

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you  
I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." ~ Isaiah 41:10

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Dr. Teri Lynn Schrag, Superintendent

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government  
shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace, there will be no end.  
Isaiah 9:6-7a*

As you read the words of Isaiah 6, the beautiful music of Handel's "Messiah" often comes to mind. Composed in 1741 by George Frideric Handel, this oratorio was written for the text of Isaiah from the King James Bible. The "Messiah" was first performed in April of 1742 and has become one of the best known and most frequently performed choral works in Western music, but my introduction to the "Messiah" was not in a concert hall or cathedral. I did not hear it performed by a choir or accompanied by a violin, instead it sung very simply to a small circle of children by my favorite missionary "aunt". In her beautiful voice without any accompaniment, she sang these solemn and precious words, "For unto us a child is born." To this day, my heart can hear Aunt Ev's voice, a humble missionary in Africa who deeply understood the promise of this gift, the glory of this truth, the Son of God, whose kingdom has no end. Today, my heart is drawn once again to this promise. He is our Wonderful Counselor, our Mighty God, our Everlasting Father, and our Prince of Peace. He is our King, coming in glory.

And the prophet Isaiah continued and said,

*"See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice. Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.*

*Then the eyes of those who see will no longer be closed, and the ears of those who hear will listen. The fearful heart will know and understand, and the stammering tongue will be fluent and clear. No longer will the fool be called noble nor the scoundrel be highly respected. For fools speak folly, their hearts are bent on evil: They practice ungodliness and spread error concerning the Lord; the hungry they leave empty and from the thirsty they withhold water. Scoundrels use wicked methods, they make up evil schemes to destroy the poor with lies, even when the plea of the needy is just.*

*The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest." Isaiah 32: 1-7, 17-18*

Glory to God and merry, merry Christmas!



Dec 2 Elem Chapel – Ethan Huff,  
Good News Church

**Dec 2 K- 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Program, 4 PM**

Dec 3 HS Chapel – Mrs. Teri Lynn Schrag

**Dec 3 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Program, 4 PM**

**Dec 4 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program, 4 PM**

Dec 7 Beyond the Bell, Canvas Art

Dec 7 PTF Meeting, 7 PM

Dec 8 MS Chapel – Hayes Anderson

Dec 9 Elem Chapel – Mr. Hood

Dec 10 HS Chapel – Pastor Ryan Kim,  
Omaha Chinese Christian Church

**Dec 10 MS Christmas Program, 4 PM**

**Dec 11 HS Christmas Program, 4 PM**

Dec 14 Beyond the Bell, Canvas Art

Dec 15 MS Chapel – Prayer Chapel

Dec 16 Elem Chapel – Christmas Chapel

Dec 17 HS Chapel – Prayer Chapel

Dec 18, 21, 22 HS Finals

Dec 22 MS Chapel – TBA

Dec 22 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends

Dec 22 PreK – MS Class Christmas Parties

Dec 23- Jan 5 Christmas Break

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Jan 6 School Resumes

## Events & Info



**CHARACTER  
SCHOLARSHIP  
LEADERSHIP  
SERVICE**

### 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. This year we raised a little over \$650 for the Bethlehem House here in Nebraska.

As a service project, we built shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child to send out to children around the world.

### Thanksgiving Meal Lunch –

Mrs. Collver’s Kindergarten students made Pilgrim hats to wear at our CCS Thanksgiving meal lunch on November 18. Thank you to all who served and donated so our Cornerstone students, teachers and staff could enjoy our traditional Thanksgiving lunch. We are truly blessed.



# Beyond THE Bell

## Canvas Art with Mrs. Clarahan

Dec 7<sup>th</sup>  
3:45 – 5:00 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades  
\$12 per student  
Limit 18 students

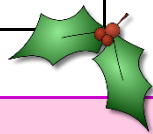
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### Notice for High School Students

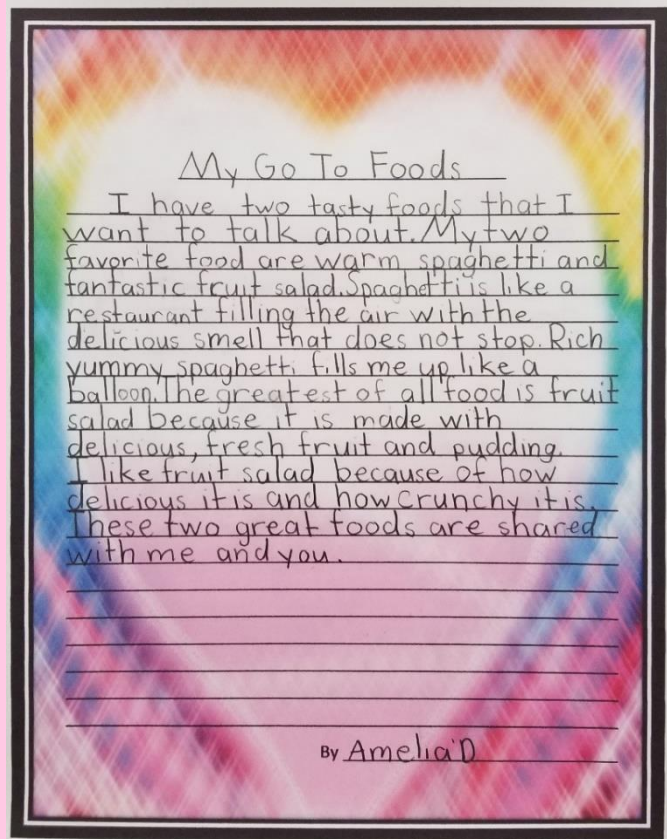
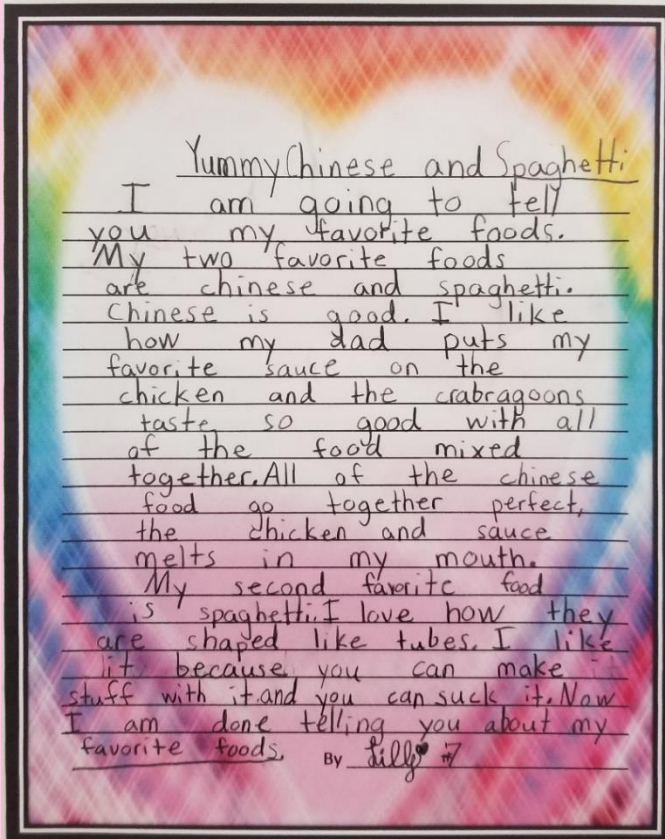
To help students stay on track during this academic year, teachers are posting notes, homework, quizzes, tests, and lectures on FACTS and/or TEAMS.

If a student is absent from school, they need to check those platforms for assigned work. When the student returns to school, they will have two days to hand in all work assigned during their absence.



### My Two Favorite Foods – by Mrs. Keeney

There are many precious blessings in life that are free. The third-grade students wrote about their three favorite blessings that money cannot buy. They enjoyed writing about their two favorite foods while learning to write a topic sentence, supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence.





### Mr. Todd Fester



Our Staff Spotlight for December is Mr. Todd Fester. He has been a part of Cornerstone for four years as maintenance and custodial staff.



Todd was born in Kearny, Nebraska, where he spent most of his growing up years. He has one older brother. Todd also lived in Glenburnie, Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, Lincoln, Nebraska, Millard, and for the last four years he has lived in Papillion.

He is married to Brenda and they have a daughter, Rylee, who is a Cornerstone student. He also has a son Ryan and a son, Grady, that passed away at birth. He has one grandson, Ashton.

Before coming to Cornerstone, Todd had several positions that helped prepare him for his tasks at Cornerstone. He said, "Eatons Valve Plant in Kearny taught me a lot about machinery and working on machinery. I worked for Kearney Public Schools as a custodian for five years. Then I worked for Kearney First Baptist Church as facility manager. I also worked for construction companies building homes."

We certainly appreciate Mr. Fester's expertise in helping keep our facility working and clean.

**Fun Tidbit:** Todd enjoys reading scripture daily and he likes to make donuts!

**Favorite Scripture:** Genesis 1:1 – *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."* He says, "I like it because it gives me strength and security knowing that God is in control. Every sunrise and every sunset reminds me of our Creator."

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### Christmas Programs - 2020



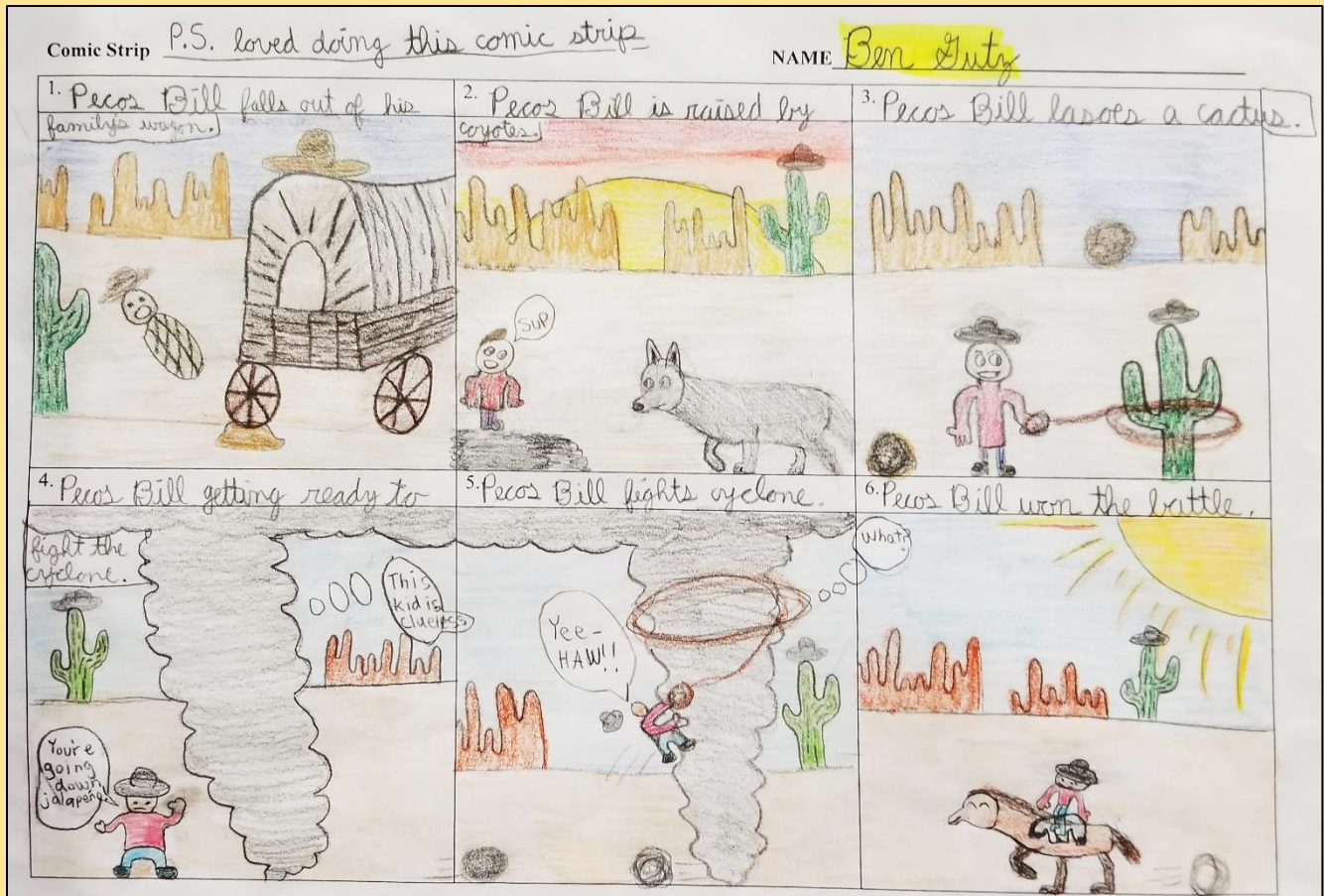
Cornerstone Christian School's Christmas Program in 2020 will be celebrating our Savior's birth in a very different way. We will be hosting grade level performances at the end of the school day in the Range. You are invited to attend in family groups.

- K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Wed, Dec 2, 4 PM
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Thur, Dec 3, 4 PM
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Fri, Dec 4, 4 PM
- MS Choir & Band – Thur, Dec 10, 4 PM
- HS Choir & Band – Fri, Dec 11, 4 PM



**Pecos Bill Comic Strips – By Miss Dick**

Sixth grade students read the folktale "Pecos Bill and the Cyclone" in language arts. They then summarized the story in a comic strip that illustrated the crazy antics of the protagonist. Students enjoyed expressing their creativity and story-telling abilities! (see more comic strips outside Miss Dick's classroom)



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~ Isaiah 9:6