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So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. ~1 Corinthians 13:13

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Administrator's News

By Dr. Schrag, CCS Superintendent

*Excerpt from the devotional to our high school students as they prepared for their annual mission trip on Wednesday, February 20, 2019

...and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby.... John 19:26

The scene is at the foot of the cross. Our Lord has been through such suffering and He fully knows the anguish that is before Him. He understands the torment that is yet to come both on the cross and the separation from His Heavenly Father as the weight of our sin is placed on Him. Yet in the midst of this sorrow and suffering, Jesus looks to His mother and His disciple John. He gives an instruction that demonstrates His compassion and love, asking John to care for His mother as his own. It is in the midst of this that we see the most remarkable description of John and one that I want to be true of me and each Cornerstone student.

First, John is described as a disciple, one who follows. At Cornerstone Christian School, we strive to be a discipleship Christian school, following our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We want to be learners of His word and truth and followers in His mercy and grace, seeing our world through the grid of God's Word. As John was described as a disciple, my prayer is that each one of us can be described as a disciple. *Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me. Luke 9:23*

Second, John is described as the one dearly loved by the Lord. John even refers to himself as "the one that the Lord loved." This description is seen over and over in Scripture. We are described as dearly loved, His beloved, precious to Him, and cherished. At our very core, this is everyone's deepest desire, to be loved and know that we are loveable. The Lord looks at us as His beloved. Yes, we are dearly loved by our heavenly Father and therefore, loveable. *You are precious and honored in my sight, and I love you. Isaiah 43:4a*

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Third, John is described as standing near to Jesus. Dear Cornerstone student, this is where I want to be- standing near Jesus, close enough to hear His every word and know His will. And I say to you over and over again, that I want to be near enough to hear His very heartbeat. My prayer is that we continually draw close and then closer to the heart of God. *Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:22-23*

In our kindergarten class is a wonderful little boy. Each day as I visit classrooms, he runs up to me and gives me a hug and every time says the same thing, "Mrs. Schrag, I love you so much." And every day, I reach down and say, "Theo, I love you so much." This is the heart of God, that each day we reach out to Him, "Jesus, I love you so much." And the Lord of the Universe, the One who calls us each by name, the One who died for us, leans down to us, "And my child, I love you so much."

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. John 3:16a



Mar 6	Elem Chapel – Jackie Weiss	Mar 23	Elem Chapel – David Ainsworth, Avery Presbyterian Church
Mar 7	HS Chapel – Jon Hood	Mar 21	HS Chapel TBA
Mar 12	MS Chapel – TBA	Mar 22	WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day, History Day
Mar 12	Family Night Out, Chipotle in Papillion, 4-8 PM	Mar 22	3 rd Quarter Grades Sent Home
Mar 13	Elem Chapel, Brandon Hair, Calvary Christian	Mar 23	PTF Family Fun Night, Lied Activity Center, 5-7 PM
Mar 14	HS Chapel – Luke Isaacson, Waypoint	Mar 24	His Legacy Banquet at the Livestock Exchange, 5:30 PM
Mar 14	3rd Quarter Ends	Mar 26	MS Chapel - TBA
Mar 15	2019-20 Registration opens to the community	Mar 27	No Elem Chapel – Ryan Pint
Mar 18	No School – Teacher In-Service	Mar 27	School Board Meeting, 6 PM
Mar 19	MS Chapel – Luke Isaacson, Waypoint Church	Mar 28	HS Chapel – Ryan Brons, Beautiful Savior Church
Mar 19	Middle School Orientation, In the Range at the Middle School Campus, 6:30 PM	Mar 30	Junior/Senior Prom



Events & Info

You are invited to the Annual Middle School Orientation –

Please come join the middle school teachers as we discuss the adventure of middle school. Some topics discussed will include curriculum, homework, daily schedule with passing periods, dress code, and athletics. We will be speaking on the transition to middle school and how to guide your student during these important years. This is a great time to meet teachers and learn the routines and expectations of our CCS middle school!

- Tuesday, March 19
- Middle School campus in the Range
- Presentations and Q & A at 6:30 p.m.

This event is for parents only. In the spring, the fifth grade classes will visit the middle school classrooms for orientation.

Walk-a-thon News – By Mrs. Clarahan

WOW, what a great kick-off to our 17th year of Walk-a-thon fundraising for Cornerstone! As we get things rolling, please remember to turn in all of your paperwork by Friday, March 15th. Our next pep rally will be on Friday March 22nd. It will be History Day. Please help your students choose wise historical people. We want to make sure that our choices glorify our Creator in all that we do. If you have any questions about the Walk-a-thon or how you can volunteer to help out, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Woell or me, at jclarahan@ccsnebraska.org. Watch your email for more information as the date of our event (Friday, May 3rd) grows close.



Middle School Art –
Inspired by “Starry Night”, a famous painting by Wenzel Hablik, the 6th graders created multi-media Solar art projects using paint, oil pastels and chalk pastels.
Our 7th grade students talked about the art of American Artist, Peter Thorpe, and then designed their own rockets using oil pastels to really make them pop. (See more Rocket and Solar art displayed on the wall in the Range.)





Join us for an evening of swimming at the PTF Family Fun Night at the Lied Activity Center

March 23rd, 5-7pm
\$3 admission per person

Join us for our
Cornerstone Family Night Out
Chipotle
10403 S 15th Street
Bellevue, NE 68123
March 12
4 – 8 PM



Helping someone sometimes helps you more.	If you slap, don't be surprised by the punch.	Lights are useless in the sun.
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8th Grade Proverbs – (see more 8th grade proverbs on the wall by the computer lab)

Do not complain about the quality of a gift.	If you order pizza, eat it.	If you go down the wrong path, turn around.
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Children’s Scholarship Fund 2019 - 2020 –

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 to apply for this scholarship. The deadline for completing the ONLINE application is Friday, May 3.

March School Board Meeting
Wed, March 27, 6:00 PM
Parents are invited to attend



My Guy & I Dance –
Saturday, March 9
6:30pm - 8:30 pm
\$10 per couple & \$5 for each additional daughter.
Location: CCS Cafeteria

The Class of 2019 is hosting a "My Guy and I" dance to raise funds for their senior trip. All young ladies in pre-k through 6th grade are invited to bring their father, grandfather, uncle or brother. Each couple is \$10 and there is an additional \$5 charge for each additional attendee. Please [Sign Up](#) and indicate the total number of people attending. In the comment box, you may request two songs to be played.



Quiz Bowl –
Our five member Quiz Bowl Team along with their coach, Mr. Bookless, represented our school well in the citywide Quiz Bowl on March 1st.
Quiz Team Members: Daniel R., Bridget B., Rachel S., Katheryn R., Dallas T.

Chapel at the New High School Campus -

Dr. Schrag addressed our high school students as they gathered for the first chapel service at our new campus. The worship team led the students in praise and worship and Mr. Hood directed a special prayer time.



By the second chapel service, as Pastor Ryan Jantz challenged our students and staff, we enjoyed the addition of comfortable seating for all!

We are grateful for God's blessing on our school.





His Legacy Fundraiser Banquet Dinner & Silent Auction

Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 5:30 pm
Livestock Exchange Building
\$40 per person or \$320 for a reserved table of 8
Purchase tickets [HERE](#) or at the school office.

The evening will consist of a silent auction full of wonderful baskets & outings on which to bid. We also will have a delicious plated dinner by Brandeis Catering and enjoy a performance by the CCS High School Choir and a message given by our keynote speaker: Ron “Gus” Gustafson.

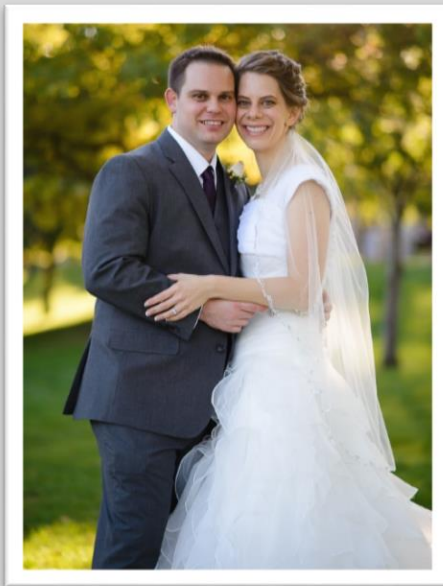
We are so thankful to you all for your support of Cornerstone and look forward to see what the Lord will do during this event!



Mrs. Reesa McConnell



We are pleased to introduce our Staff Spotlight for March – Mrs. Reesa McConnell. Mrs. McConnell has worked at Cornerstone for 5 years. She serves as a para in 1st-3rd grade, as well as a substitute teacher for Pre-K through 12th grade. Reesa grew up as the daughter of a pastor and the family lived in various places including Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, and Germany.



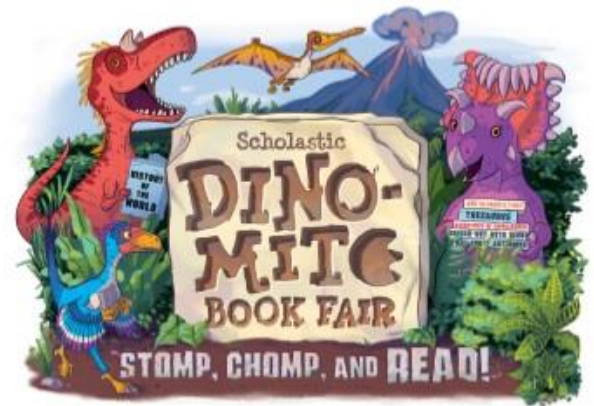
She graduated from Grace University with degrees in Middle School Education and Biblical Studies. Before coming to Cornerstone, Reesa taught 7th - 8th grade English for Omaha Public Schools for 3 years, then, taught 6th - 12th grade at the International Christian School of Vienna in Austria for 4 years. She moved back to Omaha with the plan to stay for only 1 year. “However”, Reesa said, “God had a better plan! I met a great man named Jesse. Two years ago, my name changed from Miss Duerksen to Mrs. McConnell when we were married.” Reesa’s husband is an architect and the youth leader at their church. They live in the house where he grew up.

Fun Tidbit: Reesa has been to 23 countries outside of the United States. When she taught English in Thailand for a month, two highlights were - riding an elephant in the jungle and meeting the little girl she was sponsoring through Compassion International.

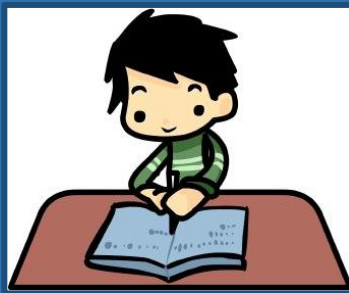
Favorite Scripture: When Reesa shared her favorite scripture she said, “God’s faithfulness has been so evident to me, and I cherish Isaiah 40:31”. *But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

Spring Book Fair is coming! – by Paula Nordby

Our Spring 2019 Book Fair will be held April 8-13. We are looking for lots of volunteers to make this another successful fair. There are many roles you can fill, putting your talents to work...planning, advertising, social media, decorating, fair setup and take down, teacher preview, photo props, door prizes, games, raffle basket donations, Buddy breakfast/shopping, and our Grand Event. Please contact Paula Nordby @ 402-250-9895 or at paulanordby@yahoo.com if you are interested in being on this committee. Our Grand Event will feature Brian Young, presenting "Dinosaurs, Ice Age & Pre-Flood World" on April 13th at 3pm-5pm and again at 6:30pm at CCS. Please contact Paula for promotional information concerning this presentation, as we wish to extend an invite to all of the CCS community, to include their church congregations.



Third Grade Stories



Title: Boats On The Sea By: Ethina
 Boats float gracefully
 down the rivers and through the sea
 into the docks
 and through the locks.
 I hope the boats float fine
 into the dock right on time.
 Tugs lead the way for cargo liners
 through the harbor to the refineries.
 Some boats and liners go to the Dry Dock
 to get fixed and painted before they leave at noon.
 I hate to see boats leave at noon,
 but I will see them again maybe!

Title: Cats By: Aspen
 I love cats because they are cute.
 Some cats love fruit.
 Some cats love cat food.
 Cats sometimes have an attitude.
 Cats sometimes are fat.
 Sometimes cats like to eat a rat.
 My cat hates water.
 She is as soft as an otter.
 My cat is tall.
 She also has a ball.
 She is black.
 I got her in a pack.
 She loves dancing.
 She is also very fancy when prancing.
 She wears hats.
 She also likes bats.

Title: Legos By: Oliver
 Legos are used to build.
 When I play I'm thrilled!
 Some pieces can be small,
 but put them together to make something tall.
 Legos are many more colors than the rainbow!
 You can put your creations on show!
 Build a vehicle or a machine,
 You could even build a giant submarine.
 When you're done you better put them away,
 or your mother might not be saying, "Hooray!"
 If they are on the ground,
 you really should step around!