

# 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

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19*

At Cornerstone Christian School, discipleship is not just a program added to the curriculum. Discipleship is at the very core of who we are. It is a responsibility taken up by teachers in the classroom, students in the hallways, coaches at games and practices, families at special events, and administrators in how the school is managed and operated. Discipleship cannot be separated into an add-on program, because it permeates everything we do. Our interest is in helping students become true disciples of Christ – not just people who have a Christian worldview.

At CCS, we want our students to chase Jesus. Imagine a school where a student is motivated to do his or her very best in response to his or her love for God. Whether it is in academics, athletics, or fine arts, a student's primary focus would be to commit all of his or her might to doing the best that he or she can as a means of expressing his or her love for God. Take academics for example. Because students realize and believe that their minds are more than just storage for information, they become life-long learners of truth. Academics become more than transcripts for successful completion of high school and necessities for entrance to college. In this environment, the mind is not "checked-at-the-door" for ignorant and naïve religious indoctrination, but rather clear and well-developed wisdom and knowledge are looked upon as an achievement in expressing gratitude to the provider of all Truth.

Interwoven into this relentless pursuit of excellence is a heartfelt compassion for our fellow man. As a means of expressing their love for God, students welcome and seize the opportunities to meet the needs of others. Imagine what it would be like if students were able to begin to shift the focus from "What does this world have to offer me?" to "What do I have to offer this world?"

What if students began to capture and integrate this passion for discipleship and the Truth of God's Word to the point in which they too felt the need to make sure those who follow them know the magnitude of traveling this path of life? Would the lives of students in such a school be different? What would their impact on the world be? If this is possible, could this not bridge the gap of what Jesus taught discipleship to be and what it has become? With this in mind, "Come, follow me" (Mark 1:17) takes back its original meaning. This is who the Lord call you to be- in His Name.

*I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. Philemon 4-6*

**"Making disciples is not about gathering pupils to listen to your teaching. The real focus is not on teaching people at all- the focus is on loving them." Francis Chan**

### CCS School Board 2017-2018

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Mrs. Teri Lynn Schrag

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# 2018 Summer Calendar

|              |                             |             |  |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--|
| July 4       | Fireworks stand – last day! | August 14   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of High School; Noon Dismissal |
| July 9       | PTF Meeting                 | August 15   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School K-8; Noon Dismissal  |
| July 23      | School Board Meeting, 6 PM  | August 16   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Pre-K                       |
| August 7 & 8 | Book Covering Sessions      | August 18   | Arrow to Aerospace Parade                          |
| August 7-13  | Teacher In-service          | August 20   | Kindergarten Begins Full Days                      |
| August 12    | Back to School Picnic       | September 3 | No School, Labor Day                               |

## CCS Summer Office Hours

Pre-K—MS Campus  
 Mon, Wed & Thu  
 9:00 AM - 1:00PM

High School Campus  
 Tue  
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Offices are closed on Fridays

## Events & Info

### Next PTF Meeting

Monday, July 9 at 7:00 pm  
 At the pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade campus  
 CCS parents are encouraged to attend

### CCS School Board Meeting

Monday, July 23 at 6:00 pm  
 At the pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade campus  
 Parents are welcome to attend

Join us for the

### Arrow to Aerospace Parade

Saturday, August 18, 10:00 am  
 Olde Towne Bellevue (Mission Ave. to the Park)

## Back-to-School Picnic at Halleck Park

Sunday, August 12



1:00-3:00 for elementary

2:00-4:00 for Middle School/High School  
 The athletic department will sell sandwiches & the PTF will provide cookies and lemonade



## Welcome Cornerstone Staff

- **Katrina Collver** has been on the CCS staff for four years and will be co-teaching kindergarten this year with **Mrs. VanMoorlegem**, serving as the afternoon teacher.
- **Megan Dick** will join the middle school staff, teaching 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Language arts and 8th grade history.
- **Heather Loewen** will join the 4th grade teachers.
- **Aimee Smith** will be teaching 5th grade.
- **Courtney Moore** will serve as athletic director and as a middle and high school math teacher.
- **Sara Needham** will serve as a resource specialist in middle and high school.
- **Kacia Ingram** will be joining the kindergarten team as a para



## Fireworks Stand – July 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day!

We did it! Another fireworks season is over and we're entering the final weeks of summer before school starts. I want to shout a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to work a shift at the stand, brought us yummy things to eat, donated ice or drinks, loaned us items to make life easier, and who made a fireworks purchase at the Cornerstone Fireworks Stand this year. I want to also thank Mrs. Bookless and Ms. Evans who were at the stand every day with me, I certainly couldn't have done this without you! I hope that the rest of your summer is beyond blessed. I look forward to seeing you all at the Back-to-School Picnic in August.


Thankfully yours, Mrs. Clarahan

Thank you, Mrs. Clarahan, for your part in organizing and running the Fireworks stand. You are a blessing.

### Journal Entries

by students in Mrs. Morrison's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class

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Erning Jordan williamias + PH

My name is Jordan


My favorite subject is Math I love math because it helps your brain. I like speed drills. me and william like to race on speed

5-2-18



Hunter

My grandma came yesterday. She brot brownies and cookies. They ar so yanny.



My name is Molly. I read a book called Scaredy Squirrel at night. It goes like this. Scaredy Squirrel never sleeps. Hed rather stay awake than risk having a bad dream in

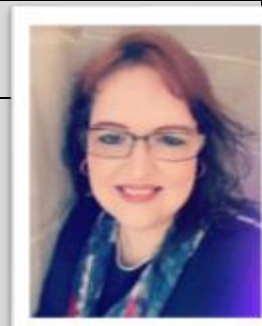
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Photos courtesy of Mrs. Clarahan & Mrs. Hemsworth (See more Walk-a-thon pictures on page 5)



## Mrs. Angela Rudd



Last fall Mrs. Angela Rudd took the position of Cougar Care Specialist and truly invested herself in our after school care of students. Thank you, Angela!

Angela was born in Georgia and lived there until kindergarten. She lived in Alabama through the sixth grade then moved back to Georgia. She graduated in the top 10% of her class and was selected for the Governor Honors program. She attended Valdosta State College with a major in business and a minor in choral performance.

In January of 1992, she met Richard and they were married in August of the same year. In 1996, the Air Force moved the couple to Nebraska and they have lived here since. Angela and Rich will be celebrating 26 years of marriage in August. They have two children, Lacey, 19 and Josh, 10. They are both "miracle" babies!

The Rudd family started at Cornerstone in 2009 with Lacey beginning the sixth grade. Josh started as a kindergartner in 2013. They have been a very active family at Cornerstone. She says, "We love that Cornerstone just solidifies what we teach our kids at home and that they openly can talk about Christ. Between cheerleading, basketball, volleyball, winterguard and so many other things, we are truly a Cornerstone family and wouldn't have it any other way."

Before coming to Cornerstone, Angela worked in many fields - retail, UPS, HR at Mutual of Omaha, and as a professional photographer. Her most rewarding job was working as a special needs para through Bellevue Public Schools.

Angela started working at Cornerstone in October 2017. Here is what she says about her job.

"I love it! I love my kids and I love the high school students who work with me. There's nothing like walking in the Cougar Care room and having a bunch of kids run up to you and giving you hugs and telling you that they love you. I have tried to bring new and exciting things to the kids since being here on staff. On Fridays, we now have a movie up on the wall and popcorn. We have had at least two pizza parties along with other special treats on special days. We have made crafts to include ornaments at Christmas time. We even have dance parties with a disco ball. I know it is hard for them to be stuck inside so I try to make things fun and active for them. Of course, I could not do any of this

without my workers. They are awesome! I try to reward and thank them with pizza and treats just to say thank you because they deserve it. I love each and every one of them tremendously."

Angela expressed her thanks to Cornerstone for the opportunity to serve, work, and show God's love through her actions. She added, "It's truly a great place to be".



**Fun Tidbits** – Angela did not attend kindergarten, but she had perfect attendance 11 out of the 12 years of school. The one year she didn't make perfect attendance was in seventh grade when she got the chickenpox.

**Favorite Scripture Verse** – *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ~ Jeremiah 29:11 NIV.*

Another verse that Angela claims for comfort is John 16:33 ESV. *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

### Haiku poetry

by students in Miss Dick's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class

The horse galloped in  
the beautiful breeze next to  
a peaceful ocean.

Amalah's Haiku

The train whistle blows.  
All aboard; it's time to go!  
Sway, tug, clickety-clack.

Micah's Haiku

A single rose sits  
quietly beside water  
on a lonely night.

Makenzie's Haiku

## Walk-a-thon 2018



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★ ★ ★ Happy Independence Day ★ ★ ★