

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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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

December is often referred to as the season of lights with Hanukkah and Christmas. We see the beauty of Christmas lights throughout our city and enjoy the simplicity of a twinkling Christmas tree. The theme of light is more than the glimmer of a decorated tree or a candle on the mantle. Light is the wondrous creation of our God and the promise of His Son. On the first day of creation, light was spoken into existence, expelling the darkness and void; this light was essential for life.

In the same way, Jesus, the Light of the World, expels the darkness and void of sin in our lives and He is essential for an abundant life. Our world is not just a murky grey, but a clouded gloom. Sin has crept into our culture and our daily lives, and many times, we simply fumble about in the gloom instead of seeking the Light of His Truth. In both the Old and New Testament, the promise of light is given. *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."* (Isaiah 9:2) *"The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and*

*for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."* (Matthew 4:16)

Light always expels darkness and the coming of the True Light of the World expels the darkness of sin and evil. What a glorious promise that the Light would come to those in darkness! The blessing of Christmas is the blessing of Light, the coming of the promised Messiah.

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,  
"I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will not walk  
in darkness, but will have the  
light of life."  
(John 8:12)*



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Dec 4	Elem Chapel – Pastor Lester, LifeSpring Church	Dec 17	MS Chapel – Prayer Chapel
Dec 5	HS Chapel – Prayer Chapel	Dec 18-20	High School Finals
Dec 6	K-5th grade Christmas Program, Salem Baptist Church, 7 PM	Dec 18	Elem Chapel – Christmas Chapel
Dec 6	Family Night Out – Culvers, 4-9 PM	Dec 18	2nd Quarter Ends
Dec 10	MS Chapel – Teri Lynn Schrag	Dec 19	No HS Chapel
Dec 11	Elem Chapel – Jeff McDonald, Avery Presbyterian Church	Dec 20	Pre-K – MS Class Christmas Parties
Dec 12	HS Chapel – Amanda Benson, Faith Academy	Dec 23 – Jan 3	No School – Christmas Break
Dec 13	MS-HS Christmas Program, Kroc Center, 7 PM	Jan 6	School Resumes
Dec 13	Family Night Out – Culvers, 4-9 PM	Jan 15	School Board Meeting, 6 PM
		Jan 20	No School, MLK Day



So sorry we missed it!

In our Cornerstone Trivia last month we missed a student that is a part of our multi-generational history. Michael P. has a parent that attended CCS.




## Events & Info

### Elementary Christmas Program



December 6, 2019, 7 PM  
Hosted by Salem Baptist Church  
3131 Lake St, Omaha, NE

### Middle & High School Christmas Program



December 13, 2018, 7 PM  
Hosted by the Omaha Kroc Center  
2825 Y St, Omaha, NE

## Attention!

We have two *Family Nights Out* in December this year. Both will be at Culvers in Bellevue on the days of our Christmas programs.

December 6<sup>th</sup>  
Before or after our  
K-5 Christmas Program



December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Before or after our  
MS/HS Christmas Program

Be sure to join us there!

**Inclement Weather –**

School snow days and school closings will be announced on television stations WOWT (Channel 6) and KETV (Channel 7).



Cornerstone Christian School follows the Bellevue Public School District in the closing of school due to inclement weather and icy roads. Whenever the weather is questionable, tune in to one of these stations.

**Attendance & Tardy Policies –**

As partners in your student’s education, we strongly encourage daily attendance. All school days, finals, and special activity days are considered compulsory attendance days. Parents are required to call and inform the office of a student’s absence.

**Please contact 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

**Medication Information –**

According to the Nebraska State Medication Act and school policy, written parental permission is required for any medication given at school, including non-prescription medication such as Tylenol, etc. Students are prohibited from giving any medication to other students. If your child needs to take any prescription medication while at school, or carries an inhaler at school, parental permission and a physician's signature is required to be on file at the school office.

All medication must be in the original container or prescription bottle. Pick up an **Authorization for Administration of Medication** form at the school office or access it on our school website:

<http://cornerstonechristianschool.org/resources/forms/>.

**Senior Pictures –**

All seniors should have 2 senior pictures (one horizontal and one vertical) turned into Mrs. Dennis for the yearbook no later than Friday, January 17. Senior pictures may be submitted either digitally or by email. Please include the name of your photographer so we may give them credit in the yearbook.

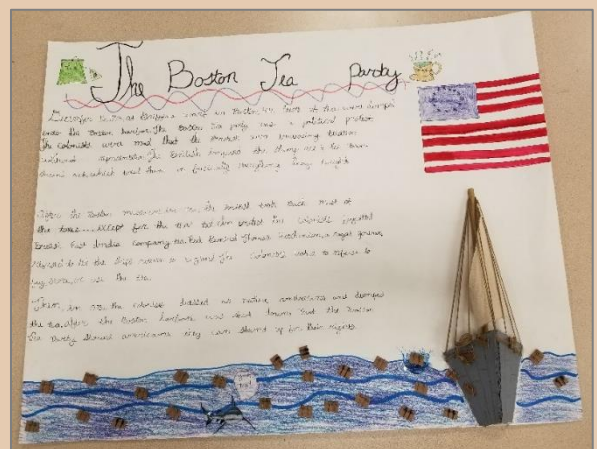


**American Revolution Project –**

By Miss Dick, Middle School Teacher

Eighth grade students created multimedia projects about specific events and figures during the American Revolution. Students focused on how their chosen topic impacted the Revolution and how the Revolution impacted the history of America as a nation. They all did an excellent job creating creative and imaginative projects!

Pictured here is a sampling of our students’ projects.







**National Honor Society** – by Aaron Schrag, High School Teacher & NHS Sponsor

In October, our National Honor Society hosted their annual Harvest Party. By putting on this event, elementary and middle school-aged children are able to have a safe environment in which they can dress up, play games, enjoy snacks, and bond with one another. The \$368 raised through the event were donated to the *Doctors Without Borders*.

**CHARACTER  
SCHOLARSHIP  
LEADERSHIP  
SERVICE**

In celebration of Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>, NHS displayed, along the high school campus hallway, images of student family members to recognize either their past or present service in the armed forces.

Members of National Honor Society have also been volunteering outside local Bellevue stores as bell ringers to help raise funds for the Salvation Army.



**Toilet Paper Drive Competition**

Sponsored by 9<sup>th</sup> grader in collaboration with the NHS

- For Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- December 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>
- Winning class gets a pizza party
- TP goes to Heartland Family services for the homeless



**Mr. Mark Lambert**



For the last decade, we have enjoyed beautiful music directed by Mr. Mark Lambert – one of our Cornerstone music teachers. He teaches high school band, high school choir, middle school and beginning band, and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ music. In addition, he facilitates the high school worship team.

Mark completed his BS in Music (with an emphasis in piano performance) from Grace University in 2009 and then finished his teacher education certification with endorsements in K-12 vocal/instrumental music in 2012.



Mark was born Smith Center, Kansas where his parents still live. His sister and brother-in-law and their five children live in Central City, NE.

Mark met his wife, Elizabeth, in college and they were married in July of 2013. Mark & Elizabeth’s first child, Amelia Rose, was born this last August. The family also has a “fur-baby”. Winston is a two-year old Havanese-Poodle.

Mr. Lambert and his students have been working hard on the music for the upcoming Middle and High School Christmas Program on Friday, December 13. It will be hosted at the Omaha Kroc Center. Be sure to come and be blessed as we celebrate this Christmas season.

**Fun Tidbit:** Mark has had the opportunity to be on two international music tours, one to Australia, the other to China.

**Favorite Scripture:** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.* ~ Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

### Thanksgiving Meal –

This year we served 500+ meals, to our Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, teachers, staff, and volunteers, which included turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, rolls & cranberries. Parents supplied fifty-one pies, ten pans of brownies plus multiple cans of whipped cream! Others brought plates napkins, utensils and decorations. Over 50 parents and grandparents volunteered their time to set-up, prepare plates, provide a separate meal for students with food allergies, provide a sit-down meal for teachers/staff, serve, provide childcare for volunteers, cover recess duty, and clean-up. Thank you to each volunteer!

It was a really nice day for our students and teachers. We are blessed to be a part of Cornerstone!

