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"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." ~ II Corinthians 5:20-21

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Administrator's News

By Dr. Schrag, Superintendent

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

I have noticed something recently. Our lives are busy, not just a little busy, but frantically busy, and many times what makes us busy are good things, volunteering in the community, teaching at church, rearing our children and being involved in their activities. But I see one vast void in our lives- peaceful surrender to the Lord.

I believe the problem is that we replace surrender with commitment. Now commitment is good and valuable and needed, but with the Lord, He comes to us, gently and with great grace, not asking us for commitment, but something far more precious to Him, surrender. In fact, God wants complete surrender in every aspect of our lives. A surrender that is beyond simply a commitment.

Andrew Murray, the noted South African writer and pastor in his book, Complete Surrender states, "The condition for obtaining God's full blessing is absolute surrender to Him. Being filled with the Spirit is simply this: The whole personality is yielded to His power. When the soul is yielded to the Holy Spirit, God himself will fill it."

"Christ Jesus said: "I am the Vine, ye are the branches." In other words: "I, the living One who have so completely given myself to you, am the Vine. You cannot trust me too much. I am the Almighty Worker, full of a divine life and power." You are the branches of the Lord Jesus Christ. If there is in your heart the consciousness that you are not a strong, healthy, fruit-bearing branch, not closely

linked with Jesus, not living in Him as you should be—then listen to Him say: "I am the Vine, I will receive you, I will draw you to myself, I will bless you, I will strengthen you, I will fill you with my Spirit. I, the Vine, have taken you to be my branches, I have given myself utterly to you; children, give yourselves utterly to me. I have surrendered myself as God absolutely to you; I became man and died for you that I might be entirely yours. Come and surrender yourselves entirely to be mine."

My prayer for you today is this- Surrender to the Lord today. Kneel before Him and give Him what He longs for most, you.

*You have longed for sweet peace,
And for faith to increase,
And have earnestly, fervently prayed;
But you cannot have rest,
Or be perfectly blest,
Until all on the altar is laid.*

Refrain:

*Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid?
Your heart does the Spirit control?
You can only be blest,
And have peace and sweet rest,
As you yield Him your body and soul.*

(Is Your All on the Altar? By Elisha A. Hoffman, 1900)

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Sept 4	Elem Chapel – Rich Rudd	Sept 19	HS Chapel – Mark Dommel
Sept 5	HS Chapel – Paula Lawhead, Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries	Sept 21	High School Homecoming
Sept 6	Midterm	Sept 23-27	Book Fair at the Pre-K – MS Campus
Sept 9	Parent Meeting – High School Chapel, 7 PM	Sept 24	MS Chapel – Janine Wegner, Thanksgiving Lutheran Church
Sept 10	No MS Chapel	Sept 24	Family Night Out @ Five Guys in Papillion, 4-8 PM
Sept 10	Picture Day – All students & staff	Sept 25	Elem Chapel – Pastor Ryan Jantz, LifeSpring Church
Sept 11	No Elem Chapel	Sept 26	HS Prayer Chapel
Sept 12	All School Worship Service in the Range	—	—
Sept 13	Midterm Grades Sent Home	Oct 3-4	No School, Teacher In-service
Sept 16	PTF Family Fun Night, Skate City, 6-8 PM	Oct 17	No School, Parent Teacher Conf.
Sept 17	MS Chapel – Pastor Cole Denne, Lifegate Church	Oct 18	No School, Teacher Workday
Sept 18	Elem Chapel – TBA		



Events & Info

Skate Night –

Enjoy a fun evening with other Cornerstone families at our PTF sponsored event.

- ❖ Skate City, Bellevue, NE
- ❖ Monday, September 16th
- ❖ 6:00 -8:00 PM



JOIN US FOR A CCS FAMILY NIGHT OUT

FIVE GUYS

8540 S. 71st St.
Papillion, NE 68133
Tuesday, Sept. 24
4-8 PM



Cougar Care –

Cornerstone Christian School provides after-school care, 3:20 – 5:30 for our elementary & middle school students. The program includes homework time, crafts, snacks, and activities. From 3:20-4:00 PM will be billed at \$4 and then any amount of time after 4:00PM is \$9.00. Call the Elementary/Middle School office to register your child(ren). (402) 292-1030

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AN IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING – FOR ALL K-12 PARENTS

- Location: High School Chapel
- Date: Monday, September 9th
- Time: 7:00 PM

Drama Club –

It is time for everyone’s favorite Cornerstone club to meet – Yes! Drama Club is back with fun games, acting exercises and ending with a production next semester. Weekly practices begin on September 4, 2019.

Time: 3:20-4:50 every Wednesday

Where: Pre-K–MS Campus in the Activity Center

Who: 5th-8th Grade Students

Questions? Contact Mrs. Benson

jbenson@ccsnebraska.org



The Cornerstone Christian Book Fair –

Please mark your calendar for the 2019 Fall Book Fair, Monday through Friday, September 23-27. There will be a family-focused activity in the evening of the 27th along with a high school class sponsored fund-raising meal.

Attendance –

Please email (office@ccsnebraska.org) or call 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

Forgotten Lunch –

We are in need of food items for our "Forgotten Lunch" cupboard for both the Elem/MS and HS. Some suggestions are crackers, fruit cups and granola bars. You can drop off items at the office.



High School Quiz Bowl News – Mrs. Bookless

The Cornerstone Quiz Bowl team kicks off their fourth year competing against local schools by hosting their 1st Annual High School Quiz Bowl Meet on Saturday, September 7th. Students will participate in both a 'round-robin' format and tournament style competition throughout the day. This will be an exciting opportunity to use our facility and host 12+ teams. We are eager to see all the planning come together for an exciting day of competition!



Arrows to Aerospace Parade

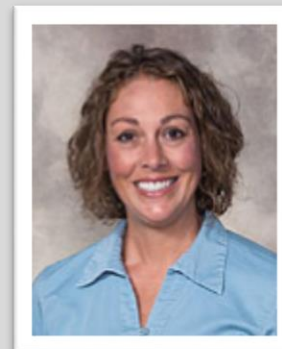
Arrows to Aerospace Parade –

Our Cornerstone Cougar mascot along with about 75 Cornerstone students, parents, teachers and friends participated in the Arrows to Aerospace Parade in Olde Town Bellevue on Saturday, August 17. Thanks to all who participated and especially to the ones that planned and organized the event.





Mrs. Jenny Cook



I am delighted to introduce you to our Staff Spotlight for September - Mrs. Jenny Cook. She has taught school for 18 years, with the last six of them at Cornerstone. She has a Bachelor's of Science in Child Development, a Masters of Arts in Early Childhood Education, and a K-8 Endorsement.

Mrs. Cook enjoys several roles at Cornerstone including teaching 6th grade Bible, 7th grade Language Arts, and 7th and 8th grade Effective Writing. She also is the speech coach and track coach.

Jenny was born in Kansas, and then at age 4 moved to Geneva Nebraska. She graduated from Geneva High School, home of the Wildcats! She attended UNL where she met her husband, David. They were married in 1994 and were stationed in Charleston, SC. While there, she attended South Carolina State University-Orangeburg. When David was deployed, she moved back to UNL to finish her degree. The military took them to several locations - IA City, IA; Mayport, FL; Pensacola, FL; Norfolk, VA; and Offutt. The family has lived on 12 acres in Murray, NE for nearly 13 years where they have an acre of grapes, five acres of brome grass that they cut each year, and six acres to play on.



Jenny says, "I love to work outside where I can be in God's creation and see all that I have accomplished. I spend most of my summers in the garden or mowing the three acres that make up our yard." The family owns 4 cats, a dog and 17 chickens! (They get about a dozen eggs per day from their chickens!)

Jenny and David have two daughters. Samantha graduated from Cornerstone in 2019, and is now attending Colorado State University. Ella is in 6th grade and has been at Cornerstone since kindergarten.

Thanks, Jenny, for your part in making CCS a great school!

Fun tidbit: While stationed in Norfolk, VA, the family lived in Williamsburg, VA. Because of the 7 years there, the Colonial time period has become Jenny's favorite time in history.

Favorite Scripture: *"Remain in me, and I will remain in you."* John 15:4-5



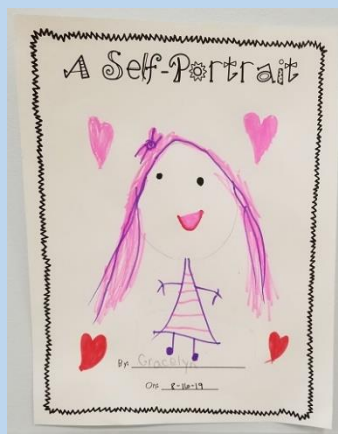
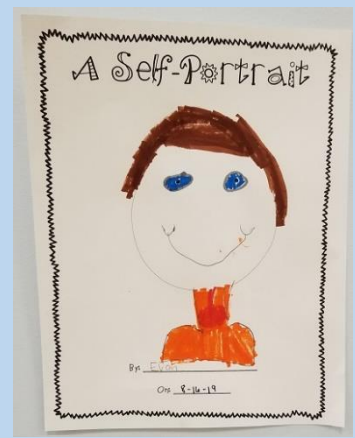
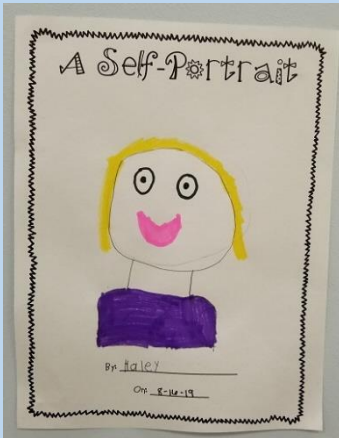
welcome Cornerstone Staff

Mrs. Rebecca Pierce, office staff

Mrs. Heidi Gilliland, office staff

Self-Portrait's – First Grade

(see more self-portrait's on the wall outside the first grade classrooms)



Drones – by Mrs. Benson

What is that mysterious buzzing noise? It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... a drone?



If you have been down at the high school during third period, you have undoubtedly heard the buzzing sounds of students remotely piloting the little aircraft in our new drone certification course, taught by Mr. Rob Benson. Mr. Benson is teaching students the rules and regulations of flying a drone as well as taking them out for regular test drives in the open high school range. This course, ending in the students' drone operations certification, is the only class of its kind offered at the high school level in the Omaha area. Students are having a blast piloting the drones as they learn about flight safety and regulations.

