

# 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

*When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter,  
"Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"  
"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."  
Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." John 21:15*

I am on a team starting a Christian school in Haiti that will be part of the orphanage that our Cornerstone students and I travel to every other year. I started working in Haiti as a young teacher and have traveled to Haiti about eight times, my first trip over twenty years ago to teach Haitian teachers. In launching Grace Academy in Port au Prince, I was asked to write an article about myself to include in the missionary organization's newsletter. It was to answer some basic questions, including a little bit about myself, my educational background and experiences, why I am called to this ministry, and what is my vision for this new school.

As I sat down to write the article, I found myself puzzled for words and for those of you who know me well, I am never short on words. Ask my math students or the Cornerstone teachers. Then I realized why I was puzzled and short for words. The Cornerstone family knows me well, and I never have to start at the beginning or explain my calling or vision in its entirety or from the start. At school, the Lord speaks as needed for my day, His manna, His sufficiency and grace, and I, in turn share His truth with the CCS community. And in this article about the new school, Grace Academy in Port au Prince, I felt the need to wrap years, decades in fact, of His words, and calling, into one succinct article entitled, "Getting to know me."

So, I sat at my desk and crafted that article for the Mission Experience's newsletter, trying to find the right vocabulary, sentence structure, word choice and simplicity in thought, and the Lord spoke to me. He said with such gentleness, kindness, and grace, "I know you. I know your heart. I have walked with you through your experiences and I know your calling. It is from Me. And my daughter, I will continue to walk with you. Put your hand to the plow and do not look back. Do My work. I will give you the strength and provision and the love to feed My lambs."

What grace!

The Lord speaks to His people in Deuteronomy 31:5b-8, "*Be strong and courageous.*"

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*Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."*

*Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. 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."*

The Lord, Yeshua, the God of eternity, says to you today, "Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. I am with you and I walk before you. I will not forsake you. And now, do My work. Feed My lambs."

- Mar 3 Elem Chapel – Ryan Brons, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
- Mar 4 HS Chapel – Juan Santos, Brookside Church
- Mar 5 Middle School Theme Day
- Mar 5 Noon Dismissal for Kindergarten
- Mar 5 Kindergarten Konnection, 1:30 PM
- Mar 6 Quiz Bowl
- Mar 9 MS Chapel – Mr. Hood
- Mar 10 Elem Chapel – Joya Kinney
- Mar 11 HS Chapel – Giri Kumar, Christ for the City International
- Mar 12 Third Quarter Ends
- Mar 13 Archery Competition
- Mar 14 His Legacy Banquet, 5:30 PM
- Mar 15 No School, Teacher In-service
- Mar 16 MS Chapel – Taylor Foster, Lifegate Church

- Mar 16 MS Orientation, Pre-K/MS Campus, 7 PM
- Mar 17 Elem Chapel – Haroon Idrees, Lifegate Church
- Mar 18 HS Chapel – Alex France, Brookside Church
- Mar 18 Family Night Out – Texas Roadhouse, 4-10 PM
- Mar 19 WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day – Camo Day
- Mar 22 Band Competition
- Mar 23 MS Chapel – TBA
- Mar 24 Elem Chapel – Michelle Kaup, Bellevue Christian Center
- Mar 25 HS Chapel – Charles Wilson, Omaha Street School
- Mar 28 Drama Club Presentation – Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, 5:30 PM
- Mar 30 MS Chapel – TBA
- Mar 31 Elem Chapel – Mr. Hood



## Events & Info

### Children’s Scholarship Fund 2021/2022 –

Children’s Scholarship Fund of Omaha (CSF) believes that all families, regardless of income should be able to choose the best educational setting for their children. The mission of CSF is to provide partial tuition scholarships so children from low-income families can access the private or parochial K-8 education of their choice. By providing scholarship assistance during the time a child’s educational foundation is being established, CSF believes that it is helping prepare children for continued success. Scholarships are awarded based on income and drawn through a lottery system. Families awarded the scholarship for the duration of their student’s educational career.

Visit <https://csfomaha.civicore.com/familylogin> to apply for this scholarship. The deadline for completing the ONLINE application is Friday, May 7.

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
**Cornerstone’s**  
**His Legacy Banquet**



Sunday, March 14, 2021  
 5:30 PM

At the Livestock Exchange Building  
 Tickets: \$40

Purchase at the school office

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students  
*You are invited to our*  
**Annual Middle School Orientation**



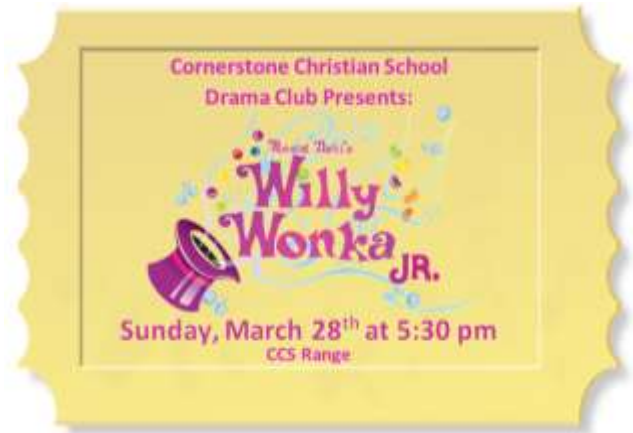
Please come join the middle school teachers as we discuss the adventure of middle school. Some topics discussed will include curriculum, homework, daily schedule with passing periods, dress code, and athletics. We will be speaking on the transition to middle school and how to guide your student during these important years. This is a great time to meet teachers and learn the routines and expectations of our CCS middle school!

Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 PM

Middle School campus in the Range

Presentations and Q & A

This event is for parents only. In the spring, the fifth grade classes will visit the middle school classrooms for orientation.



**— March Family Night Out —**

Texas Roadhouse



March 18, 2021

4 – 10 PM

Includes Dine-In & Carryout

**Audubon Art**

K - Cardinals, 1<sup>st</sup> grade - Burrowing Owls,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Black & White Warbler,  
 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Blue Jays, 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Pileated Woodpecker,  
 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Great Blue Heron



**Audubon Art** – by Mrs. Clarahan

All of the students in Elementary and Middle School Art have been drawing different birds native to Nebraska. We used a variety of artistic styles and I'm so pleased with the work they did. I will be sending a selection of art from our students to compete in the art show hosted by the Audubon Society of Omaha. This will be a virtual art show on display during the month of April. More information will be sent out in April.

See more Audubon Art on page 6

**High School Mission Trips –**

A team of our Cornerstone high school students worked at Camp Calvin Crest in Fremont, NE. They worked hard completing projects for the camp and saving them hundreds of hours of labor. Because of their work, Calvin Crest will be able to continue to serve campers with the love of Jesus. Students ended each day praising God in times of worship.

Another team partnered with Engage Global. They looked at God's word and saw His love for all nations and all people groups. The team visited a Hindu Temple and came face to face with idols to a false god. They also spent an afternoon with fellow Karen believers a people group from Burma.

The students who remained at school during the mission trips were challenged by speaker Tara Rye, as she taught us about the types of praise, as well as the reason and effects of it. Our worship team led us in praise, we had devotional time, watched and discussed movies with the themes of prayer and praise.



**Walk-a-thon News – By Mrs. Clarahan**

WOW, what a great kick-off to our 19th year of Walk-a-thon fundraising for Cornerstone! As we get things rolling, please remember to turn in all of your paperwork by **Wednesday, March 17th**. It is also important that you read your emails as this is how we will be communicating information to you regarding this BIG event.

Please order shirts for your students ONLY at this link ----> [2021 Walk-a-thon Student Shirt Order](#) by Wednesday, March 17th. Only your student(s) will receive a complimentary shirt for the Walk-a-thon. This will be the only opportunity to order this year's Walk-a-thon t-shirt, if you would like one for yourself or anyone else in your family, please use the form that was included in your fundraising packet.

Our next pep rally will be on Friday March 19th and it is CAMO day (no face paint). Just a reminder that even on pep rally days your students must be in compliance with Cornerstone's dress code.

Also, please encourage your students to make wise choices when they dress up for these "crazy" days. We want to make sure that we glorify our Creator in all that we do. The pep rally will be held in the "Range" at 2:40 pm and it will be an all-school event. You are welcome to join us! If you have any questions about the Walk-a-thon or how you can volunteer to help out, please do not hesitate to contact me, at [jclarahan@ccsnebraska.org](mailto:jclarahan@ccsnebraska.org). Watch your email for more information as the date of our event (Friday, May 7th) grows close.

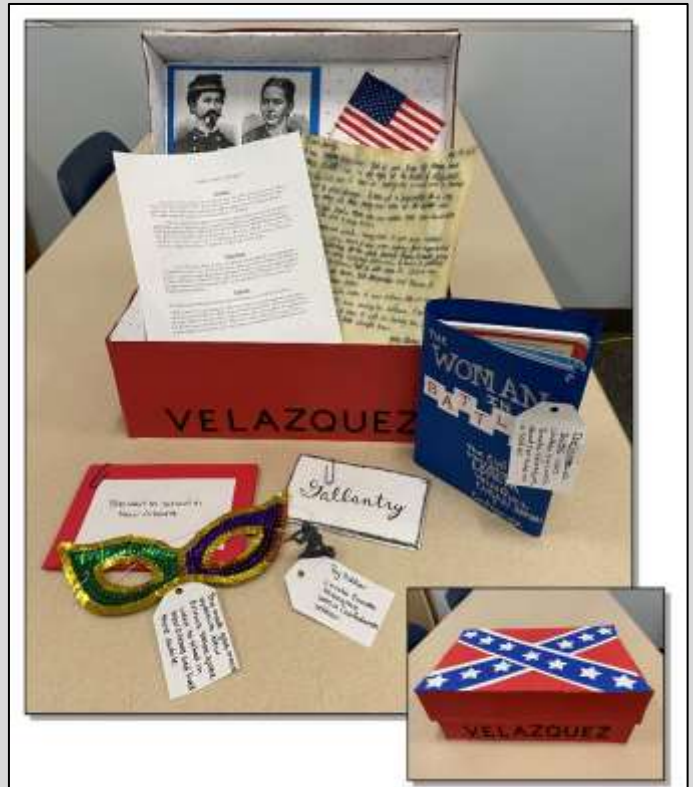


**Civil War Memory Boxes – by Miss Dick**

Eighth grade U.S. History students created and compiled Civil War Memory Boxes after researching important historical figures from the Civil War era. The boxes included poems, biographies, photos, vocabulary, surprising facts, letters, journal entries, and artifacts that represented the Civil War and the specific historical figure each student researched. They look like time capsules from 160 years ago! Below are two examples of students' work. (Inset shows the front of the memory box)



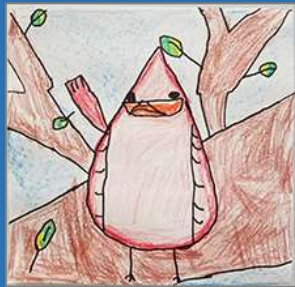
First aid box created by Erin N.



Velazquez box created by Meghan M.

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## Mrs. Joya Kinney

Joya Kinney is truly a joy to have on the Cornerstone staff with her keen sense of humor, budget crunching expertise and number skills. She has been working as the Cornerstone Bookkeeper for the past 8 years. She said, "During this time, it has been fun to count (pun intended) the ways Cornerstone has grown. I love the people I work with and even more seeing the students grow from year to year. It's amazing how well you get to know the kids when you are the keeper of ice packs." (editor's note – the ice packs are kept in the small fridge/freezer in her office 😊)



Joya is a missionary kid born in Albertville, France, while her parents worked out their visa issues to serve in Morocco. So, she says "I am an accidental French citizen." Her parents continually had difficulties with the Moroccan government and eventually moved to Belgium ministering to the Arabic speaking community. She attended a French speaking school until she was 10 years old when the family moved to the Kansas City, Missouri. "Consequently," she says, "I loves couscous, croissants, and burnt ends."

She has been married to her high school sweetheart, Kyle, for 20 years. He serves as the program manager at the Nebraska Family Helpline. They have four wonderful daughters who all attend Cornerstone: Lorelai 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Braelyn 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Whitley 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Addison 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

### Fun Tidbit:

Joya has just discovered a love of swimming. She said, "I have had a blast re-learning the strokes and improving my form. I'm participating in my first triathlon relay this summer."

### Favorite Scripture:

Joya's favorite verse changes with the seasons. She says the one she is currently dwelling on is Isaiah 12:1-6. *"You will say in that day: 'I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made know in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."*

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