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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. Teri Lynn Schrag, Superintendent

Dear graduating class of 2020,

As I pray for you at the conclusion of your senior year, I am praying that you hold fast to the Lord. *But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you: to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. Joshua 22:5*

This instruction to hold fast to the Lord, to cling to Him, comes with a wonderful promise. He is holding you. You see, it is easy to hold fast to someone when they are holding on to you as well. The Lord is asking you to cling to Him as He holds fast to you. *For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you." Isaiah 41:13*

And one important aspect of clinging to the Lord is prayer. It is when you are on your knees that you are closest to His heart of love. It is when you are on your knees that you are most significant; when you are on your knees that you are most courageous; when you are on your knees that you are most compassionate; when you are on your knees that you are most influential. My prayer for you is that as you are holding fast to the Lord, standing for the Truth and laboring for His Kingdom, you are always before the Throne of Grace on your knees.

I have also been praying for you from Paul's letter to the church of Thessalonica. *To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. II Thessalonians 1:11-12* Using Paul's prayer, I am praying for three things for each of you. First that the Lord truly makes you worthy of His calling. You are worthy, not because of your actions or words or thoughts, but because God in His grace calls you His children, makes you worthy, reflecting His righteousness. Second, I am praying that He brings to completion the good work that He began in you- fulfilling His plans and purposes. And third, I am praying that the Lord Jesus Christ is glorified in you- that you bring Him glory and honor in each and every day.

What a privilege to bring you, the graduating class of 2020, before the Throne of Grace and to know that you are worthy of His calling and that you are and will bring the Lord glory in your lives! Hold fast to Him!

With love, Mrs. Schrag




June 15 – 18 Weaving Camp 3rd - 6th grade
 June 24 – July 4 Fireworks Stand

July 15 School Board Meeting, 6 PM
 July 19 High School Graduation (tentative)

Cornerstone Christian School
Summer Office Hours
 Pre-K—MS Campus – Mon, Wed & Thur, 9 AM - 1 PM
 High School Campus – Tues, 9 AM - 1 PM
 Offices are closed on Fridays

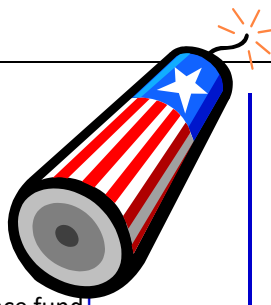
“Comfort and prosperity have never enriched the world as much as adversity has.”
 ~ Billy Graham

Events & Info

Congratulations to the winners of the Walk-a-thon Contests. Winners are listed in alphabetical order.

- *Elementary Chalk Art Winners:* Henry Cain; Anna Carter; Hadley Dotzler; and Makenzie, Jordan & Evan King;
- *Elementary Free Throw Contest:* Ben Gutz (1st place)
- *Middle School Chalk Art Winners:* Ayla Blayney; Mady & Morgan Foster; Eli & Rebekah Maas; and Oriana Ojeda
- *Middle School Free Throw Contest:* Ileina Fern (2nd place) and Kona Fern (1st place)
- *High School Chalk Art Winners:* Maelin Brick; Larissa Koch; and Clayton Lind;
- *High School Free Throw Contest:* Carter Dougherty (tied for 1st place), Peyton Lind (3rd place); and Ben Pfortmiller (tied for 1st place)





Fireworks Stand

June 24 - July 4

We appreciate all the volunteers who make this such a wonderful event.

All proceeds go towards the CCS tuition assistance fund!

[2020 Fireworks Stand Fundraiser Volunteer Sign-up](#)

[2020 Fireworks Stand Fundraiser Other Donations Sign-up](#)

Watch your email for more info.

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 15

6 PM

At the Pre-K – MS Campus

Parents are invited to attend

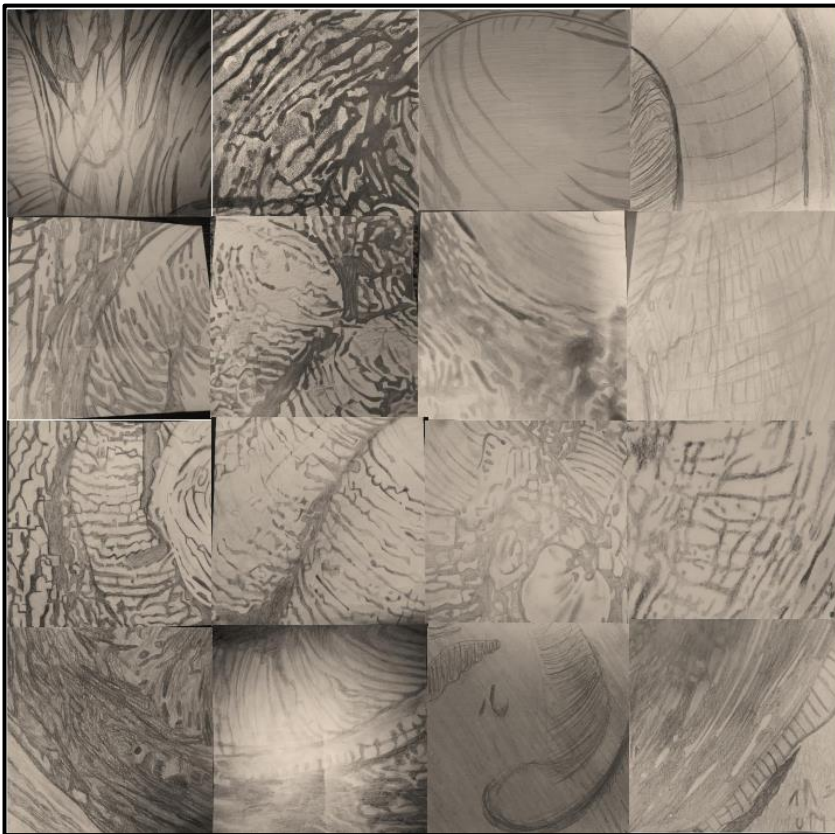
Life in the Womb

A study of Leonard da Vinci

CCS High School Art History Class – 2019/2020

Art History - By Mrs. Benson, high school teacher

The students of this year's Art History class were each given a small piece of a picture with no idea what it was and just had to draw what they saw, scaled up. All the pieces together make the Leonardo da Vinci sketch of life in the womb. This project illustrates that, even from far apart, we can come together to make something beautiful. We may not know the whole picture, but we know just enough to do our part and depend on each other and on God to put it all together.



CCS 5th graders were inspired by the painting "The Great Wave off Kanaguwa" by the 19th century painter Hokusai.



**Staff
Spotlight**

Mrs. Dawn Burkett



We have been privileged to have Mrs. Dawn Burkett as a part of Cornerstone Christian School. She has been a teacher for 20 years – 16 of them at Cornerstone. She taught a combination 3rd and 4th grade class for one year when Cornerstone was at Calvary Christian Church and then 2nd grade for 15 years.

Dawn grew up in southwestern Minnesota on a farm near Canby, Minnesota. She earned a Medical Assistant certificate from Nettleton College in Sioux Falls, SD, a BS in Biblical studies from Nebraska Christian College, and a BA in Elementary Education from Wayne State College.

Dawn and her husband, Matthew, have been married for 31 years. The family lives in Bellevue and had a two year stint in O’Fallon, Illinois when Dawn’s husband was stationed at Scott AFB. Dawn and Matthew have two children, a daughter, Erin, age 28 and a son, Mark, age 21. Mark attended Cornerstone for several years.

Mrs. Burkett is retiring from teaching this year. She shares her thought with us about her decision to retire this year. *“This has been a very difficult decision for me. I feel I need to slow down a bit and take care of myself. I have really enjoyed my time at CCS. This has been a wonderful large chapter of my life. I have formed so many friendships and close bonds with so many staff members and CCS families. I will miss everyone immensely. This was not the way I had envisioned retiring. I was deeply disappointed to miss the last quarter with this darling group of children! So many “lasts” I would have liked to have done.”*

She adds this thought, *“I hope to continue to volunteer by tutoring at the school. My sister and my daughter are all moving to Omaha so I’m sure I will spend more time with them as well. I’m hoping for “twin” grandbabies in the next few years!”*



Dawn, the Cornerstone family will miss you too!

Fun Tidbit: Dawn is an identical twin. Twins run every other generation in her family. She loves eagles! Over the years, her students have gifted her with quite a collection of eagle décor! She has fun displaying all of those wonderful gifts in her home – even rearranging her piano room to display eagles and vintage family twin photos.

Favorite Scripture: *“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”*

~ Isaiah 40:30-31



Mrs. Burkett’s Retirement Celebration – by Krista McDonald

On May 16, 2020 the Cornerstone community turned out in droves to help Mrs. Burkett celebrate her retirement. Dozens of cars filled with students, teachers, administrators and her family filed by to share well wishes and leave cards, signs, gifts and flowers. Mrs. Burkett learned about the event the day before and said she did not expect such a crowd, but that *“It was amazing! I loved seeing everyone’s smiles! What a wonderful day!”*

Where will you go one day?



Mrs. Burkett's second graders created hot air balloons to envision where they will go one day.



Tali

One day, I will be a teacher.
I will go to China to explore!
I will go to Hawaii to relax!
I will go to school to learn!



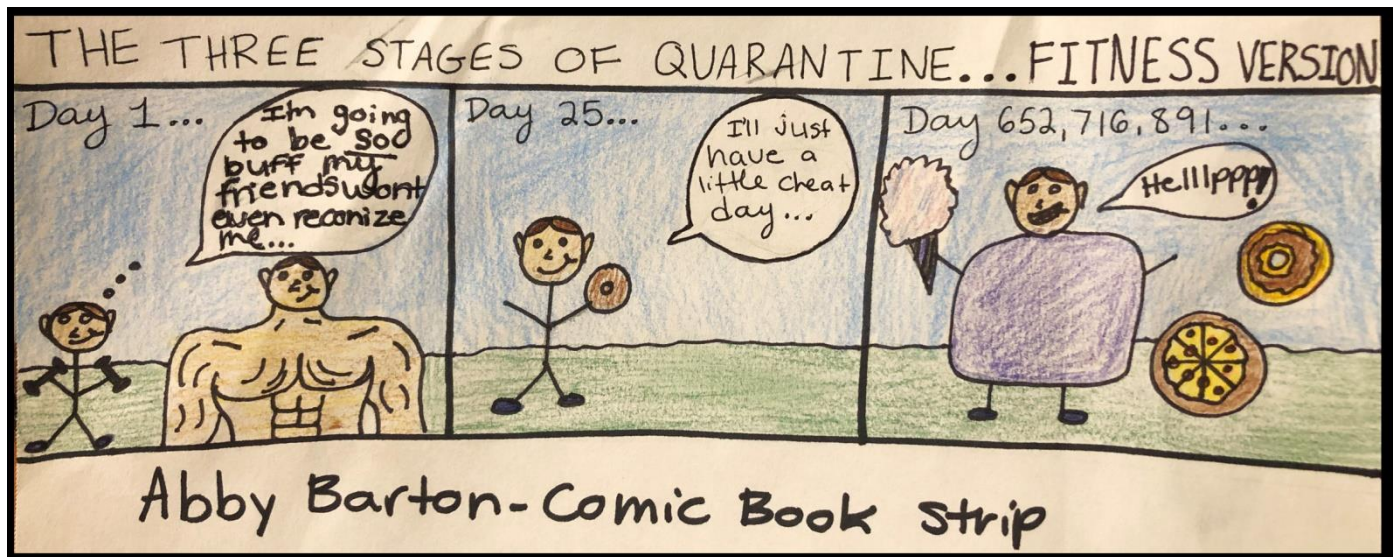
Mason

One day, I will be a missionary.
I will go to the mountain to explore!
I will go to Hawaii on a cruise to relax!
I will go to church to learn!



Ethan

On day, I will be an archeologist.
I will go to the desert to explore!
I will go to Hawaii to relax!
I will go to school to learn!



Abby Barton-Comic Book Strip

As part of their comic art unit, the Art History students made some Corona Virus comic strips to lighten the mood on the pandemic.

Made you smile – didn't it?