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So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. ~ I Corinthians 13:13

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Administrator's News

By Dr. Schrag, CCS Superintendent

O Come All Ye Faithful Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

The Christmas season is filled with special memories- stringing the twinkling lights on a fresh Christmas tree, baking delicacies to share with friends and neighbors, and selecting that perfect gift for a child. It is also a time of wonderful music; music that transports us to the humble manger or the starry fields of Bethlehem. One beautiful hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful" beckons us to come adore the baby, Christ the Lord. But when was the last time that you truly pondered this call to adore the Lord? We rarely use this word in our conversations. We might say that we love or admire someone, but what does it mean to truly adore Christ? Webster's dictionary gives an understandable definition, "To adore means to worship or honor as deity and to regard with loving admiration and devotion." Does this define our love for the Lord Jesus Christ? Do we worship, honor, and

regard Him with loving admiration and devotion. Do we adore the Lord?

In the 1300's A.D., a devoted saint wrote a book, *The Cloud of Unknowing*, calling us to a life of devotion. He writes, "Oh God, fix my heart so I may perfectly love Thee and worthily praise Thee." This beautiful prayer is a call to adore the Lord. May this be the prayer of your heart this season. May God fix our hearts to perfectly love, praise, and adore Christ!

"Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. I Chronicles 29:10-11, 13

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Dec 5	Elem Chapel – Darryl Keeney, Lighthouse Baptist Church
Dec 6	HS Chapel – Prayer Chapel
Dec 7	K-5 th Christmas Program, Salem Baptist Church, in Omaha, 7 PM
Dec 7	Family Night Out, Culver's in Bellevue following the Christmas Program
Dec 11	MS Chapel – Prayer Chapel
Dec 12	Elem Chapel – Alicia Perry Waypoint Church

Dec 13	HS Chapel – Rich Rudd
Dec 14	MS/HS Christmas Program, First Baptist Church, in Plattsmouth, 7 PM
Dec 17-19	HS Finals
Dec 18	MS Chapel – Andy Turner, Calvary Christian Church
Dec 19	Elem Chapel – Christmas Chapel
Dec 19	Pre-K – MS Christmas Parties
Dec 19	2 nd Quarter Ends
Dec 20 – Jan 2	Christmas Break

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.



Attendance & Tardy Policies –

As partners in your student's education, we strongly encourage daily attendance. All school days, finals, and special activity days are considered compulsory attendance days. Parents are required to call and inform the office of a student's absence.

Please contact the school office by 9:00 AM to confirm an absence or tardy for your child.

- Elementary & Middle School Office: 402.292.1030
- High School Office: 402.291.2260

Elementary Christmas Program



December 7, 2018, 7 PM
Hosted by Salem Baptist Church

Family Night Out

— following the Elementary Christmas Program —
at Culver's in Bellevue



Middle & High School Christmas Program

December 14, 2018, 7 PM
Hosted by First Baptist Church
in Plattsmouth



Save the Date

2019 His Legacy Fundraiser Banquet

Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 5:30
at the Livestock Exchange Building

Quiz Bowl



Quiz Bowl News – by Sara Bookless, 5th grade teacher

This is the 4th year of Quiz Bowl at Cornerstone. Mr. Bookless spends much of his time coaching the high school team, while Mrs. Bookless focuses her attention on the middle school team. At tournaments, both work together to assist as students move from room to room competing. Quiz Bowl is a fast paced competition that quizzes students on a variety of academic subjects including math, science, history, language arts, and more. Quiz Bowl students know a plethora of information, but more importantly they know how to pull important information from their current and past classes. Currently we have 15 middle school students and 5 high school students participating, and have many 5th grade students who are eager to be involved next year. It has been fun to see the growth in this program over the past few years. As we compete at Metro Area schools, Cornerstone Christian continues to be recognized by others in their ability, conduct, and attire. At a recent Quiz Bowl meet, CCS parents' overheard the other team say, "Wow, this isn't going to be good! Look at how well they are dressed--they must be smart!" CCS students went on to win that match, but not because of their nice shirts, rather it was due to their ability to recall information and think quickly. Additionally, the middle school students made a new accomplishment for CCS by bringing home a second place trophy at the most recent tournament held at Bryan High school. Although the high school and other middle school teams did not bring home a trophy, they did quite well. We had another middle school team in the top 8 teams, and the high school team placed 4th out of 30+ teams.

Senior Pictures –

All seniors should have 2 senior pictures (one horizontal and one vertical) turned into Mrs. Dennis for the yearbook no later than Friday, January 18. Senior pictures may be submitted either digitally or by email. Please include the name of your photographer so we may give them credit in the yearbook.

Medication Information –

According to the Nebraska State Medication Act and school policy, written parental permission is required for any medication given at school, including non-prescription medication such as Tylenol, etc. Students are prohibited from giving any medication to other students.

If your child needs to take any prescription medication while at school, or carries an inhaler at school, parental permission and a physician's signature is required to be on file at the school office.

All medication must be in the original container or prescription bottle.

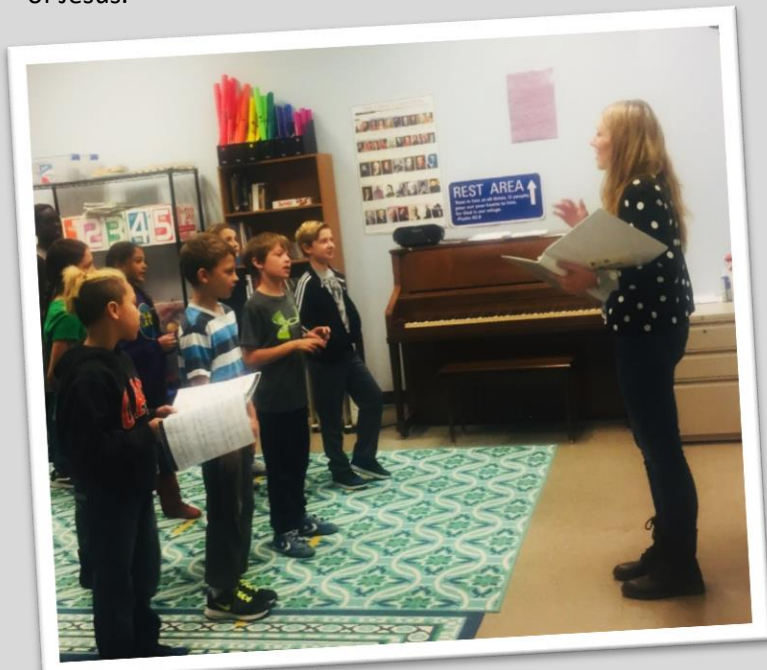
Pick up an **Authorization for Administration of Medication** form at the school office or access it on our school website, <http://cornerstonechristianschool.org/resources/forms/>



Miss Ali Boyd



Our staff spotlight for December is Miss Ali Boyd. She has been a part of the Cornerstone teaching staff for two years. Miss Boyd teaches music for our Kindergarten through 6th grade students and for our 7th and 8th grade girls. Miss Boyd shared, “I am thankful for working in a place that I can openly share the love and grace of Jesus.”



Ali grew up in Fort Calhoun, a small town outside of Omaha. She lived there with her parents and two siblings. She is the middle of three girls with an older sister, Erin, and younger sister, Kira.

Ali graduated from Fort Calhoun High School before coming to Omaha to attend Grace University. She said, “I loved Grace University, because I could pursue my first love, Christ and His word, and music second.” She received a bachelor’s in music education from Grace with a focus on vocal performance. While at Grace she became acquainted with Cornerstone though friends at Grace that had attended Cornerstone.

Miss Boyd and her students have been working hard on the music for the upcoming Elementary Christmas Program on Friday, December 7, hosted at Salem Baptist Church. Be sure to come and be blessed as we celebrate this Christmas season.

Fun Tidbit: Ali loves animals, books, Chinese food, and spending time performing in local community theatres and singing for weddings and events.

Favorite Scripture: *However, as it is written: 'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived' - the things God has prepared for those who love him. ~ 1 Corinthians 2:9*



National Honor Society – by Joshua Kozak, High School Teacher & NHS Sponsor

In October, our National Honor Society hosted their annual Harvest Party. By putting on this event, elementary and middle school-aged children are able to have a safe environment in which they can dress up, play games, enjoy snacks, and bond with one another. The \$580 raised through the event were donated to the American Red Cross to assist hurricane relief efforts in Florida and the Carolinas.

In celebration of Veterans Day on November 11th, NHS displayed, along the high school campus hallway, images of student family members to recognize either their past or present service in the armed forces.

Members of National Honor Society have also been volunteering outside local Bellevue stores since Thanksgiving weekend as bell ringers to help raise funds for the Salvation Army.