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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

***Take your sandals off your feet, for the place
on which you are standing is holy ground.***

Exodus 3:5

There are two places in Scripture where God gives an identical instruction. In Exodus 3, Moses' attention is caught by a bush in the wilderness as he tends the sheep near Mount Horeb. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush, and as he approaches, the Lord calls out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses answers, "Here I am." Then the Lord God said, "*Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.*" Moses in obedience removes his shoes and the Lord gives a directive, sending Moses to release the Israelites from the bonds of Egyptian slavery.

In Joshua 5, we see an identical instruction. After crossing the Jordan River, Joshua was walking near Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and saw a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "*Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.*" (Joshua 5:13-15) Joshua removes his shoes and the Lord give a directive, sending Joshua into battle for the first city of the Promised Land, instructing them to march about the city of Jericho.

Each time that this instruction is given, the Lord sends His chosen man on a mission, to redeem and restore His people, giving them the Promised Land.

The Lord took the common terrain of the wilderness near Mount Horeb and the plain outside the fortified city of Jericho and made the everyday earth into holy ground. He took a place of insignificance and transformed it into the significant. And then in His grace and mercy gave an instruction that was to be for His glory. And the men obeyed.

Dear Lord, would you take our everyday, our ordinary and commonplace, and Lord, would you meet us here? Make our wilderness your holy ground. As we stand outside that which makes us tremble, looking at the fortified city walls of the enemy, meet us here. Help us to stand firm on your Truth and Grace for the place on which we stand is holy ground.

Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:2

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OCTOBER			
Oct 2	Elem Chapel – Jon Hood	Oct 22	MS Chapel – Jon Hood
Oct 3-4	No School – Teacher In-service	Oct 22	Family Night Out – Valentino’s, LaVista, All Day
Oct 7	PTF Meeting, 7 PM	Oct 23	Elem Chapel – Peter Bay, King of Kings Church
Oct 8	MS Chapel – Prayer Chapel	Oct 24	HS Chapel – Elvin Torres, New City Church
Oct 9	First Quarter Ends	Oct 29	MS Chapel – Ryan Kim, Omaha Chinese Christian Church
Oct 9	Elem Chapel – TBA	Oct 30	Elem Chapel – TBA
Oct 9	School Board Meeting, 6 PM	Oct 31	HS Chapel – Darryl Keeney, Lighthouse Baptist Church
Oct 10	HS Chapel – Mike Ballard, Lifegate Church		
Oct 15	MS Chapel – Mark Dommel		
Oct 16	Elem Chapel – Dr. Jeremy King		
Oct 17	No School – Parent Teacher Conf.		
Oct 18	No School – Teacher Workday		
Oct 18	Harvest Party, 6:30 – 8:00 PM		
Oct 21-25	Penny Wars		
Oct 21-25	Teacher Appreciation Week		

October



Events & Info



Parent – Teacher Conferences

All Conferences will be held at the Pre-K – Middle School
Thursday, October 17, 2:00 – 7:00 PM

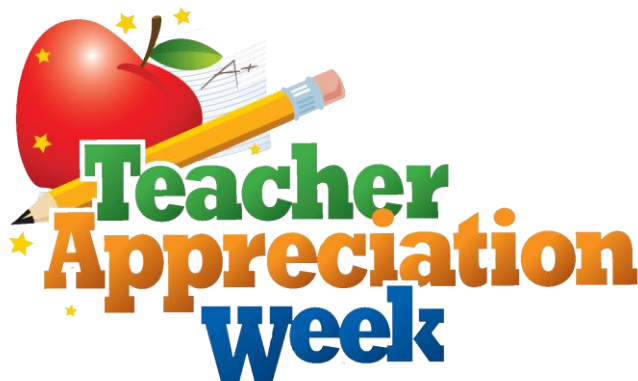
Grades K – 5 Conferences will be held in 15 minutes increments.

Click the Sign Up button below.



Middle and High School Conferences are 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.



October 21-25

Join us for Cornerstone’s
October Family Night Out at



All Day - Oct. 22, 2019
7202 Giles Rd. La Vista
402-596-0100

Be sure to mention you are from Cornerstone!

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 9
6 PM

At the Pre-K – MS Campus
Parents are invited to attend.

Penny Wars

October 21 – 25



Watch for more info to come.



September 19, 2019 –

Four of CCS Alumni from Cornerstone’s first graduating class attended our Homecoming Volleyball game – Aaron S. Will S., Megan W. & Joel B.

Spirit Week



Mrs. Burkett's Second Grade Class



Halli as Mary Poppins



Mrs. Smith's Fifth Grade Class



Princesses – Bridget, Kaitlyn & Jamie



Mrs. VanMoorlegem's Kindergarten Class



PE Olympics – By Mrs. Dorhout, Elementary PE teacher

Over the last three weeks, the elementary students have been competing in the PE Olympics. Every class was split into four countries and competed in basketball, rowing, fencing, track, gymnastics, volleyball, swimming and weightlifting. All the countries did amazing but the overall winner was Japan!

Celebrate the Season!
Autumn Harvest Party
Friday, October 18th
6 – 8 PM
in the Range

- GAMES • CANDY • POPCORN •
- COSTUME CONTEST •
- DECORATED/CARVED PUMPKIN CONTEST •

ADMISSION – \$3 Adults / \$1 Students

Hosted by CCS National Honor Society
 All proceeds to benefit "Doctors Without Borders"
 (doctorswithoutborders.org)

Leave the following at home: costumes depicting zombies and/or witchcraft, blood and weapons

Cornerstone has a tennis team!

By Tennis Coach Bryan Rice

Cornerstone’s inaugural year of boy’s tennis is off to a great start. The team has worked hard to get ready for competitive play and in their first meet with the Ralston Junior Varsity team came away with seven wins of the eleven matches played. Every member of the team came away with a win in singles and/or doubles play. Great job!



We had a very difficult match up with Papillion/Lavista and though we had a number of close matches and played well we were defeated.

People Uniting Loving Serving Everyone

PULSE - Who Are We?

Any high schooler wanting to live out God’s mandate to serve others by demonstrating as warriors for Christ in order for His will to be done.

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

God calls us to a life of love. A person cannot live a true life of love for God and others without experiencing humility. We cannot experience humility without understanding what it is to serve.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

What We Do

An opportunity for Christian students to reach the community through serving others. This might include extending outreach, hosting fundraisers, holding clothing swaps, volunteering in the local community (nursing homes, ABIDE, food pantries, assisting Habitat for Humanity projects, park clean up, animal shelter, senior centers, rescue organizations, women’s shelters, after school programs, youth organizations, neighbors in need, churches, meals, soup kitchen, gardening, food drive, stocking etc. We will be discussing how to serve others and will spend time in prayer for our community as well.

Where and When?

Meetings are held during high school lunch every Tuesday. Students are encouraged to see needs in the community to provide the group with tasks to accomplish. Volunteer tasks will vary in times based on needs and our availability but typically will occur every 3-6 weeks. We need to live focused and intentional in order to live like Jesus. The highest value in the kingdom of God is love.

John 13:34 A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you. Love is always manifested in action.



Mrs. Alyssa Dennis

Mrs. Alyssa Dennis is our October Staff Spotlight. We have been blessed to have her as a teacher at Cornerstone for nine years. She teaches a variety of classes – English 10, American and British Literature, Journalism, Yearbook, and Dance. She also coaches Spirit Squad, which includes Cheer, Dance, Winterguard and Cougar Crew for our school mascot. Alyssa was born in Honolulu, Hawaii then moved to Panama City, Florida and ended up in Bellevue, Nebraska.



She graduated from Bellevue West High School before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Creighton University. She is currently working on a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction at Concordia University. Prior to coming to Cornerstone, Mrs. Dennis taught public school at Platteview for six years.

She married her high school sweetheart, Eric, who is an Elementary school principal. Alyssa and Eric have two children – both attend Cornerstone. William is a high school junior and Elizabeth is an eighth grader. In addition, her niece and nephew, Daniel and Katheryn attend Cornerstone.

Thanks for the energy you give to help educate our students, Alyssa! It is appreciated.

Fun Tidbit: Loves to travel.

Favorite Scripture: *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.* 1 Timothy 4:12