding our lives and the lives of our children according to His word. And that we can truthfully respond to the question with “Lord, I seek your holiness in my life and the lives of my children.”

*Now may our God and Father himself, and
our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and
may the Lord make you increase and
abound in love for one another and for all,
as we do for you, so that he may establish
your hearts blameless in holiness before
our God and Father, at the coming of our
Lord Jesus with all his saints. I
Thessalonians 3:11-13*



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- 1 Elem. Chapel – Jenny Barnard, Calvary Christian Church
- 2 HS Chapel – Ryan Jantz, LifeSpring Church
- 2 Beyond the Bell (K-2nd) Small Farm Animals with Gifford Farms
- 3 Spelling Bee
- 3 Midterm
- 6 Walk-a-thon Informational Meeting, 5 PM, Pre K – 8th Campus
- 6 PTF Meeting, 7 PM
- 7 MS Chapel – Mark Santee

- 8 Elem Chapel – Ryan Brons, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
- 9 No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2-7 PM
- 10 No School – Teacher Work Day
- 13 Middle School Orientation, 6:30 PM
- 14 MS Chapel – Matthew Anderson, WayPoint Omaha
- 14 Elem Valentine’s Class Parties
- 15 Elem Chapel – Dr. Jeremy King

- 16 HS Chapel – Prayer Chapel
- 16 Beyond the Bell (3rd – 5th) Small Farm Animals with Gifford Farms
- 16 Family Night Out, 5-8 PM, Fazoli’s in Bellevue
- 18 My Guy & I Dance, 6-8 PM Pre-K – 8th campus
- 20 No School – Presidents’ Day
- 21 MS Chapel – Jeff Brocaille, LifeSpring Church
- 22 Elem Chapel – Amy Gilbert
- 22-27 HS Missions Trip
- 28 MS Chapel – Prayer Chapel

Events & Info



Kindergarten Konnection

Kindergarten Konnection will be on March 3rd, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pre-K – 8th grade campus. If you have a little one who will be in kindergarten next school year, be sure to call the office to RSVP. If you know of a family that you would like to receive an invitation, please call the office with names and addresses.

For parents of current kindergarteners, please mark your calendars. There is noon dismissal on March 3rd. Pick-up will be the same as after school pick-up. Mrs. Van Moorlegem and Mrs. Veenstra will walk your child to the car.



Parent - Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 9, 2-7 PM
All conferences will be held at the Pre-K – 8th grade campus

Grades K – 5 Conferences will be held in 15 minutes increments. [Sign up for conferences](#) through Sign-up Genius.

Mr. Benson (Music) and Mrs. Hespe (Art) will be available to visit with parents from 4 – 7 in their classrooms.



Middle and High School Conferences will be on a first come, first served basis and are held in five minutes increments. No appointment is necessary.

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.



Inclement Weather –

School snow days and school closings will be announced on television stations 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.



Join us at Fazoli’s in Bellevue for Cornerstone’s Family Night Out

February 16
5-8 PM

We hope to see you there!



Middle School Orientation –

Please come join the middle school teachers as we discuss the adventure of middle school. Some topics discussed will include curriculum, homework, daily schedule with passing periods, dress code, and athletics. We will be speaking on the transition to middle school and how to guide your student during these important years.

- When: Monday, February 13th at 6:30 PM
- Where: Pre-K - Middle School campus, 1001 Ft. Crook Road N. Ste. 200, Bellevue, NE 68005
- Presentations and Q & A, 6:30 p.m.

Cookies and punch will be served. This event is for parents of 5th grade students. In the spring, the fifth grade classes will tour the middle school classrooms, meet the teachers, and join the middle school students for recess and lunch.



2017/2018 Registration –

Student registration for next school year begins in February. Registration packets will be mailed home the first week of February. CCS will open registration to the community on March 15th, so please have all registration forms to the office as soon as possible to reserve your student’s place for next year. We do have a waiting list from community members for the upcoming school year.

February Chronicle Contest – Win a Panera Bread gift card!

How many hearts can you find in this issue of the Chronicle?

Email your name and how many hearts you found to: rsprunger@ccsnebraska.org. Entries must be in by 8 AM on Feb. 14th. Limit - one guess per family. Correct answers will be collected – and one entry will be drawn as the winner.



On Saturday, February 18, there will be a *My Guy and I* dance. This is for any girls in pre-kindergarten through 8th grade who would like to dance with their father, grandfather, or anyone else that would like to go. This event will take place at the Elementary campus from 6-8 PM. It will cost \$10 per couple plus \$3 for any extra people in your group. This is a fundraiser for the senior trip.



Charlie 5th

Caleb P.
1st Grade

Whitley K.
Kindergarten

--- Elementary Technology ---
Winter Pictures
using Paint

Anne A.
2nd Grade

Hannah E.
3rd Grade

Mady F.
3rd Grade

Samuel 5th

Quote of the week –

"I love cursive writing because it's like doodling in class, but without getting in trouble with your teacher." - 3rd grade CCS student



Science Fair Awards –

Overall Winner : Kaitlyn Holaway

Winners in Biological Science

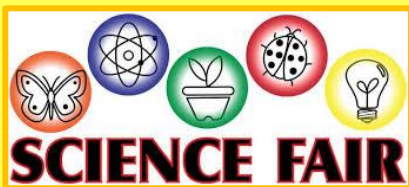
- 1 - Grace Moses
- 2 - William Dennis
- 3 - Georgia West

Winners in Consumer Science

- 1- Jada Matson
- 2 - Nate Barnard
- 3 - Kyle Greve

Winners in Physical Science

- 1 - Ashton Hughes
- 2 - Ty Thrasher
- 3 - Rachel Smith



Finalists – made it to the 2nd round:

Katie Rumery, Irene Allgire, Bri Carter, Bailey Kipper, Halle Matson, Emerson Fallin, Hayes Anderson, Rheece May, Caleb Jashinske, Daniel Rice, and Katheryn Rice



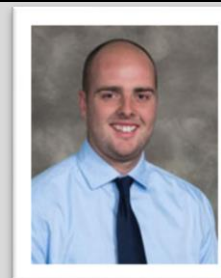
Advice from the Cornerstone Psychology Class

As part of their study of psychological development during adolescence, their teacher, Mrs. Kieser, asked the psychology students to write down any advice they would give to a younger sibling or friend entering adolescence. Below is a sample of the advice they gave:

1. Listen to mom and dad. They are smarter, more experienced, and better with money. You are not smarter, not better with money, and not experienced.
2. Your crush in middle school probably isn't your soul mate.
3. Be respectful to your teachers.
4. Tell your siblings you love them. They'll be your life-long friends.
5. Actively seek God.
6. If you need help, don't be afraid to ask for help.
7. Until you're sixteen, don't post anything on social media. You will regret it.
8. Enjoy recess while you have it. It will soon be GONE!
9. Don't obsess over appearance. Remember you can't even see yourself without a mirror.
10. Pick friends wisely.
11. That girl who said, "Hi" in the hallway isn't into you.
12. People are not staring at your hair on a "bad hair day".
13. Stay young as long as you can.
14. Work hard in school.
15. Be yourself.
16. Mrs. Schrag is always right.



Mr. Brett Dotzler



Mr. Brett Dotzler is a favorite teacher here at Cornerstone. He has a special “round of applause” rapport with the students. Brett has been at Cornerstone for 3 years. He joined our staff after completing his Bachelors of Science in Physical Education degree from The University of Nebraska at Omaha.

His teaching responsibilities span both campuses as he teaches middle and high school physical education classes. He is our high school boys’ basketball coach and he coaches the high school track team with Coach Hood.

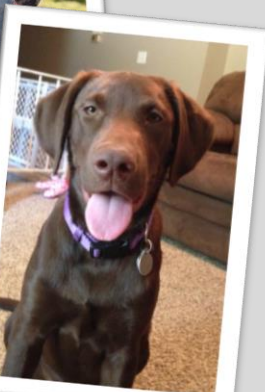
Brett has been married to his wife JR (Jessica Ruth) for four years. They have two adorable children, 3-year-old daughter, Hadley, and 1-year-old son, Theo. Another member of the family is a chocolate lab named Meg.

Fun Tidbit:

In his free time, Brett loves hanging out with his family, watching sporting events or playing games. He also enjoys getting outdoors and pheasant hunting with Meg.

Favorite Scripture verse:

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. ~ Micah 6:8



| Cornerstone Christian High School Honor Roll Fall Semester – 2016 High Honors = 3.5 or above semester GPA Honors = 3.0-3.49 semester GPA | | | |
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| <u>Freshman Class</u> | <u>Sophomore Class</u> | <u>Junior Class</u> | <u>Senior Class</u> |
| <p><u>High Honors</u> Caleb Thurber – 3.91 Patty Ann Obbink – 3.80 Gabe Poppen – 3.61 Ethan Haeder – 3.55</p> | <p><u>High Honors</u> Kieran McWilliams – 4.00 April Schrag – 4.00 Isabelle Thompson – 3.98 Lincoln Brollier – 3.89 Brianna White – 3.88 Carl Young – 3.83 Julia Deese – 3.77 Eric Severson – 3.74 Jordan Strong – 3.68 Jessica Evans – 3.61</p> | <p><u>High Honors</u> Lane Kieser – 3.89 Akela Dramse – 3.86 Caleb Will – 3.54</p> | <p><u>High Honors</u> Ryan Thurber – 4.11 Ashlee Brown – 3.98 Karralee Morris – 3.90 Aaron Pfortmiller – 3.83 Sarah Vanderslice – 3.56 Abby Deese – 3.51</p> |
| <p><u>Honors</u> Carissa Linse – 3.41 Caleb Ackerman – 3.30</p> | <p><u>Honors</u> Samantha Cook – 3.36 Nathan Schrag – 3.00 Alexis Wilson – 3.00</p> | <p><u>Honors</u> Garrett Poppen – 3.30 Kelly Bergerson – 3.23</p> | <p><u>Honors</u> Sutton Boex – 3.36 Nathaniel Miller – 3.24 Martina Boltz – 3.20 Alacia Rudd – 3.10</p> |