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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 3:12-13

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Administrator's News

By Mrs. Schrag, CCS Superintendent

*And His disciples said to him,
"Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 1:11*

One of the many aspects of Cornerstone that blesses me is the commitment to prayer. Teachers begin each day as a team, meeting to pray and intercede for their students. Teachers lead their students in prayer to begin the day, and when a little one has a scratch from recess, I often see a teacher, or para, or office staff praying with the child. This commitment to prayer is seen corporately in regular prayer chapels in middle school and high school, coach or student-led prayer before a game, and dedicating a parent meeting in prayer, but the most beautiful demonstration of this commitment to prayer is the prayer room at the new campus.

As the first meetings with the architect took place, we sat in the midst of cubicles, looking over plans spread upon filing cabinets by the H6 column in the Range. The completion of the campus was just an idea, walls did not exist and each phase, each conversation, was a step of faith. In the midst of the planning, one of the school's intercessors came to me speaking of a prayer room by the kindergarten classrooms. At first, I only stubbornly listened. I thought I knew where classrooms and walls should be, so he asked me to prayer walk the campus and pray about this request. It was summer and the construction teams were on campus, beginning the preliminary work for the interior classrooms. I began my walk past the framework, past the crews, and to the location of the kindergarten classrooms. It was then that the Lord changed my heart. Yes, we were to construct a prayer room and it was exactly where the Lord had



shared with my intercessor.

Now when you enter the campus, not only can you enter the prayer room to seek the Lord, to praise Him, but you can see the Lord's answer to one of my prayers. Not just in the physical location of the prayer room, but an act of listening on my part. The walls of the prayer room are adorned with verses written by teachers and students, God's promises to His children, to

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us. You are invited to come and pray and worship in this prayer room, seeking the Lord and praising Him for His faithfulness, adding to the verses written on the walls.

William Carey, the "father of modern missions", a missionary to India, and translator of the Bible into Bengali, Sanskrit, and numerous other Indian languages and dialects, says of prayer, *"Prayer - secret, fervent, believing prayer - lies at the root of all personal godliness. The most glorious works of grace that have ever took place, have been in answer to prayer."* Lord, teach us to pray!

	Jan 5	First Semester Grades Sent Home	Jan 23	MS Chapel – Jon Hood
	Jan 8	PTF Meeting, 7:00 PM	Jan 24	Elem Chapel, Teri Lynn Schrag
	Jan 9	MS Chapel – Matthew Anderson, Waypoint Church	Jan 25	HS Chapel – Blaze Smith, Brookside Church
	Jan 9	School Board Meeting, HS Campus 6:00 PM	Jan 25	Pastor Appreciation Luncheon, 11:30 AM
	Jan 9	Family Night Out – Freddy's in Shadow Lake	Jan 27	Worship & Intercession Night Pre K-MS Campus, 7:00 PM
	Jan 10	Elem Chapel – Rich Rudd	Jan 30	MS Chapel – Mark Santee
	Jan 11	HS Chapel – Mark Dommel	Jan 30	PTF Family Fun Night, Skate City, 6-8 PM
	Jan 15	No School – Martin Luther King Day	Jan 31	Elem Chapel – David Witkop, Thanksgiving! Lutheran Church
	Jan 18	All-School Chapel @ Pre K-MS Campus		
	Jan 19	MS Science Fair, 7:00 PM		

Events & Info

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.



Absences and Tardies

If your child will be absent or more than 15 minutes late for school, please notify the office before 9 AM. Class begins at 8:15 for High School, 8:20 for Middle School and 8:30 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!

Cornerstone Dress Code Reminder

Jeans with holes that show either skin or undergarments are not permitted in our dress code. Jeans with frays, but no skin or undergarments showing are permitted as well as jeans with patches.

Tights and leggings are not considered pants and thus, should not be worn as such. If they are to be worn at school by an elementary student, they must be worn with a long tunic or shirt covering the student's hips and bottom. For middle school and high school, leggings and tights may be worn with a fingertip length tunic or dress.

If your student chooses to come to school out of dress code, a phone call will be made requesting a different set of clothes and if you are unable to bring anything, your middle or high school student will be given a P.E. uniform to be worn for the day. Our goal is to set a professional tone so that learning can take place during the school day.

Worship Night:

Save the date for our next Worship and Intercession Night
 Saturday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m.
 at the Pre-K—MS campus.

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
At Cornerstone high school campus
Parents are invited to attend.

Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

Cornerstone will host the annual pastors' lunch on Thursday, January 25th at 12:00 noon at the Pre K-MS Campus. Pastors from the 65 churches represented at CCS have been invited. We are truly blessed by the prayer of these leaders for our students and the Lord's work at CCS!

Welcome, Mrs. Dorhout –

We are pleased to announce that beginning in January, we have added an elementary PE para to our staff. Mrs. Erika Dorhout, a CCS parent, will be serving as our PE instructor. Mrs. Dorhout is a graduate of Northwestern College in Iowa, graduating with a degree in Exercise Science. For this past three months, she has volunteered in PE for several classes and we are excited to have her on staff and working with our elementary students on a daily basis. This is a wonderful blessing for our teachers and students!



Join us for our January CCS Family Night Out
Freddy's
in Shadow Lake
January 9, 5-8 p.m.



Festival of Lights – by Lisa Binko

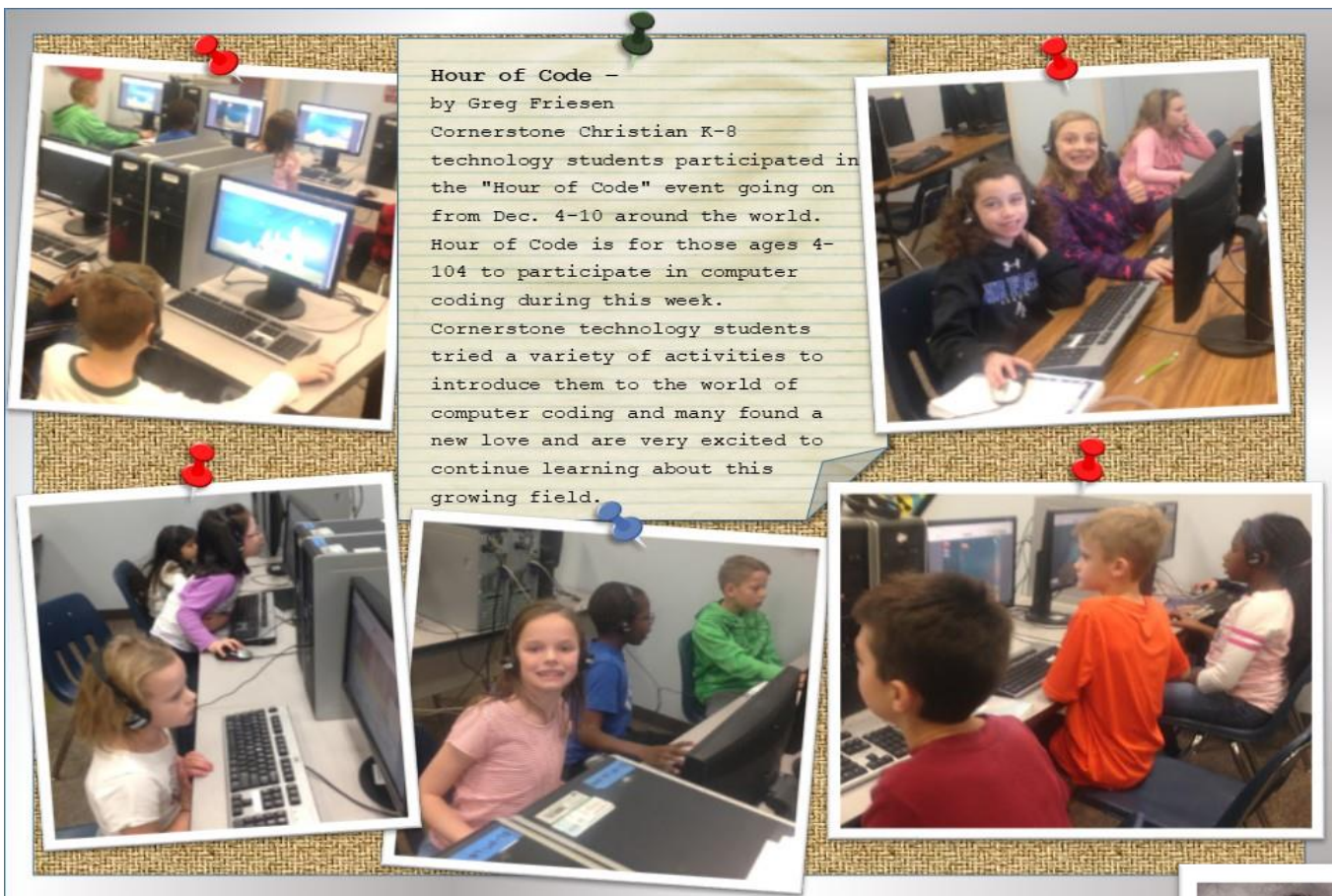
The fourth graders celebrated The Festival of Lights called Hanukkah. They learned about the victory of the Maccabees and the miracle of the oil that burned for 8 days. The students were challenged to shine the light of the love of Jesus as they prepare for their Christmas holiday.



Snowman Art

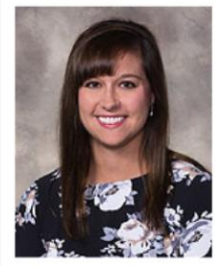
By 3rd Grade Students





Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Christine Goodsell



Our Staff Spotlight for January is a native of Omaha. Christine Goodsell is the oldest with three siblings. She has one sister and two brothers. In speaking of her mother & father she says, "My parents have always been a big part of my life and continue to be Godly mentors for me." Christine has been married to Zach for close to three years. He works at Creighton University and teaches part time at Grace.

Christine went to Burke High School and then attended Dana College in Blair, NE. After the closing of Dana, she finished at Concordia University in Seward, NE. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, Psychology, and Sport Management. She also received a USA Track and Field Certification. This is Mrs. Goodsell's third year teaching fifth grade at Cornerstone. She enthusiastically says, "I love it! My students remind me daily of God's love, creativity, and sense of humor." Rubber ducks, cookies, and Snoopy are a part of teaching fifth grade for her. She also coaches middle school track and cross-country. Before coming to Cornerstone, she worked in higher education at Midland University and at Grace University. She also taught at Sylvan Learning Center in Omaha.



Fun Tidbits: Christine and her husband enjoy spending time with their families, youth ministry at church, riding bikes, traveling to Colorado, and playing with their two rat-terriers, Kynda and Captain. She has enjoyed playing piano since she was six years old and running since she was nine years old.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Colossians 3:23.

- Thoughts for a Successful 2018 -

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. - Proverbs 16:3