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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 the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Hezekiah son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother's name was Abijah, daughter of Zechariah. He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father David had done. He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it. It was called Nehushtan.

Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. He held fast to the LORD and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the LORD had given Moses. And the LORD was with him. II Kings 18:1-7

Hezekiah was one of only eight righteous kings to rule in the southern tribes of Judah after the division of the kingdom following Solomon's death. He is known for tearing down the high places, mountaintop altars to the Canaanite gods often in a grove of trees. Mentioned 117 times, these high places were centers for idol worship that God's people were commanded to tear down centuries before, altars to gods such as Baal, Dagon, and Molech, gods whose worship included prostitution and child sacrifice. But instead of following God's command to tear down the idols at the time of the conquest of the land, these places became a lure that seduced God's people year after year. Now 690 years later, Hezekiah as king is finally completing this task.

But did you notice that one of the idols was the bronze snake from the time of Moses? This account is found in Numbers 21 and was the deliverance from the venomous snakes.

This lifting up of the bronze snake was a wonderful foreshadowing of the Son of Man being lifted up on the cross for our salvation. Now instead the Israelites had taken the bronze snake, created to represent God's salvation, and worshiped the creation instead of the Creator. They made an idol from the very object that God had purposed for their salvation and redemption.

Before we grow critical of the Israelites, we should turn a discerning eye on ourselves. How often have we taken a good gift from the Lord and made it an idol in our own lives? How often have we treasured a created object more than we treasure the Creator? How often has the enemy tempted us to place a blessing as of more importance than the One who gave the blessing?

Jonah from within the fish prayed. "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs." *Jonah 2:8* What idol are we clinging to and therefore forfeiting the grace that God has for us? Do not forfeit God's grace for your life! Ask the Lord to break into pieces the idols in the high places of our hearts.

I pray that we are as Hezekiah, that we trust in the Lord and that we hold fast to him, keeping His commands - for His glory!

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- 3-7 Terra Nova Testing – 4th, 6th, 8th & 10th Grades
- 5 Elem Chapel – Bryan Rice, Christ the King Church
- 6 HS Chapel – Myron Pierce Bridge Church
- 7 Arts & Speech Meet @ Lifegate Midtown
- 8 MS/HS Talent Show, 6:30-8:00 PM @ the HS campus
- 10 WAT Pep Rally & Sports Day
- 11 MS Chapel – Joya Kinney
- 11 HS Track Meet, Lewiston Invitational
- 11 Family Night Out – Subway @ Twin Creek 4-10 PM

- 12 Midterm
- 12 Elem Chapel – Tristan Davis
- 12 School Board Mtg. 6 PM
- 13-17 No School – Easter Break
- 18 MS Chapel – Brad Zook, Brookside Church
- 18 HS Track Meet, Irish Invitational
- 19 Elem Chapel – Carolyn Fast
- 20 HS Chapel – Bryan Rice, Christ the King Church
- 21 Grades Sent Home
- 21 Spring Program @ Salem Baptist, 7 PM
- 22 Junior/Senior Prom

April Showers Bring May Flowers

April



- 24 WAT Pep Rally & Superhero Day
- 25 No Middle School Chapel
- 26 No Elem Chapel
- 27 All School Worship Chapel
- 27 High School track Meet, Conferences
- 28 Children’s Scholarship Fund Applications Due



Please Note calendar change: The CCS Athletics Awards Night has been rescheduled for Monday, May 1st at 7PM.

Events & Info

Shalom Home Rajahmundry, India –

Thank you elementary students for your offerings for the children of the Shalom Home in Rajahmundry, India. As of March 29th, the students have given **\$652.11** to the orphanage. Pastor Vijay uses these offerings for the children at the home, the widows’ ministry, and the pastoral training center. Thank you for your prayers and gifts for the precious children at the Shalom Home in India!

Cornerstone Family Night Out



Subway @ Twin Creek Plaza
April 11th, 4-10 p.m.

7th Grade Poetry

I love you, Rachel, the yellowest.
I love you the color of fuzzy
Ducklings swimming in a pond on a
Cool spring Morning.
I love you the color of a freshly
Baked lemon tart cooling and
Awaiting to be eaten.
Yellow is when the sun is just about
To awake from a long night’s rest,
The sun is like a field of daisies
Blooming in the breeze,
Yellow is a pitcher of lemonade that
Has finally reached the perfect mix
Of sweet and sour,
I love you, Rachel, the yellowest.

Girls’ Lock-In

Senior girls are hosting a Lock-In for
8th grade Cornerstone girls
Games, Snacks, Fun, Surprises

6:30 PM Fri, April 28 - 7:00 AM Sat, April 29

Cost: \$10

Sponsors: Mrs. Young, Mrs. Hughes, & Mrs. Kieser

For more info contact: Ashlee Brown (lead hostess) at 402-516-2928

Christian Arts & Speech Meet –

Our first through eighth grade students will be represented at the Art & Speech Meet on Friday, April 7, 2017. The meet is hosted at Lifegate Midtown.

GOT TALENT

Middle & High School Talent Show

Sponsored by Cornerstone National Honor Society

- Saturday, April 8th, 6:30-8:00 pm
- Location: High School campus
- Buy tickets at the door: Adults - \$3 Students - \$1
- Awards for the best Middle School, High School, and overall performance
- Gift cards and other prizes will be raffled off to support NHS

Walk-A-Thon 2016

The Cornerstone Christian School Annual Walk by Faith Walk-a-thon will be on Friday, May 5, 2016. The walk-a-thon begins with a walk, continues through lunch and finishes off with a carnival for our students. This fundraiser is important to the financial well-being of our school. Tuition covers 85% of school expenses and this fundraiser makes up the difference. We need 100% participation from our families to make it a success. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office at 402-292-1030. If you would like to donate online via PayPal, you can go to our website, www.ccsnebraska.org, select **Support, Walk-a-thon**, and then click on **Donate**. Please pray that this event brings honor and glory to the Lord in all that we do.



Crazy Hair Day – Spirit Day 2017

We have two more spirit days coming up and they are: April 10th - Sports Day & April 24th - Super Hero Day. Parents, please feel free to join us for the pep rallies on these days at each campus

DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) – by Mrs. Cook

This fall the 7th and 8th grade students entered the DAR writing contest. Students wrote a poem or a short story regarding the theme National Parks, 100 years of service. Five of our students won the local contest and were continued into the state completion. All of the five placed at state. Sunday, April 2nd, four of the five students attended the tea for The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and were award prizes for their part of competition.

7th grade: Elizabeth Clifton, 2nd place - short story, Sydney Chaudier, 2nd place - poetry, and Elijah Barta, 1st place -short story.

8th grade: Trevor Startling, 2nd place - poetry, Tristan Jenkins, 1st place - short story.

Congratulations to these students for all the hard work and effort they put into writing for the competition. They truly honored our Lord with their efforts.



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. Applications are due to the CCS office by Friday, April 28.

Spring Cornerstone Christian School Program

April 21, 7:00 PM
Hosted at
Salem Baptist Church

7th Grade Poetry

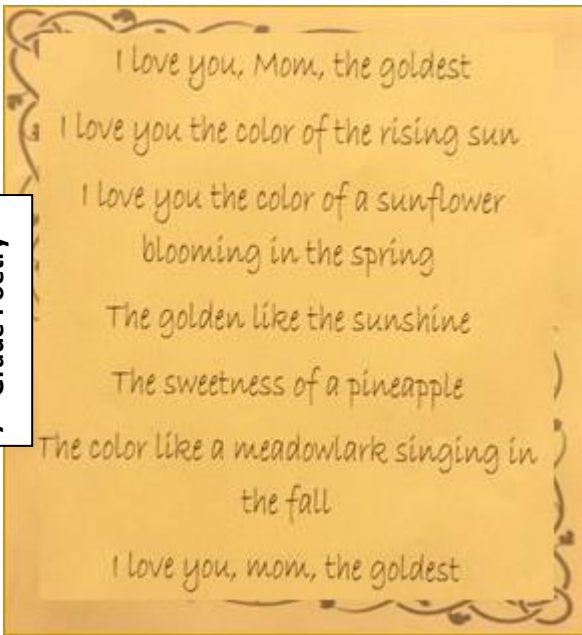
*I love you, Michael, the Bluest
I love you the color of the ocean waves as they roll
upon the shore,
I love you the color of the Scorpion Grasses as they
blossom on a warm spring day,
The waves roll upon the shore like wagon wheels
rolling across rough terrain,
Blue is the sky above like a sapphire ring just
polished,
Blue is the feeling you get when you are sad
I love you, Michael, the bluest*



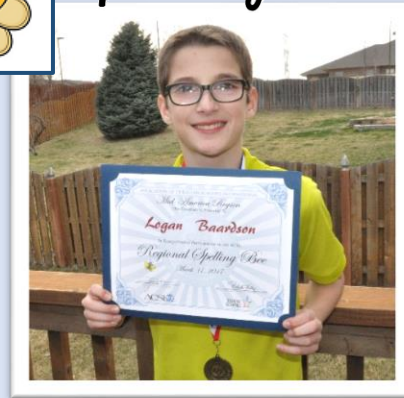
Drama Production – by Mrs. Jantz

On Monday, March 27th, The Drama Club delighted the audience with their presentation of *The Case of the Missing Paragraph*. The production was full of catchy lyrics, memorable melodies and silly characters that kept the audience giggling and guessing until the very last scene. The cast consisted of 5th-8th grade students who prepared for the play for several months under the direction of Lisa Binko, Dani Patterson, and Ariel Binko.

7th Grade Poetry



Spelling Bee



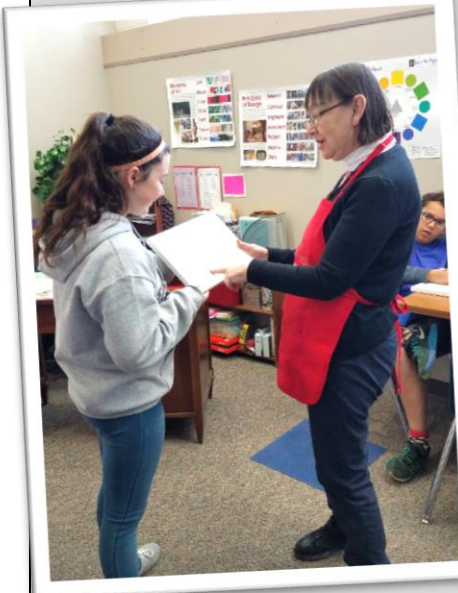
We are proud of Logan Baardson for representing CCS in ASCI Regional Spelling Bee in Chicago.

Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Deb Dommel



We are pleased to tell you about our staff spotlight for April - Mrs. Deb Dommel. After graduating from high school, Deb started college with the idea of becoming a teacher. God had different plans. After one year of college, she had the opportunity to spend a year in Monrovia, Liberia, working at a missionary radio station, ELWA. Following that year, she changed colleges, and headed down a path to become a missionary. After graduation, she worked in her hometown of Lancaster, PA, with an inner city ministry. Her focus was with elementary and middle school age children. While there, she met and married Mark Dommel.



As the family grew, Mrs. Dommel enjoyed her role as a mother. When the children were all in school, Deb completed her education to become a teacher. She subbed in the public schools in Pennsylvania and worked in an alternative education school, teaching elementary math to high school students. When the family moved to Nebraska, she taught math, science and Bible at Central Christian School for five years. Next, she taught the same subjects at Omaha Christian Academy. She used the next school year as a retreat with the Lord as she celebrated 50 years as a Christian. In 2009, we were blessed to have Mrs. Dommel join the Cornerstone teaching staff. She has taught middle school math, science, Bible and art at various times in various grades. She says, "Each subject has its own challenges and blessings, and I can could not say which I prefer."

The Dommels have four grown children. The oldest daughter, Beth, and her husband live in Lincoln. Becky lives in Philadelphia where she teaches in an alternative school. Jon and his wife live in Mead, NE where Jon works at Children's Hospital as a surgical technician. They have three children. Daughter, Sarah is a world traveler. She was recently married and lives in England.

Mrs. Dommel says, "One of the things I love to do is pray. In the buildings where I work and serve, I always make time to pray through the building, that God would be present, and for those who serve there, and those who are being served. A building that houses a ministry that serves God, and where God's people gather, is a place where God dwells. Where God dwells, he seeks to do his work among the people who inhabit the building. When we as God's people pray, we remove obstacles and prepare the place for God to come and do his work in a mighty way."



Archery at Cornerstone – by Mr. Severson

Just after Christmas, Cornerstone launched its first ever Archery Club. At 6:45 am, while most high school students are sleeping, several dedicated students came to school early to practice archery together. They transformed the gym into an archery range and then shoot together for the next 45 minutes. Phrases like "bows on toes" and "range is hot" ring out between rounds. We are proud of the students who competed together at the NASP state archery competition this year.



His Legacy Banquet 2017 –

I would like to thank my banquet team, the CCS teachers & the classroom parents for all their hard work with our recent fundraiser banquet. This event would not have been a success without all the time & effort that they invested! – JR Dotzler