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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

A Double Portion

It does not take a keen observer to note that our world is one of excess and even greed. This can be seen in our own lives as well. When we are offered one item, we desire a second. When we lose an item, we want to replace it with one even better. When we are given a small portion, we want more. But does this pattern in our natural world transfer to our hopes and desires spiritually. Are we seeking more and more of what the Lord desires for us? Do we seek a double portion of His grace and mercy and hope?

This seeking is clearly seen as the prophet Elijah is about to be taken into heaven. The Lord had instructed him to call Elisha as the next prophet to His people, and Elisha has been assisting Elijah in these final years of ministry. Elijah knows that his time on earth is drawing to a close and he begins his journey to the Jordan River. He asks Elisha to stay as he travels to Bethel, but Elisha is insistent that he goes with him. They journey from Bethel to Jericho to the banks of the Jordan, crossing alone and leaving the other prophets on the other side of the river. *When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"*

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. (II Kings 2:9) What an insightful and remarkable request. The younger prophet has traveled with Elijah for several years, serving him and working

alongside him, being his disciple. He has seen Elijah's faithfulness in listening to the voice of the Lord and has seen his obedience to Yahweh. He understands the calling of a prophet for His people and his request must have resonated in the heart of God. May I have more? May I have a double portion? An extra measure of grace and faith and hope and courage and love?

Oh that this request would be mine today. Lord, may I have a double portion of your heart for others? May I have more compassion and mercy for others? May I have more patience and gentleness? May I have an extra measure of faith, hope, and love? But the greatest request- Lord, may I have more of You?

And here is my Lord's answer to my request, *"My child, instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. (Isaiah 61:7)*

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Apr 3	Elem Chapel – Carolyn Fast	Apr 12	Worship & Intercession, HS Chapel, 7-9 PM	
Apr 4	HS Chapel – Hugh Smith, Voice of the Martyrs	Apr 13	Brian Young, Creation Event, at the Cornerstone Range, 3 PM & 6 PM	
Apr 5	WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day, 70s Day	Apr 15	WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day, International Day	
Apr 5	Midterm	Apr 15-17	Teacher Appreciation Week	
Apr 8	PTF Meeting, 7 PM	Apr 16	MS Chapel – Worship Chapel	
Apr 8-12	Terra Nova Testing	Apr 17	Elem Chapel – Esther Beasley, Children’s Evangelism Fellowship	
Apr 8-12	Book Fair, Pre-K-MS Campus	Apr 18-22	No School, Easter Break	
Apr 9	MS Chapel – Jeremy Wissink, Community Bible Church	Apr 23	MS Chapel – Alicia Perry, Waypoint Church	
Apr 10	Elem Chapel – TBA	Apr 24	Elem Chapel – Ryan Jantz, LifeSpring Church	
Apr 11	HS Chapel - Matthew Anderson, Waypoint Church	Apr 25	HS Chapel – Amy Kieser	
Apr 12	Grades Sent Home	Apr 26	Spring Program, Salem Baptist Church, 7 PM	
Apr 12	Arts & Academic Meet, Lincoln Christian School	Apr 27	MS/HS Talent Show, Pre-K-MS Campus, 7 PM	
		Apr 29	Winter/Spring Sports Athletic Awards Night, Pre-K – MS Campus, 7 PM	
		Apr 30	MS Chapel – Amy Kieser	

Events & Info


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 <https://www.csfomaha.org/parents-family/scholarships.html> to apply for this scholarship. The deadline for completing the ONLINE application is Friday, May 3.



Spring Program

Friday, April 26
7:00 PM
Hosted at:
Salem Baptist Church



GOT TALENT

Middle/High School Talent Show

Saturday, April 27th
7:00 - 8:30pm
Pre-K/MS Campus
Admission - \$5
Kids 5 & under - Free
Refreshments are provided
Donations are appreciated

Auditions: April 8th-12th after school

This April 27th will be the Annual MS/HS Talent Show; put on by the National Honor Society. Everyone is invited to come and attend an evening of dazzling skills, tricks, and talents. Awards will be presented to the best middle school, high school, and all-around performance. All proceeds will be donated by the National Honor Society to Haiti through Mission Experience.



Change to Change Malawi –

by Anna Keeney, 3rd Grade Teacher

Our Cornerstone family wanted to show God's love to the five-hundred thousand people in Malawi who were touched by the recent floods. Students came together to give "change to change Malawi." During seven school days God multiplied our efforts. We accumulated over \$4,900 to purchase emergency supply packs. What a blessing.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

2019 WAT News

by Julie Clarahan

The last month has gone by in a whirl as we have had two pep rallies and so many donations coming in to support our school. There are still two more pep rallies for our students. Friday, April 5th is Hippy or 1970s Day. It will be fun to see the students dress up from a time in our not so distant past. They can dress up as a famous person from the 1970s or dress up in one of the many crazy styles of that time period. Pep Rallies will be at the following times on that day: Middle School 2:05 - 2:25 pm, Elementary 2:30 - 2:50 pm, and High School 2:55 - 3:15 pm. Our final pep rally before the big event is International Day on Monday, April 15th. At this pep rally, we want to bring the whole of God's world together by highlighting the different types of clothing from around the world. This will also be a day where we bring all of our students together in a final joint pep rally at 2:50 pm in the Range. Please remember that all dress up day costumes should still be in accordance with our dress code policies.

Keep an eye on your email as more information regarding volunteering and donations will be coming to your mailbox over the next couple of weeks. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at jclarahan@ccsnebraska.org.



A Few of our History Day Costumes





Mrs. Joelle Oakland



I am happy to introduce Mrs. Joelle Oakland, our April 2019 Staff Spotlight. Before working at Cornerstone, she worked as a nanny for a family with 16 children while also working on their farm. She said, "On the farm I rode horses, tended bee hives, held piglets (and got bit by a mama pig), wrangled hundreds of chickens, worked the garden, and tipped a bobcat!"

Joelle has been at Cornerstone for two years serving as the Assistant Bookkeeper. Joelle and family attend church with our Cornerstone bookkeeper, Joya Kinney, and she is the one who brought Joelle into the Cornerstone family!

Joelle is a native of Omaha. She was home schooled all through High school and then attended Grace University for 2 and a half years for Youth Ministry & Psychology. While attending Grace she met her husband Tyler. They have been married for 7 years and have two beautiful children, Kamryn who is 2, and Konnor seven months. She says, "My greatest honor is being a wife and mother! It's my absolute FAVORITE things ever!"

Fun Tidbit: Some of Joelle's favorite things include playing the piano, long walks with her family, and movie nights with lots of popcorn!

Favorite Scripture: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6



History Day Costumes



Worship NIGHT

Join us for a night of worship on Friday, April 12th at 6:00 PM in our High School chapel.

This will be an evening of worship, prayer & vision casting for our Cornerstone Christian College launch.



Teachers join the fun in History Day Costumes



Teacher Appreciation Week is coming soon!



April 15 – 17

Omaha's 2019 Choice Awards



Vote in the Education category for Cornerstone Christian School in Omaha World Herald's Choice Awards.

You can vote up to once per day through April 21. Omaha World Herald will announce the winners June 30.

www.Omaha.com/choice

History Day Costumes



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when your child will be missing school. That will assure that attendance is marked correctly in our records.



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Standardized Testing Week

April 8-12
Grades 4, 6, 8 & 10

Spring Book Fair

April 8-13
Elem/MS Campus



3-D Structures – by Mrs. Benson, High School Art History Teacher

The high school art history class has been studying the Neoclassical in American art history. Neoclassicism was very prevalent in the architecture of our government buildings. To study this, art form, students were to make their own architecture pieces by making a 3-D structure of some kind with doors and windows. Submissions ranged from houses and businesses, to towers, castles, and tree houses. The creativity of the students shines through their work in each of their pieces. Pictured here are several of the designs.



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