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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

Our elementary students frequently sing a song in chapel, a sincere prayer of our hearts.

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for You.***

This song resonates with the appeal of the apostle Paul to the believers in Rome.

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.
Romans 12:1*

And it echoes the prayer that I pray daily for our school- that Cornerstone is a sanctuary for our students, teachers, staff, and families.

I was asked recently what I meant by this prayer- that Cornerstone would be a sanctuary. I think this prayer and request of the Father can best be summed up in the following way.

I pray that Cornerstone is a sanctuary, a place of God's Presence, His Provision, His Protection, and His Peace.

May you know **God's Presence** today.

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8

May you know **God's Provision** today.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. Psalm 34:9-10

May you know **God's Protection** today.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. God is within her; she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Portions of Psalm 46



February

<p>Feb 2 MS Chapel – Johnny Etherington, Brookside Church</p> <p>Feb 3 Elem Chapel – Jeff McDonald Avery Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Feb 4 HS Chapel – Giri Kumar, Christ for the City International</p> <p>Feb 6 Winter Formal, 7PM – 10PM</p> <p>Feb 9 MS Chapel – Tyler Schenzel, Waypoint Church</p> <p>Feb 10 Elem Chapel – Esther Beasley, Child Evangelism Fellowship</p> <p>Feb 10 Valentine’s Class Parties</p> <p>Feb 11 No School – Parent Teacher Conf., 2-7 PM</p> <p>Feb 12 No School – Teacher Work Day</p> <p>Feb 13 My Guy and I Dance, 5:30 – 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Feb 15 No School – Presidents Day</p> <p>Feb 16-19 Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p>Feb 16 MS Chapel Darryl; Keeney, Lighthouse Baptist Church</p> <p>Feb 17 Elem Chapel – TBA</p> <p>Feb 21 HS Chapel – Prayer Chapel</p> <p>Feb 20 Quiz Bowl</p> <p>Feb 23 MS Chapel – Prayer Chapel</p> <p>Feb 23 Family Night Out – Godfather’s Twin Creek</p> <p>Feb 24 Elem Chapel – Brandon Hair, Calvary Christian Church</p> <p>Feb 25 No HS Chapel</p> <p>Feb 25-28 High School Mission Trips</p>
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Events & Info

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year –

Student registration for next school year begins in February. Registration will be submitted online via FACTS. CCS will open registration to the community on March 15th, so please have registration submitted as soon as possible to reserve your student’s place for next year. We do have a waiting list from community members for the upcoming school year.



— Family Night Out —

Godfather’s Twin Creek

Feb 23, 4-9 PM

Pickup, Delivery & Take Out



Walk-a-thon Kick-Off – by Mrs. Clarahan

Hey, Everyone! It's that time again. It's time to start thinking about the BIG event of the school year....the 19th Annual Walk by Faith Walk-a-thon Kick-off Pep Rally. This year's kick-off will be on Monday, March 1st at 2:30 pm. We will be starting the pep rally off with some music from our band students, some cheers from our cheerleaders, and many other fun things. Show your Cougar Spirit by dressing in our school colors...the more blue the better. This is an all school event, so everyone is invited to join us.

On the evening of Monday, March 1st beginning at 7pm, there will be an all school parent meeting. During this parent meeting, we will be providing you with all of the information you need about this year's event, as well as the paperwork that needs to be filled out. Childcare will be provided, so feel free to bring your little ones.

Keep an eye on your email for more information as we get closer to the big day.

Cornerstone "His Legacy" Banquet



Sunday March 14, 2020
At the Stockyard Exchange



February 16-19

High school mission trips – By Jon Hood, Principal

At the end of next month, two high school teams head out on mission trips. Both trips involve ministry partners that we have worked with for the last 6 years. A group of almost 40 will be headed to Camp Calvin Crest. They will spend a few days helping the camp get ready for the 2021 church camp season. The other group will partner with Engage Global and learn about God’s love for all people groups. Due to COVID protocols in MN, this trip will stay in the Omaha area.

Parent - Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 11th from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Grades Pre-K – 5th Grade Conferences will be in 15 minutes increments in the student’s classroom. [Sign up here .](#)

Middle and High School Conferences will be on a first come, first served basis and are held in five minutes increments in “The Range”. 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.



Archery at Cornerstone –

by Drew Severson, Archery Coach

Did you know the individual holding the High School Female archery record for the entire State of Nebraska attends Cornerstone? During the 2019 Nebraska State Archery tournament Katheryn Rice set the State Record by shooting 289 out of 300 possible points. During that flight, she shot 20 bullseye's which is not an easy thing to do even for the coaches! While the 2020 season was canceled before she could compete at state, Katheryn started the 2021 season by placing 1st in our first virtual tournament of the season. It's been fun seeing Katheryn and the entire team grow over the last few years.



God Sees Me

By: Mayse, 8th grade Cornerstone student

“Be yourself,” says the world surrounding us,
 But then they turn around, telling me,
 That I’m not doing it right. No, not like that,
 I got to be the best at everything, or I’m an outcast,
 It’s exhausting, I can’t keep up, I just need rest.

I search and search all the wrong places,
 Then He tells me just be still, silent, and listen,
 He sees my broken spirit, my struggle with myself, my pain of getting up,
 I rush to explain that I am sorry for messing up,
 And I am trying to do better - will do better - to make Him proud.

He whispers in my ear, saying that He is already proud, and He loves me,
 I sit completely still, my mind in a state of complete befuddlement,
 And He goes on to explain my entire identity,
 He looks past my mistakes, failures, and such,
 And though I AM smart, athletic, and funny,
 He says these things are not my definition,

As I try to deny these things, He tells me that I am kind-hearted and compassionate,
 He says I am made just the way He wants me to be,
 I don’t have to earn the approval of those in the world who judge,
 Because all that matters is how God sees me.



Kindergarten Students Celebrate 100 days of School





Mrs. Kelly Edmonson



Kelly Edmonson is our Staff Spotlight for February. She grew up in Denver, Colorado and lived there for 30 years. She has been married to her husband, Matt, for 11 years. She has 4 children and 2 step children. Matt is active duty Air Force, so that has taken the family to Shreveport, Louisiana, Washington DC, and Nebraska.



Kelly attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ, and majored in Elementary and Special Education. She earned a Master’s Degree in Literacy from Regis University in Denver, Colorado.

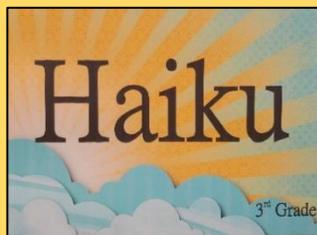
This is her 17th year in education. She taught 3rd grade for 7 years, 4th grade for 4 years, and Pre-K for 5 years. This is her first year at Cornerstone. She said, “It has been a great experience so far!” She job shares in Kindergarten with Mrs. VanMoorlegem.

When she is not at school, she enjoys spending time with family, exercising, watching her boys play soccer and volunteering.

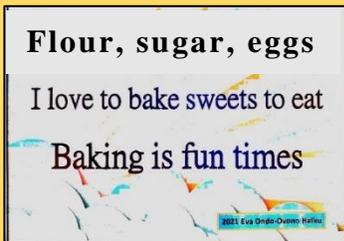
Fun Tidbit: Kelly has two fun tidbits that are quite unique: She rode in the Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile and has visited the Oval Office!

Favorite Scripture: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Gods will for you in Christ Jesus. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

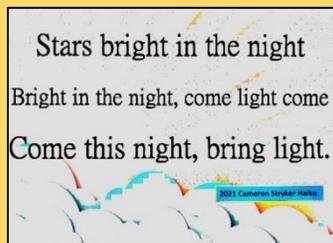
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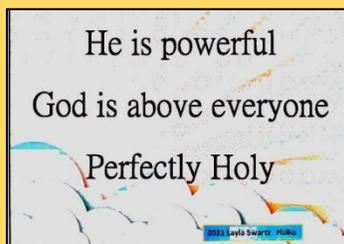
By 3rd Grade Students



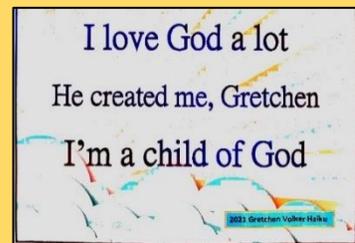
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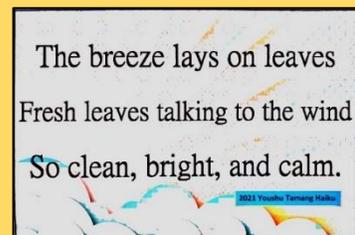
By Cameron



By Layla



By Gretchen



By Youshu

God Sees Me

By Bohden, 8th grade Cornerstone student

He sees my fears and insecurities.
Which all point back to Him and how he created me
He sees my confidence and strength
And He is proud of how far I've come
He sees who I am and fell in love

He sees my achievements.
Which gave Him joy and made Him excited
He loves who I am becoming.
Because He created me for such and cannot wait for the things I will do
He loves me for who I am on the inside, not the outside

He sees my love for others.
And helps it shine bright for others to see
He hears my prayers that cry out for help and guidance
And He enjoys my voice and faith
He will always hear my prayers and help me through the hard times

He sees my sadness
And He transforms it into happiness
He stretches His arms out toward me
When I feel like I have nothing left
He is my Father, Shepherd, Guardian, King, and Friend



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May you know **God's Peace** today.

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal. Isaiah 26:3-4

There are many times that I go to the prayer room to pray, asking God for His provision and peace, to pray for His protection and His presence in our school. As I pray, He often asks me the same question. He says, "My daughter, do you have what you need for today?" And I respond, "Yes, Lord, I have what I need for today." He smiles, "Then you have everything that you need."

Here is His Truth. Today, He is our provision and protection and peace, because His presence is here.

He is our sanctuary!



**Kindergarten
Snowman
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