

# 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*

## Administrator's News

By Mrs. Schrag, CCS Superintendent

*In love, He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will—to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. Ephesians 1:5-8*

My husband and I have been members of the Omaha Chinese Christian Church for over twenty-four years and there are many reasons that we love our church family. We love their commitment to the truth of God's Word, the tight-knit family atmosphere, the beauty of the Chinese culture, our pastors who serve with a servant's heart, and certainly enjoying lunch together each Sunday. But one picture that I would like to share with you that blesses my heart is the sight of our church during communion.

About 80% of our church is from mainland China with others from Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Korea. Most are very new to the faith. Many are young professionals and several have brought their elderly parents to the United States to care for their grandchildren. One precious grandmother brings me to tears each time in communion. She is a petite woman, wrinkled, and stooped with years of hard labor. She speaks no English and greets me with clasped hands, a smile, and a nod. I do not know her whole story, but have heard that she grew up in a farming community and was an early believer when the gospel first came to her village. She had to hide her belief and steadfastly shared her new

found faith with her husband and children. Now sitting in church with the communion bread in her hands, singing a hymn in Chinese, she has tears running down her face. She has a deep, deep love for the Lord and she is the most beautiful picture of grace to me. She understands the richness of God's grace lavished on her!

Oh that I would have that adoration for my Savior and a gratefulness for the Lord's work of salvation on the cross. As we grasp the love and healing made available at the cross, we share this wonderment, this awe. Jesus loves us with an everlasting love and draws us to Him in mercy and grace.

*Jesus, keep me near the cross;  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Text by Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915



### CCS School Board 2016-2017

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### Cornerstone Christian School



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#### Superintendent

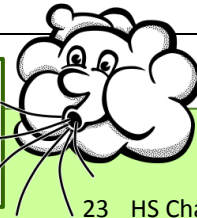
Mrs. Teri Lynn Schrag

#### Principal

Mr. Jon Hood

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| 1 Elem. Chapel – Kelly Wallace, LifeSpring Church      | 14 Family Night Out, Mama Pizza’s in Papillion 4-8 PM                   | 23 HS Chapel – Ryan Jantz, LifeSpring Church                  |
| 2 HS Chapel – Chris Hemmelman, First City Church       | 15 Elem Chapel – Dr. Jeremy King  | 24 HS Track Meet, Conestoga Early Bird                        |
| 3 Noon Dismissal for Kindergarten                      | 15 Registration Opens to Community                                      | 24 Grades Sent Home   |
| 3 Kindergarten Konnection, 1:30 PM                     | 16 HS Chapel – Eric Turner, LifeSpring Church                           | 25 Drama Club Dress Rehearsal, Christ the King Church, 1-5 PM |
| 6 Walk-a-thon Kick-off, 7 PM                           | 17 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends   | 26 His Legacy Banquet at the Livestock Exchange, 5:30 PM      |
| 7 MS Chapel – John Haizlip, OneLife Church             | 18 HS Track Meet, NWU Indoor Meet                                       | 27 Drama Production, Christ the King Church, 7 PM             |
| 8 Elem Chapel – Teri Lynn Schrag                       | 18 Drama Club Tech & Blocking Rehearsal, Christ the King Church, 1-5 PM | 28 MS Chapel, Joey McKennan                                   |
| 8 Beyond the Bell (K-2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Legos           | 20 No School – Teacher In-Service                                       | 28 Beyond the Bell (K-2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Origami               |
| 9 HS Chapel – Giri Kumar Mohanan, Christ for the City  | 21 MS Chapel – Michael Lacobee, LifeSpring Church                       | 28 HS Track Meet, Yutan Relays                                |
| 9 Volunteer Brunch, 10:30 AM                           | 22 Elem Chapel – Jeff McDonald, Avery Presbyterian                      | 29 Elem Chapel – Kimi Miller, Lifegate                        |
| 14 MS Chapel – Tristan Davis, Plattsmouth Bible Church | 22 Beyond the Bell (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> ) Legos            | 30 HS Chapel – CTI Music Group                                |

## Events & Info

### Children’s Scholarship Fund 2017-2018 –

Children’s Scholarship Fund of Omaha (CSF) believes that all families, regardless of income should be able to choose the best educational setting for their children. The mission of CSF is to provide partial tuition scholarships so children from low-income families can access the private or parochial K-8 education of their choice. By providing scholarship assistance during the time a child’s educational foundation is being established, CSF believes that it is helping prepare children for continued success. Scholarships are awarded based on income and drawn through a lottery system. Families awarded the scholarship for the duration of their student’s educational career. You may download an application by visiting [www.csfomaha.org/scholarships](http://www.csfomaha.org/scholarships). Applications are due to the CCS office by Friday, April 28.

### CCS Family Night Out



Join us at Mama’s Pizza in LaVista  
8146 S 96th Street  
March 14, 4-8 PM  
See you there!

### **His Legacy Fundraiser Banquet – Dinner & Silent Auction**



Get your tickets now to Cornerstone’s “His Legacy Fundraiser Banquet” – Dinner & Silent Auction. The evening will include a silent auction, plated dinner, and heartfelt message by keynote speaker, Josh Dotzler. All proceeds from the banquet will go toward our Tuition Assistance Program. With God’s provision, we hope to raise \$30,000 which will help financially bless current & potential students and their families. Order your tickets at either Cornerstone campus or on-line at <https://ccsnebraska.eventsmart.com/events/ccs-his-legacy-banquet/>

**Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 5:30 pm**  
**Livestock Exchange Building**  
**\$40 per person or \$320 for a reserved table of 8**

### Join us...

for a fun evening of swimming at the Lied Center.  
Saturday, March 18, 5-7 PM  
Sponsored by Cornerstone PTF



### Cornerstone Drama Club Musical

### The Case of the Missing Paragraph



by Ron Fink and John Heath

**Date:** Monday, March 27th,

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** Christ the King Lutheran Church

Third Grade Poetry  
By Gia T..

*The Cherry blossom  
whispers in the wind tonight.  
The pink petals fall.*

# Spelling Bee

**3rd Grade**  
1st Place – Gia T.  
2nd Place – Sarah W.

**4th Grade**  
1st Place – Evann K.

**5th Grade**  
2nd Place – Luke I.

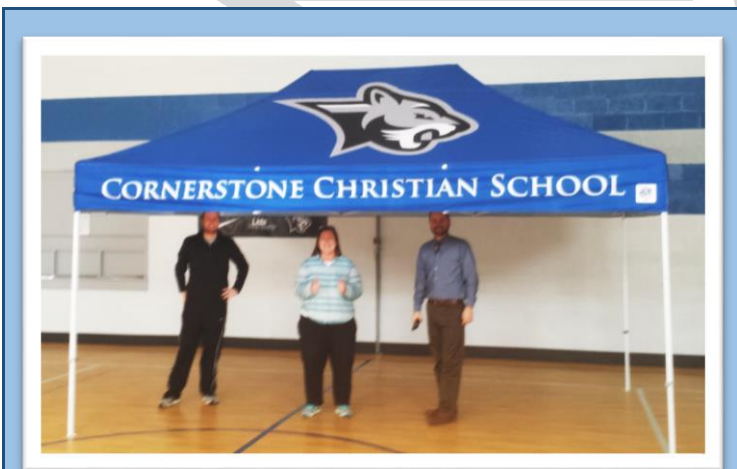
**6th Grade**  
1st Place – Logan B.  
3rd Place – Ashton H.

**8th Grade**  
2nd Place – Jack W.

**Overall**  
1st Place – Logan B.  
5th Place – Luke I.

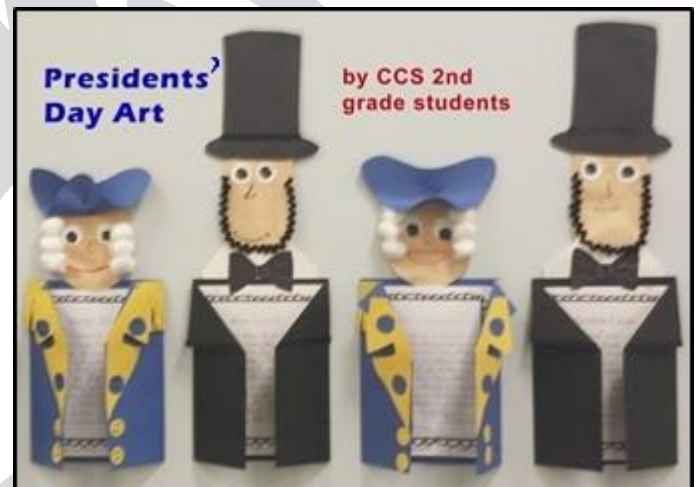
*Each of these winners can go on to Regionals in Chicago!*

## Congratulations!



#### By Jon Hood, Principal –

As the high school heads into the track season, we are excited about a new piece of equipment. As you know, spring days in Nebraska can see wind, rain, snow, and sunshine all in a 24 hour period. Thanks to members of the CCS community, our HS athletes will have a place to get out of the elements. Pictured are Mr. Dotzler, Mrs. Kieser & Mr. Hood under our new Cornerstone canopy.



#### February ♥ Chronicle Contest –

**Congratulations Kelby Deese for finding all 41 hearts in the February Chronicle!** We had many entries but only one correct answer! Count again to see if you can find your missing hearts. (Hint: Did you miss the pink background heart in the "Happy Valentine's Day" graphic on page 2)

#### Cornerstone's Annual Volunteer Brunch – Thursday, March 9th at 10:30AM at the pre-K – 8th grade campus.

This event is for every parent, grandparent, and friend of CCS who has served at school throughout this school year. Please RSVP to the office if you are able to attend. By phone: (402)292-1030 or (402)291-2260 or by replying to email at office@ccsnebraka.org.

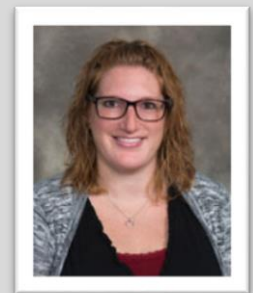
**15th Annual  
CCS Walk-a-thon**

The Cornerstone Christian School Annual Walk by Faith Walk-a-thon will be on Friday, May 5, 2017. The directors are Julie Clarahan and Christy Woell. The Walk-a-thon includes a walk, lunch, and carnival for our students. This fundraiser is important to the financial well-being of our school. Tuition covers about three-fourths of school expenses and the fundraisers supplement the needed funds. This event can only be successful with 100% participation by our families. This year's student kick-off pep rally will be on Monday, March 6 at 2:30 pm. This is especially exciting as it will be an all-school pep rally and will be held at the Elementary/Middle School campus. Our parent kick-off meeting should be attended by at least one parent from each family. The parent kick-off will also be held on Monday, March 6th but will be at 7 pm at the Elementary/Middle school campus. Please contact Mrs. Clarahan at [jclarahan@ccsnebraska.org](mailto:jclarahan@ccsnebraska.org) with any questions you may have. The committee would also be appreciative if you could begin praying for our event to bring honor and glory to the Lord in all that we do.

**Staff  
Spotlight**

**Mrs. Sherry Arch**

Our staff spotlight for this month is middle school teacher, Mrs. Sherry Arch. She grew up in the area, graduating from Papillion-La Vista High School. She earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Grace University and then immediately began Graces' Master of Teaching program. She was first certified in Secondary Social Science, but did her student teaching in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and fell in love with middle school. She was a substitute teacher in area schools for 2 years and then went back to Grace for her middle school endorsement. She completed her middle school endorsement in Language Arts and Social Science and is one class away from being endorsed in math, as well. We are delighted that she joined the Cornerstone teaching staff this school year as our middle school Language Arts & History teacher.




Sherry is married to her wonderful husband, Rick who is a Calculus teacher in Elkhorn. They have three children, Alyssa who is 17 and a Junior in high school, Logan is 9 and a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, and Kellner who just turned 5 months. The family also has 2 dogs, Blitzen and Wicket.

**Fun Tidbit:** During the summer months, the Arch family loves to go camping. This July they plan on going out to Western Nebraska and Colorado to do some camping and visit friends.

**Favorite Scripture Verse:** "Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 3:12


Sherry says, "It reminds me to keep going and growing every day. I want to push on, pursue Christ, and not become stagnant in my relationship with Him."

*Third Grade Poetry  
By James W.*



*It is a snow day.  
You can feel the silent breeze.  
Winter is the best!*

*Third Grade Poetry  
By Lane I.*




*Math is really fun!  
I could do it all day long.  
I love to learn math!*



By Ashlee Brown, CCS High School Senior –


Many of you sent your high school students to Colorado Springs not sure what was in store for them. Let me tell you this, God moved mightily. Freshmen boys were praying over weeping senior guys. Girls from every grade were encouraged and loved right where they were, as they were. Christ won multiple students' hearts on Sunday and worship and adoration of God's love for us erupted that night. Revival in our hearts and school has taken place. Praise Jesus!

Third Grade Poetry  
By Ella C.




*In the hollow tree,  
An owl is hooting softly  
In the dark, calm night.*

Third Grade Poetry  
By Natalie S.




*In spring flowers grow.  
The beautiful fruit trees bud.  
Dandelions blow.*

Third Grade Poetry  
By Hannah E.



*In the silent night,  
A star so brightly beamed  
Quickly make a wish.*

Third Grade Poetry  
By Lilian M.



*Mom loves me a bunch,  
She cares for me all the time.  
She is beautiful.*