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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

A song of David as the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem

— Chronicles 16:8-34 —

*Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous work
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Israel his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
Remember his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,
which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan, as your portion for an inheritance."
When you were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it,
wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people,
he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account,
saying, "Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm!"
Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth;
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!*



November

Nov 6	Elem Chapel – Melba Hooker	Nov 18	Beyond the Bell – Canvas Painting, 4 th & 5 th Grades
Nov 7	HS Chapel – Giri Mohanan	Nov 19	MS Chapel – Worship Chapel
Nov 8	Midterm	Nov 20	Elem Chapel – Teri Lynn Schrag
Nov 11	Beyond the Bell – Canvas Painting, 2 nd & 3 rd Grades	Nov 20	Thanksgiving Meal Lunch
Nov 11	Haiti Mission Trip Info Mtg. HS Chapel, 7 PM	Nov 21	HS Chapel – Jon Hood
Nov 12	MS Chapel – Amy Kieser	Nov 21	Fall Athletic Awards Night, 7 PM Pre-K/MS Campus, in the Range
Nov 12	Picture Retakes	Nov 25	School Board Meeting, 6 PM
Nov 12	Family Night Out – Fazoli’s, Bellevue	Nov 26	MS Chapel –TBA
Nov 12	High School Orientation, 6:30 PM in the HS Chapel	Nov 27-29	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Nov 13	Elem Chapel – Bryan Rice, Christ the King Lutheran Church	Dec 6	K-5 Christmas Program
Nov 14	HS Chapel – Worship Chapel	Dec 13	MS/HS Christmas Program
Nov 15	Midterm Grades Sent Home	Dec 23-Jan 3	No School, Christmas Break

Events & Info

Pastor Vijay from Shalom Home, India –

The chapel offerings from our elementary students go to support Pastor Vijay and the Shalom Home orphanage in India.

On November 11th at 2:30 PM, our students will have the opportunity to meet Pastor Vijay as he presents his work to the CCS elementary students during an assembly. Parents are welcome to join us.

Join us for our
November Family Night Out
at Fazoli’s in Bellevue
November 12th, 2019



We are pleased to announce that Mr. Stefan Becker will be serving as the middle school science teacher for the remaining part of the first semester. He is a graduate of Grace University and has taught in the Papillion district. He and his family are preparing to serve with SIM in Niger in the coming year.

Penny Wars Report

This year's **Penny Wars** was to bless the Harder’s, our missionary family in Lithuania. The total amount collected was \$1,444.87. Over 315 pounds of pennies were collected. Congratulations to the kindergarten and 11th grade students for having the most points. Thank you, Cornerstone families, for your generosity.



Bellevue Food Pantry Donations –

Our high school service group, PULSE, is collecting donations for the Bellevue Food Pantry during the fall and winter season. You can drop off your non-perishable food donations at the Elem/MS and HS offices.

School Board Meeting

Monday, November 25 at 6:00 pm
At the Pre-K – MS Campus
Parents are invited to attend.

High School Orientation –

You are invited to join us for an evening of information and fellowship. This evening will be an introduction to the CCS High School program. Our teachers will share what your student can expect for high school and answer questions about this important chapter in your student's life. Some topics include daily schedules, graduation requirements, homework, college and career readiness, missions' trips, clubs and activities, and athletics.

- **When:** Tuesday, November 12
- **Where:** High School Chapel
- **Refreshments:** 6:30 pm
- **Presentations and Q & A:** 7:00 pm

This event is for both parents and students with a focus for families of an eighth grade student.

Please RSVP by November 8 to the school office (402) 291-2260 or (402) 292-1030.



Thanksgiving Meal Lunch

November 20th

Our tradition has been to serve a Thanksgiving meal for lunch on the Wednesday prior to the week of Thanksgiving.

All students will be served a meal and one milk. We also have a menu for students with special dietary needs.

Look for more information on how you can participate in this much-anticipated event!



Beyond the Bell

In September, our *Beyond the Bell* event featured Mr. Dave Nieves - "the reptile guy". Doesn't that look captivating?

Coming in November

The November *Beyond the Bell* will be canvas painting with Mrs. Clarahan! She is doing a different painting with each age group: K-1st, 2nd – 3rd, and 4th – 5th grades. Since each session is limited to 18 students, the classes filled up very quickly.

Look for our next *Beyond the Bell* in January.



Cornerstone has a multi-generational history –

Can you identify these Cornerstone teachers and students?

1. Son of our superintendent, CCS graduate, now teaches high school
2. A former CCS student, now teaches middle school
3. Daughter & son of a former CCS student, Kindergarten & 4th grade students
4. Granddaughter of a fourth grade teacher, daughter of a former CCS student, 1st grade student
5. Granddaughter of a high school receptionist, daughter of a former CCS student, Kindergarten student
6. Daughter of a former CCS student, Kindergarten student
7. Son of a former CCS student, 1st grade student
8. Grandsons of Cornerstone founders, sons of a former CCS student, Kindergarten, 2nd & 4th grade students

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Mrs. Amy Pfortmiller



Mrs. Amy Pfortmiller grew up with one older brother and one older sister, living in the same home from birth until marriage, in McPherson, Kansas. Her parents, now married for more than 60 years, moved from Amy’s childhood home nearly two decades ago to their dream location in Estes Park, CO, following their career retirement. So, in some ways, she calls Colorado home.

After marriage, Chad and Amy completed their 13th move as an Air Force family, arriving in Omaha in 2008. They have enjoyed putting down deeper roots here and just celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary this past summer. They have three sons and a daughter (in-law): Brenton, Aaron, Benjamin, and Allyson. Brenton just completed a Psychology degree at Bellevue University and handles daily operations at the Open Door Mission. Allyson is a local dance instructor, teaching American and ballet. Aaron is completing his junior year at UNO working towards a degree in Physiology of Exercise (Pre-Physical Therapy). Benjamin is a sophomore here at CCS working towards his high school degree with emphasis on basketball and bass fishing, among other things.



In 2009, when Benjamin started Kindergarten and Amy’s time as a stay at home Mom began to come to an end, she went back to school to finish a degree in Elementary Education from Grace University in 2012. She is in her eighth year teaching after starting her teaching career with Cornerstone at the Thanksgiving Lutheran campus. While new to teaching then, she continues to grow and learn, and completed a Master’s in Education with a focus on Reading Curriculum from Grace University in 2014. She expressed that she landed in a spot where she feels perfectly suited and absolutely loves teaching our second grade students.



Fun Tidbit: Amy loves to hike with her family, especially dirt path and mountain hikes surrounded by trees or wonderful views. She also enjoys quiet time just sitting in a chair reading a book and drinking coffee. The family cares for two cats and two dogs, Celo, Hobbs, Bubba and Koda.

Favorite Scripture: Amy’s favorite passage is Psalm 91 and she shared that she prays this over her family every morning.



Dear High School Parent,

You are invited to attend an informational meeting on the upcoming Haiti Missions Trip, February 26 - March 2. We will discuss travel, immunizations, passports, fund raising, work projects, safety protocols, and answer any questions that you may have.

- Monday, November 11 at 7:00 pm
- In the high school chapel

I look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs. Schrag



Join us at Marathon Ventures, 901 Fort Crook Rd N, Bellevue, NE on Friday, November 8th starting at 5:30pm for a special event to Kick Off the Kettle Bell Season. This event is put on by the Salvation Army and will feature the **Cornerstone Christian School Band**. Our Mascot will be present and it will be a wonderful community event for you and your family to be a part of with us! Part of the event will include a fireworks show at 7:30pm.

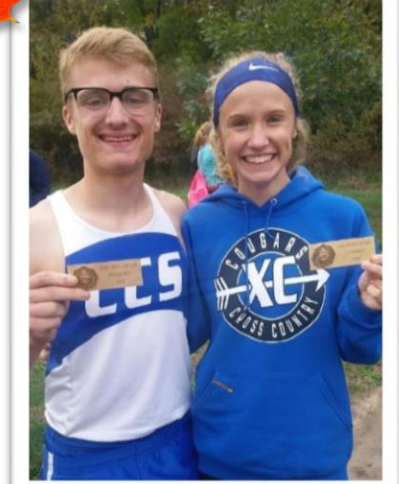
Please plan to come to this special event!

Courtney Moore,
CCS Athletic Director

Middle School Art – by Mrs. Julie Clarahan

Our middle school students created some wonderful art during the first quarter of the year. The 6th graders were inspired by St. Basil's Cathedral in Russia to create their own skyline. The 7th graders looked to Japan and painted a close-up view of a koi pond. The 8th graders looked at Vincent Van Gogh's famous "Vase with Twelve Sunflowers" painting and created their own watercolor masterpiece. (See more pieces of art work on the wall in the Range)





Cross Country News – By Mr. Jon Hood

For the second year in a row, Cornerstone Christian hosted the Frontier Conference Cross Country. A great group of parent volunteers and members of the CCS athletic department helped the meet be a great success. The conference schools ran a tough 5K course at Swanson Park in Bellevue. The boys’ team defended their conference crown from 12 months prior. Senior, Ethan Haeder, once again, took home the 1st place medal.

New for the Cougar cross-country program is a varsity girls team. They beat the defending champions from Boystown. Freshman, Brekyn Kok, earned the individual 1st place prize. It was a great day for the Cougars!

State Cross Country Meet in Kearney, NE – Oct 25, 2019

Our boys’ team finished 10th out of 18. Brekyn Kok placed 68th out of 146. Congratulations, on a job well done.

Cornerstone Trivia Answers

1. Mr. Aaron Schrag
2. Miss Arielle Berg
3. Corbyn & Maeve C.
4. Eliana S.
5. Olivia S.
6. Shiloh P.
7. Michael P.
8. Abraham, Benjamin & Stephen H.



Go Cougars!

