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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

Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25:29-34

You may be very familiar with the story of Jacob and Esau in Genesis. In Sunday school as a child, you learned of their birth and their struggle from even within the womb. You learned of Esau's skill in hunting and Jacob's preference to stay close to the tents, of the fact that Isaac loved Esau and Rebekah loved Jacob, of their vying for favor with their father and the outcome of this tension. Often when presented with the story of Esau trading his birthright for a bowl of stew, I scoffed at his near-sightedness and how little he valued his birthright. I thought that certainly if I were in the same situation, I would treasure the birthright and would have more self-control to prepare a simple meal. I was sure that I would never make this choice with seemingly so little thought as Esau. But then the Holy Spirit convicts and reveals my own weaknesses and they look similar to Esau's. Too often I trade the eternal for the immediate, the everlasting for the temporal, the complex for the easy,

and the valuable for the rubbish. I trade the Lord's plans and purposes for what I see as reasonable and probable, trading His glory for what is worthless.

Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. Jonah 2:8

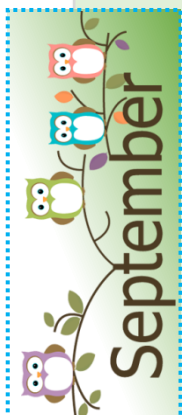
The Lord admonishes us through the prophet Jonah, telling us that those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. Like Esau, we cling to what is worthless, a bowl of lentil stew, relinquishing what is of priceless value, our birthright in Christ. May we instead cling to our birthright in the heavenly Father, God's grace, His plans and purposes, and His grace.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7



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Sept 6	No Elem Chapel	Sept 19	MS Chapel – Chris Pruitti, Grace University
Sept 6	Drama Club Practice Begins @ Pre-K –MS campus, 3:30-4:45 PM	Sept 20	Elem Chapel – Brad Knorr, King of Kings Church
Sept 7	All School Worship Service	Sept 20	Picture Day, Pre-K-8 th Grade
Sept 8	Midterm	Sept 20	HS Chapel – Mark Santee
Sept 11	Parent Meeting, @ Pre-K-MS campus, 7 PM	Sept 21	Picture Day, 9 th – 12 th Grades
Sept 12	MS Chapel - Bryan Rice Christ the King Lutheran Church	Sept 21	Haiti missions trip informational meeting at 7:00 PM @ HS campus
Sept 12	Family Night Out – Arby's in Papillion, 4-9 PM	Sept 25	PTF Family Fun Night, Skate City, 6-9 PM
Sept 13	Elem Chapel – Jenny Barnard, Calvary Christian Church	Sept 26	MS Chapel, Al Farhadi
Sept 14	HS Chapel – Ali Farhadi	Sept 27	Elem Chapel, Bryan Rice, Christ the King Lutheran Church
Sept 15	Mid-term Grades sent	Sept 31	HS Chapel, Lance Grush, Marketplace Missions
Sept 16	High School Homecoming Dance, 7 PM- Midnight		

A prayer for Cornerstone Christian as the school year begins:

LORD...you are our King, Creator, and Father.

I lift up now Cornerstone Christian School. You have placed, planted, and produced a school that seeks after your heart. It is a school that loves you, love its staff, and loves its students. I have no doubt that this school is transforming the lives of all that enter inside its heart. Lord, I pray that this year is a year of deep and transforming love for you, each other, and your precious and living Word. I pray that the school and all those who come into contact with it are overwhelmed with the power of your Holy Spirit and the purity of your Word. May this be a year like no other. May this be a year that students, staff, parents, and the community experience a revolution of your Love and Truth. May this be the year in which a new depth and understanding of your character and nature is experienced. Let this happen as a greater capacity to love and fear you is gained.

Let It Be!

In His Grace,
Ture Riker, Youth With a Mission, Colorado

Events & Info

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AN IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING – for all K-12 parents

Location: Pre-K-8th grade campus in the Range
Date: September 11th
Time: 7:00 PM.

PLAN A FAMILY NIGHT OUT

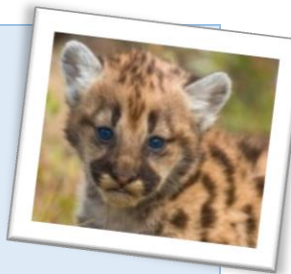
Location: Arby's in Papillion
Date: Tuesday, September 12th
Time: 4 – 9 PM

CCS receives a portion of the proceeds. Be sure to tell them you are from Cornerstone Christian School.



Cougar Care

Cornerstone Christian School provides after-school care for our elementary & middle school students. The program is from 3:20 to 5:30 and includes homework time, crafts, snacks, and activities. Call the office to register your child(ren) for the daily fee of \$8 per child. Drop-in rate is \$9 per day.



ENJOY A FUN EVENING...

...with other Cornerstone families at our PTF sponsored event.



What: Skating Party
Where: Skate City, Bellevue
When: Monday Sept. 25th
Time: 6-8pm

We are thankful...

...for our faithful parent volunteers who show up early every single morning to greet our Pre-K – 8th grade students as they are dropped off at school. Rain, sunshine or snow, they are there with smiles on their faces. Thank you Glen Smith, Shawn Barnard, & Erin Iverson.



Middle School Retreat September 2017



Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Janice Rose



Mrs. Janice Rose is our Staff Spotlight this month. She and her husband, Nate, settled in Papillion when he retired after 22 years in the service. The military took them many places including Montana, Germany, Utah and a previous stint here in Bellevue. Janice and Nate have been married for 16 years and have two children – Alexis, 14 and Matthew, 10.

Mrs. Rose has a BS in Social Work (UNO) and MA in Teaching middle/secondary with additional endorsements in elementary education and special education (College of Saint Mary). She graduated in 2014 after completing her student teaching in The Netherlands. She worked at AF North International 2014-2016. Mrs. Rose joins the Cornerstone faculty this year teaching 6th, 9th & 10th grade math and serves as a resource teacher.

Fun Tidbits:

Janice’s father was a Marine, and so the family lived in many different places as she was growing up. One of the most memorable was Japan. As an adult, she served 4 years in the Air Force as a security force member (cop). Mrs. Rose is a creative person. She likes creating crafts, sewing her own clothes and making her own greeting cards. She is a Seattle Seahawks fan!

Favorite Scripture verse:

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. 1 Thess. 5:23-24



2017 Total Solar Eclipse by Allen Huebert, High School Science Teacher

On August 21st, CCS middle and high school students traveled to Concordia University in Seward to view the eclipse. Over 1000 students from Christian schools in eastern Nebraska joined us.

The event began with a chapel service on the football field. An astronomy professor from CU gave a devotional about how God reveals himself through the wonders of creation.

Ninety minutes prior to totality, two CU science professors began giving a “play-by-play” of the events leading up to totality. Though the sky was partly cloudy, our students were able to view the sun’s diminishing crescent with special eclipse glasses provided by CU. At approximately 1:03 pm totality began. The stadium lights were turned off and the music ceased. As the sun disappeared behind the moon, spectators began to cheer. Witnessing totality is truly an once in a lifetime experience. Words cannot accurately describe the experience. The next total eclipse in the US will be April 8, 2024.

The eclipse watching event almost did not happen. On the day prior to the eclipse, Seward was without water due to major water pipe leak. At about 10:00 pm CU officially canceled the event. Throughout the night, city crews worked to locate and repair the leak. By 6:30 the next morning, the eclipse watch event was back on.



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