

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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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

*It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace. Hebrews 13:9b*

This week, I was led to a beautiful phrase in Scripture. One that I have read many times, and in fact, I have it underlined in my Bible at school, but it drew my attention in a new manner. As I read Hebrews 13, and in the midst of the author's instruction to the early believers on caring for strangers and being content, he instructs them not to be carried away with strange teachings, but to remember the word of God to them. And then through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he says, "It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace."

I can certainly understand my need to being strengthened and that this strengthening was good, but I had to seek the Lord on this "strengthening by grace". What is it that He needed me to see and understand? Grace can best be defined as God's gift of unmerited favor, His unearned kindness, His undeserved compassion. But there must be more.

And then I heard, "All your life, I have been faithful and all your life, I have been good. This is My grace to you and in this you are strengthened." Yes, His unmerited favor, His unearned kindness, His undeserved compassion are His good gifts to me, a demonstration of His faithfulness and goodness. So in my gratefulness and in awe of Him, my response is to joyfully sing of His goodness, His faithfulness, and His grace upon grace to me.

*I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.  
Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.*

*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.*

*One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.*

*They speak of the glorious splendor of your  
majesty—*

*and I will meditate on your wonderful works.*

*They tell of the power of your awesome works—*

*and I will proclaim your great deeds.*

*They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.*

*Psalm 145:1-7*

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<b>Feb 6</b>	Elem Chapel – Mrs. Schrag	<b>Feb 18</b>	No School – Presidents Day
<b>Feb 6</b>	Pastor Appreciation Luncheon	<b>Feb 19</b>	MS Chapel – TBA
<b>Feb 7</b>	No School – Parent/Teacher Conf.	<b>Feb 20</b>	Elem Chapel – Esther Beasley, Child Evangelism Fellowship
<b>Feb 8</b>	No School – Teacher Work Day	<b>Feb 20-25</b>	HS Mission Trip to Colorado Springs, CO
<b>Feb 8</b>	<b>Nerf War</b> – Pre-K-MS Campus PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> Graders, 5-6 PM 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders, 7-9 PM	<b>Feb 27</b>	MS Chapel – Teri Lynn Schrag Skate City, 6-8 PM
<b>Feb 12</b>	MS Chapel – Prayer Chapel	<b>Feb 26</b>	MS Chapel – Cole Denne, Lifegate
<b>Feb 13</b>	Elem Chapel, Shane Lester, LifeSpring Church	<b>Feb 27</b>	Elem Chapel – Teri Lynn Schrag
<b>Feb 14</b>	HS Chapel – Prayer Chapel	<b>Feb 29</b>	HS Chapel – Ryan Jantz, LifeSpring Church
<b>Feb 14</b>	Valentine’s Day – Pre-K/Elem Parties		



First graders created sparkly seahorses in art class. See how many you can find in this issue of the Chronicle.

## Events & Info



### Kindergarten Konnection

Kindergarten Konnection will be on March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade campus. If you have a little one who will be in kindergarten next school year, be sure to call the office to RSVP. If you know of a family that you would like to receive an invitation, please call the office with names and addresses.

For parents of current kindergarteners, please mark your calendars. There is noon dismissal on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Pick-up will be the same as after school pick-up. Mrs. Van Moorlegem, Mrs. Veenstra and Mrs. Collver will walk your child to the car.

### Parent - Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 7, 2-7 PM  
All conferences will be held at the Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade campus

**Grades K – 5 Conferences** will be held in 15 minutes increments. **Sign up for conferences** through Sign-up Genius.



**Middle and High School Conferences** will be on a first come, first served basis and are held in five minutes increments. No appointment is necessary.

Please be conscientious of your time with our student’s teachers. If you would like to discuss a concern further, please schedule an appointment with the teacher by calling the office or sending an email.

### 2019/2020 Registration –

Student registration for next school year begins in February. Registration packets have been mailed home. CCS will open registration to the community on March 15<sup>th</sup>, so please have all registration forms to the office as soon as possible to reserve your student’s place for next year. We do have a waiting list from community members for the upcoming school year.

### Walk-a-Thon Kick Off - by Julie Clarahan

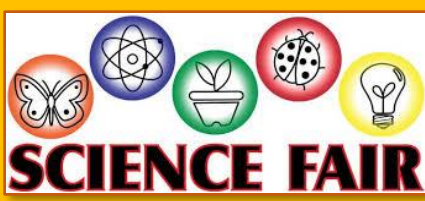
- Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk by Faith Walk-a-thon **Student Kick-off** Pep Rally is almost here. On Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 PM, we will start things off with some excitement. Show your Cougar Spirit by dressing in school colors. Everyone is invited to join us.
- **The Parent Kick-off** will be at 7 PM and it will be a time of information, prizes, and fun for the adults. There will also be childcare available, so bring the little ones.



**First Grade Science – by Miss Cassie Crowe**

In January, first graders learned about movement, force, energy, and work in Science. Miss Crowe’s class created pictures of themselves doing movement and wrote about the work being done.

The students illustrated themselves doing exercise, dance, climbing, jump rope, basketball, hopscotch, unicycling, swimming, martial arts, aerobics, spinning and equestrianism. See their creative illustrations below and more on page 5.



**Overall Winner** – Benjamin Ehrenberg

**Life Science Winners**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Savyon Tirado
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rebekah Baker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Emma Cordray
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Maggie Turner and Allison Matson (tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place)

**Physical Science Winners**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ashton Hughes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lily Hughes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elijah Maas
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Adeline Boltz

All 10 students will be going on to the Metropolitan Science and Engineering Fair at the zoo on March 7, 2019.



## Mrs. Stephanie Matson



We are happy to introduce you to Mrs. Stephanie Matson, our middle school science teacher. She has been teaching for four years with two of them at Cornerstone.

Stephanie grew up in Maple Lake, Minnesota, a tiny “cabin town”, where the population triples on the weekends from April to October!

Stephanie has been married to her best friend, Scott, for almost 15 years. The Air Force has taken them to Minnesota, Alabama, California, North Dakota, Nebraska, Louisiana and Iowa! Stephanie says, “We’re thrilled to call the Omaha area our permanent home as Scott retired from active duty last summer.”

Mrs. Matson earned a BA in Psychology from Carthage College in Kenosha, WI and an MS in Elementary Education from UNO. Prior to coming to Cornerstone, she taught high school math and Latin.

Her duties at Cornerstone include teaching science for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. (See Science Fair pictures on page 3) She also sponsors the Inklings Book Club on Tuesdays during the lunch period.



Stephanie and Scott have four children: Allison (13), John (11), Claire (9) and Elias (7). The Matson children were students at Cornerstone for a year before Stephanie joined the CCS family as a teacher! First grader, Elias is especially outgoing and friendly. Mrs. Matson says, “He seems to know the entire school. When I started teaching at CCS last October, it seemed that most of the middle school knew my son and they were so excited to hear I was his mom!”

Stephanie, it is good to have you as part of the Cornerstone teaching staff. Thank you for your contributions to our school.

**Fun Tidbit:** The Matson family loves to go camping and be outside as much as possible during the summer months. This summer their grand adventure will be to the Black Hills of South Dakota and Mt. Rushmore.

**Favorite Scripture:** A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. ~ Proverbs 17:22 (NIV)

### History Field Trip – by Mr. Kozak

Twelve juniors enrolled in 11<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History and AP U.S. History partook in the annual trip to the National World War I Museum in Kansas City. Then we ate at a local BBQ restaurant for lunch.



**First Grade Science** – (continued from page 3)



**Jordan Strong Signing – by Courtney Moore, CCS Athletic Director**

Cornerstone Christian School athletics is proud to announce that senior, Jordan Strong, committed to run track at York College this upcoming fall. On Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Jordan’s future coaches from York came to a signing ceremony here at CCS.

Principal Hood shared about Jordan’s athleticism, character and spiritual leadership and over 30 of Jordan’s teammates and classmates cheered as he signed the commitment paperwork. What a blessed event to celebrate the future steps for one of our seniors!



Jordan and his parents pictured with the track coaches from York College.



Prayers for Jordan offered by classmates, Nate & Hayes with Mrs. Strong and Courtney Moore, A.D.



**Congratulations** to Isabelle Thompson, a Cornerstone Christian School senior, for placing in the Vocal Music Category in the **City of Omaha's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MLK Jr. Living the Dream Competition**. This program promotes citizenship education of young people as it relates to the teachings of Dr. King's Dream.



**Valentine's Day  
Parents Night Out**

**NEED A DATE NIGHT?**

The CCS Junior Class is here to babysit your kids!  
Thursday, February 14 from 6-9 pm at the Elementary Campus  
Hourly rates are \$8 for one child and \$5 each for two or more children.




# Nerf War

Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade may attend with 1 parent from 5-6 PM

6-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be from 7-9 PM

\$5 per person for MS/HS  
\$15 per family for elementary

 <b>CCS High School Honor Roll</b> ❖ <b>Fall Semester 2018</b>  Honors GPA of 3.0-3.49 ——— High Honors GPA of 3.5 or higher	<u>HONORS</u>		<u>HIGH HONORS</u>	
	9 Jake Barnard	9 Grace Campbell	10 Daniel Rice	10 Kathryn Rice
9 Elijah Barta	9 Elijah Gutz	10 Vanya Saaid	10 Rachel Smith Luna	
9 Kylee Bays	9 Kaitlyn Holaway	10 Trevor Starling	11 Brianna Blevins	
9 Joyella Brick	9 Rose Johnson	11 Ethan Haeder	11 Gabriel Poppen	
9 Sydney Chaudier	9 Quinton Lovett	12 Lincoln Brollier	12 Julia Deese	
9 Haley Golda	9 Laura Merz	12 Jessica Evans	12 Olivia Guido	
9 Halle Matson	9 Grace Moses	12 Kieran McWilliams	12 Teagan Musselman	
9 Benjamin Pfortmiller	9 Jake Munos	12 Carson Santee	12 April Schrag	
9 Kaitlin Rumery	9 Anna Nygren	12 Eric Severson	12 Jordan Strong	
10 Nathan Barnard	9 Claire Quinn	12 William Dennis	12 Isabelle Thompson	
10 Avery Guido	9 Benjamin Saaid	10 Kristen Hingst	12 Brianna White	
10 Brenna Libby	9 Kaitlyn Severson	10 Tovie Kok	12 Carl Young	
10 Joshua Miller	9 Maria Wiebelhaus	10 Clayton Lind		
10 Matthew Wiegand	10 Hayes Anderson	10 Rheece May		
11 Christina Lee	10 Bridget Boltz			
11 Carissa Linse	10 Abbie Bullington			
11 Patty Ann Obbink	10 Paige Bullington			
11 Mackenzie Rowland	10 William Dennis			
11 Abbie Rumery	10 Kristen Hingst			
11 Michael Sweet	10 Tovie Kok			
12 Samantha Cook	10 Clayton Lind			
	10 Rheece May			

**High School Mission Trip – by Mr. Hood**

Pray for our high school students as they go on their mission trip to Colorado Springs, CO Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. No mission trip can succeed without prayer support. Our annual mission trip is a part of our curriculum at Cornerstone Christian School. These are not counted as “days off”. This trip is a vital part of being a discipleship Christian school.

Here are some groups we will be visiting:

- **Care and Share** – This is a food bank that serves Southern Colorado. We will spend an entire day working with this organization.
- **ACTS Global** – Their stated mission states “ACTS exists to train and send young pioneers to make disciples amongst the unreached through worship and prayer and tireless church planting”. The team will spend part of a day with this **training center and learning about their work.**
- **YWAM** – In addition to staying on the YWAM campus, we will spend part of a day learning about their work across the globe.
- **Kingdom Builders Family Life Center** – This agency works with many different groups in the Colorado Springs area. This includes at-risk youth, victims of abuse, and the elderly. We will spend one of our days partnering in their ministry.