

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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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*

## Administrator's News

By Mrs. Teri Lynn Schrag CCS Superintendent

Our days are filled with questions- asking questions, answering questions, solving questions. Whether you are five and the question is "What is two plus two?" or you are much older and the question is much more challenging and complex. But one of the greatest questions is asked in Mark 10. Jesus asks the same question two different times and get two very different responses.

James and John approach Jesus with a very bold request. Now, we are told in Scripture to ask of the Lord and I believe that the Lord wants us to ask of Him boldly, but this request is not only bold, but very self-seeking. Jesus turns to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" (Mark 10: 36) James and John replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." They asked to be placed in the seat of prominence, to receive honor while in His presence for eternity. This request was one of arrogance, selfishness, and pride. Jesus response to them was one of sorrow. "You do not know what you are asking."

Now contrast that to another request just hours later. Bartimaeus, a blind beggar at the gate of Jericho, hears that Jesus is passing by and calls out to Him, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" The crowd tries to silence him, perhaps mocking him and scorning him for his boldness, his audacity that he, a beggar, is calling out to Jesus. But Jesus stopped and called for him to be brought to Jesus. He looks at the blind beggar and asks the same question that He had just asked of His disciples. "What do you want me to do for you?" (Mark 10:51) Bartimaeus answers, full of faith, boldly, "I want to see."

What a bold, audacious request! A blind beggar standing before Jesus of Nazareth, the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, makes a request. "I want to see." Yes, he was asking for physical sight, but I know that he was asking for even more than that. He was asking to see God's grace, to see God's love, and most importantly, to see God's glory. And the Lord in His grace and mercy and everlasting love answered this beggar's bold and audacious request.

So today, Jesus, the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, is standing before you with this same question. "What do you want me to do for you?" And what is your response? Today ask a bold and audacious request of Him. Ask to see His grace, to see His love, and most importantly, to see His glory.

*Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.*

*John 14:13-14*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

*Philippians 4:6*

### CCS School Board 2017-2018

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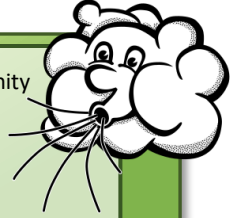
#### Superintendent

Mrs. Teri Lynn Schrag

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Mar 7	Elem Chapel – Teri Lynn Schrag	Mar 15	Registration Opens to Community for 2017-2018 school year
Mar 8	HS Chapel – Megan Wegner	Mar 16	WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day, Camouflage Day
Mar 5-9	Book Fair @ the Pre-K – MS Campus	Mar 18	His Legacy Banquet, @ Livestock Exchange, 5:30 PM
Mar 10	Drama Club Dress Rehearsal, Pre-K – MS Campus 1:00-4:30 PM	Mar 19	No School – Teacher In-service
Mar 12	Drama Club School Performance Pre-K – MS Campus, 2:15 PM	Mar 20	MS Chapel – Worship Chapel
Mar 12	Drama Club Production Pre-K – MS Campus, 7 PM	Mar 21	Elem Chapel – Jaimie Spurlock, Southwest Church of the Nazarene
Mar 13	MS Chapel – Jeremy Wissink, Community Bible Church	Mar 22	HS Chapel – Matthew Anderson, Waypoint Church
Mar 13	Beyond the Bell (K-5 <sup>th</sup> )	Mar 23	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Grades Sent Home
Mar 13	Family Night Out – Valentino’s in LaVista	Mar 24	PTF Family Fun Night, Lied Activity Center, 5:00-7:00 PM
Mar 14	Elem Chapel – Joya Kinney	Mar 27	MS Chapel – Janine Wegner, Thanksgiving Lutheran Church
Mar 14	School Board Meeting, 6 PM, HS campus	Mar 28	Elem Chapel – Alicia Perry, Waypoint Church
Mar 15	HS Chapel – Amy Turner, Calvary Christian Church	Mar 29-Apr 2	No School – Easter Break
Mar 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends		

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## Events & Info

### Children’s Scholarship Fund 2018-2019 –

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. Visit [www.csfomaha.org/scholarships](http://www.csfomaha.org/scholarships) to apply for this scholarship. The deadline for completing the ONLINE application is Friday, May 4.

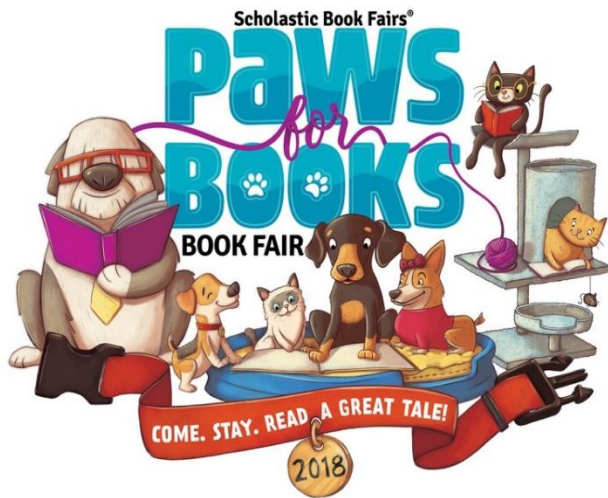


## His Legacy Fundraiser Banquet Dinner & Silent Auction

Sunday, March 18, 2017 at 5:30 pm  
Livestock Exchange Building  
\$40 per person or \$320 for a reserved table of 8  
Purchase tickets [HERE](#) or at either campus

Tickets are now on sale for our annual fundraising banquet. This evening will consist of a silent auction with a variety of items to bid on, a plated dinner, and an encouraging message given by our keynote speaker, former Husker & NFL football player, Roy Helu Jr.

All proceeds from the banquet will go towards our Tuition Assistance. With God's provision, we hope to raise \$30,000 which will help financially bless current and potential students and their families.



The book fair is open daily March 5-9 from 8-4 PM

Furry Friends Family Night - March 9 @ 6:00 PM  
and the Book Fair will be open after this event until 9 PM



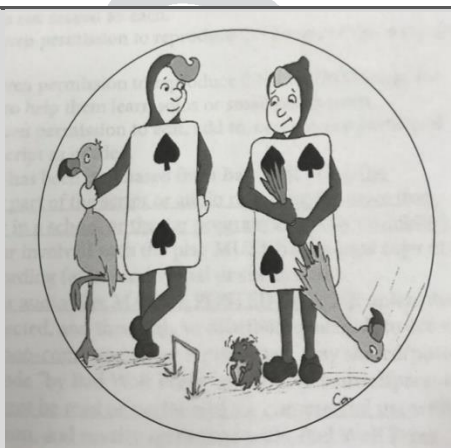
**March School Board Meeting**  
Wed, March 14 at 6:00 PM @ the high school campus  
Parents are invited to attend



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**Drama Club -**

Cornerstone's Drama Club will be presenting Alice's Adventures in Idioms this year. This musical is not only funny, but you will learn some useful English information as well. The Drama Club consists of twenty 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders, who have been working with Mrs. Binko and Mrs. Clarahan since September. This play is for the whole family. So join us on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Pre-K – MS Campus at 7:00 pm for an evening of laughter and song.



**CCS Family Night Out  
at Valentino's**  
Dine in or Carry Out

All day on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
7202 Giles Rd, LaVista, NE  
Please mention you are  
from Cornerstone.



**16th Annual CCS Walk-a-thon -**

The Cornerstone Christian School Annual Walk by Faith Walk-a-thon will be on Friday, May 4, 2018. 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. The funds raised from this event cover the gap between tuition paid and the actual cost of educating our students. This event can only be successful with 100% participation by our families. The kick-off meetings were a HUGE success. Brochures are due back at school by Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Our next pep rallies will be on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Our theme for that day is CAMOUFLAGE DAY. There will be prizes and games at each pep rally. Please encourage your student

to dress up, but please NO face paint. You are all invited to this pep rally. The Elementary Pep Rally will be at 1:00 pm, the Middle School Pep Rally will be at 1:45 pm, and the High School Pep Rally will be at 2:55 pm. Please contact Mrs. Clarahan and Mrs. Woell 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.



# Spelling Bee

**3rd Grade**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ben G.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lily E.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Claire M.

**4th Grade**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Gia T.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sarah W.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Lane I.

**5th Grade**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Evann K.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Meghan M.

**6th Grade**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Morgan F.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Seth B.

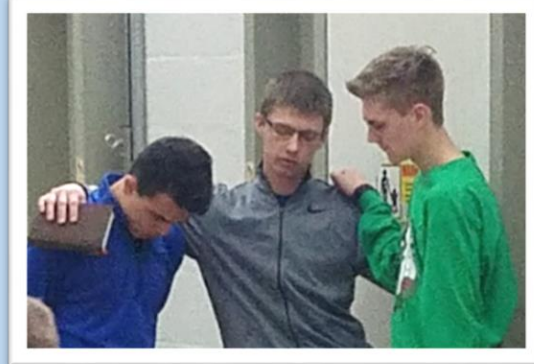
**7th Grade**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Logan B.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Adeline B.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Ashton H.

**8th Grade**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Quinton L.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jake B.

**Overall**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Logan B.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Morgan F.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Ashton H.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place – Adeline B.

2/15/18 – High School Prayer Chapel



CCS students grow in spiritual maturity as they pray for each other. Pictured here are two freshmen and a senior praying together at our most recent prayer chapel.

## Before the Next Big Step

*What Cornerstone Christian School has to offer for students preparing for college, workforce, and military service.*

By April Schrag  
 Yearbook Editor

Throughout the years, Cornerstone has been offering quality academics through a Christian worldview. Even more importantly, Cornerstone is preparing their students for what lies ahead: college, workforce, or military service. Beginning with their freshman year, all Cornerstone high schoolers are taught at a high academic level and are offered AP Physics and Honors Calculus as upperclassmen, allowing them to obtain college credits. Teachers set high expectations in the classroom and require rigorous content knowledge to ensure their students are prepared for college courses.

One of these teachers in particular is Mrs. Kieser. As the Guidance Counselor and Spiritual Advisor, Mrs. Kieser makes sure her students are on the path to success. When asked about the importance of her role, Mrs. Kieser responded by saying, “I take my position very seriously, because to me nothing else matters more than where they [her students] are at with Jesus. If they are in the right place spiritually, they can be anywhere physically to hear and respond to His call.”

**“Cornerstone has laid an excellent foundation for all areas in my life.”**

-Aaron Schrag  
 Class of 2015

In addition to spiritual and intellectual guidance, Cornerstone hosts fall and spring John Baylor Prep courses to help students boost their ACT scores. Over the course of three years, Cornerstone students have averaged 4.2 points above the national average ACT scores. Students are also encouraged by their Guidance Counselor to attend monthly college visits held during their homeroom. Colleges represented in 2017 have included: Northwestern, Dordt, and Concordia. Cornerstone looks forward to seeing the fruits of their labor in the upcoming class of 2018.



## Mr. Greg Friesen



Our Staff Spotlight for March is Mr. Greg Friesen, our K-8 Technology Teacher. Although this is Mr. Friesen's first year teaching at Cornerstone, he has previous connections to our school. His niece, Lexi Dick, teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and his wife's uncle, Allen Huebert, teaches at the High School. Mr. Friesen is a welcome addition to the Cornerstone family.

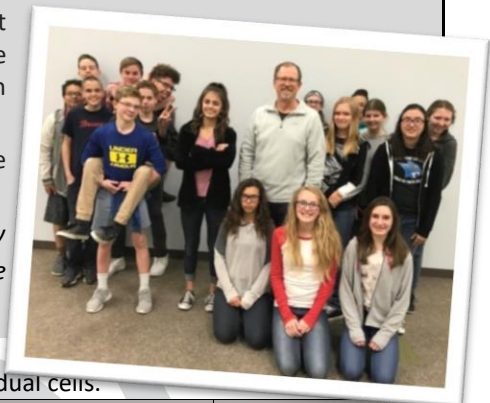
Mr. Friesen earned an associate's degree from Grace University, a bachelor's degree from University of Nebraska-Omaha and Master's degree from Chadron State College. He taught for 32 years at Alliance Middle School in Alliance, Nebraska before retiring in the spring of 2017. Through the years, he has taught Social Studies, Physical Education and Technology courses. He has also been involved in coaching football, basketball and track.



Greg and his wife, Terri, have been married for 35 years. They have three grown children and 3.5 grandchildren (one on the way). His son, Brett, and his wife, Kelly, live in Plattsmouth with their 3 year old daughter and are expecting a baby in July. His daughter, Kayla, and her husband, Caleb, live in Sioux Falls, SD with their 3 year old daughter and almost 1 year old son. His youngest daughter, Jayna, lives in Lubbock, TX with her husband, Ben.

Mr. Friesen says, "I've really enjoyed the move to Cornerstone. The kids are awesome and it has been fun to share with them my passions in the area of technology. It's great to be part of the Cornerstone family."

Below are samples of recent computer art by 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. More computer art is on display on the walls of the Range.



**Fun Tidbits** – Greg enjoys biking, swimming, and playing basketball. He also follows college football and basketball.

**Favorite Scripture Verse** – *"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* ~ Isaiah 40:31

**Pixel Art Project** – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students used Excel to create pixel pictures by coloring individual cells.



**Self Portrait Project** – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students used Pixlr to make an outline drawing and a painting of themselves.

