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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

***He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain that
which he cannot lose. ~ Jim Elliot***

Many have heard the story of Jim and Elizabeth Elliot, missionaries to Ecuador and one of the members of the five missionaries to the Auca tribe who lost their lives on the beach of the Curaray River. Jim Elliot and four friends saw the need of the Auca tribe to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and answered this call. At 28 years old, Jim was murdered as they tried to make contact with the members of the Auca tribe.

Jim was born to a strong Christian family and his parents encouraged their five children to be adventurous and to "live for Christ". He was active throughout high school in speech and drama and won several awards; his teachers encouraging him to consider a career in acting or public service. After graduating from Wheaton College with a degree in Greek, Jim was highly sought after by several American churches to serve as a youth minister, but instead he chose to serve the Lord in the villages of Ecuador. So why would a young man with the potential of influence and recognition decide to serve in the villages of a remote land? The answer can be found in Jim's own words, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose." At 28 years old, Jim traded what he could not keep, his life on this earth, for what can never be lost, eternity with His Lord and Savior.

Decades later, Jim's daughter began to read through the love letters between her parents from their college years. Embedded into one letter to her mother, he wrote, "I have covenanted with the Father, that He would either glorify Himself to the utmost in me, or slay me." What a declaration of devotion and faith!

So what are we holding on to that the Lord wants us to release to Him? Are we grasping wealth, possessions, belongings that need to be released to the One who owns the cattle on a thousand hills? Are we clutching renown, recognition, influence that can be released to the One whose name is above all names? My prayer is that we follow Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith. And our Lord Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? Luke 9:24-25

***I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but
whatever I have placed in God's hands that I still possess. ~ Martin Luther***

Apr 7	Elem Chapel, Peter Baye King of Kings Church	Apr 14	Elem Chapel, Esther Beasley Child Evangelism Fellowship	Apr 22	HS Chapel, Worship Chapel
Apr 7	School Board Meeting, 6 PM	Apr 15	HS Chapel, Mr. Jon Hood	Apr 23	MS/HS Talent Show, 6 PM
Apr 8	HS Chapel, TBA	Apr 16	Grades Sent Home	Apr 26	Athletic Awards Night, 7 PM
Apr 9	WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day – 80's Day	Apr 16	Spring Program, 7 PM	Apr 27	MS Chapel, Mrs. Teri Lynn Schrag
Apr 9	Midterm	Apr 17	Art Show K-12	Apr 28	Elem Chapel, Kevin Deese
Apr 9	Family Movie Night, 6:30 PM	Apr 19-23	Standardized Testing Week	Apr 29	HS Chapel, TBA
Apr 10	Junior/Senior Prom	Apr 20	MS Chapel, Jeff Mc Donald Avery Presbyterian	Apr 30	WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day – Hawaiian Day
Apr 13	MS Chapel, Ryan Pramberg, Youth for Christ	Apr 21	Elem Chapel, Caleb Haack, Thanksgiving Lutheran Church		
Apr 13	Family Night Out, Jimmy Johns Twin Creek 4-9 PM	Apr 21	Beyond the Bell – Gifford Farm		



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.civcore.com/familylogin> to apply for this scholarship. The deadline for completing the ONLINE application is Friday, May 7.



Gifford Farm-Animals On The Go
 Wednesday, April 21st
 3:45-4:30pm
 K-5th grade
 35 students max
 \$10 a student

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 7 at 6:00 PM
 Parents are welcome to attend the open session in the conference at the Middle School



Attendance & Tardy Reminder –

Parents are required to **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.

- Elem / MS Office: 402.292.1030
- HS Office: 402.291.2260

OUTDOOR family

MOVIE NIGHT

with the Beyond BBQ FOOD TRUCK

Friday, April 9, 6:30 PM

What would you do if you found a Pot of Gold?

Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Collver, challenged her students with that question for a St. Patrick's day themed writing and craft assignment.



Dance Scholarship Signing – By Alyssa Dennis
 Congratulations to Katheryn Rice who signed her letter of intent to dance with the Concordia University Bulldog Dance Team. She joins 15 other young women in a top 15 ranked team. We look forward to seeing Katheryn on the field and court in Seward representing CCS as a Concordia Bulldog.

Walk-a-thon News – By Julie Clarahan

The last month has gone by in a whirl as we have had two pep rallies and so many donations coming in to support our school. As of today, we have raised over \$78,000 towards the \$150,000 goal. GOD IS GOOD....ALL THE TIME!

There are still two more pep rallies for our students. Friday, April 9th is 1980's Day. It will be fun to see the students dress up from a time in our not so distant past. They can dress up as a famous person from the time or dress up in one of the many crazy styles of that time period. Our final pep rally before the big event is Hawaiian Day on Friday, April 30th. Both pep rallies will be in the "Range" at 2:45 pm.

Please remember that all dress up day costumes should still be in accordance with our dress code policies.

There are still lots of ways to help on the day of our BIG event on May 7th. The sign-up genius link is [2021 CCS Walk-a-thon Donation and Volunteer Signup](#).

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at jclarahan@ccsnebraska.org.



Middle School Archery Team



Erin Nordby

Archery News – by Drew Severson, Archery Coach

On March 13th, Cornerstone had an amazing showing at the State Archery Tournament. Both teams set school records for high team scores and half of the archers on the team shot their very best score of the season at the State Tournament.

The High School Team placed sixth out of twelve teams and Katheryn Rice placed 3rd in the High School Girls division. In addition, Katheryn Rice, Dallas Titus, and Josiah Spencer all qualified to compete for a NASP college scholarship. On Monday we were thrilled when they announced Cornerstone as the 2021 Nebraska State Champions for the Middle School Division! Erin Nordby placed 3rd in the Girls’ Middle School Division, Meghan Morrison was 6th, and Grace Nordby placed 10th.

To have a championship team and four top ten finishers is amazing! As coaches we could not be more proud of this team of archers.

Coat of Arms – by Arielle Berg

The 7th graders learned about medieval life and the process of becoming a knight. They each created their own coat of arms with a color, symbol and Latin phrase. A few examples are displayed below.





April Family Night Out

Enjoy Delicious JIMMY JOHNS for Dinner
— *Dine in, Curbside Pick-up or Drive thru* —

4115 Twin Creek Dr., Bellevue, NE

APRIL 13th | 4:00-9:00 PM!

Tell them you are with Cornerstone & they will give 15% back to the school!



Omaha's 2021 Choice Awards –

Help promote Cornerstone Christian School. Vote on-line in the Education category for Cornerstone Christian School in *Omaha World Herald's 2021 Choice Awards.*

You can vote once per day through April 18.

Omaha World Herald will announce the winners Sunday, June 27.

<http://www.Omaha.com/choice>



*Fifth Grade Events -
By Carrie Largen*

(1) The fifth graders presented their biographies and dressed as that person.

(2) Dec 21st - Fifth grade students spoke with Col. Jean Eisenhower from the US Space Force.





Ms. Nina Koch



Our Staff Spotlight for April is a remarkable lady and one of our 3rd grade teachers - Ms. Nina Koch.

She was born and raised in Omaha and grew up in Christian education from preschool through college. Many staff at Cornerstone were either her teachers in high school or college or her classmates in high school and/or college. She graduated from Grace University in 2011 and began teaching in OPS. She taught there for nine years and felt God had a plan and purpose for her to be there.

She said, "This last year God made it very clear to me that I was being called back to Christian Education which is where my heart has always been. My oldest daughter has been at Cornerstone for 4 years, but this is my first year teaching here."

Now all three of her daughters attend Cornerstone - (Larissa in 10th, Breanna in 6th, and Patience in Kindergarten) and next year her son Noah will be in preschool here.

Her family story is truly a story of God's perfect timing and provision. Here is a very shortened version: In 2003 when she was 15 years old God called her to do ministry with her neighborhood kids. She started a little treehouse club and brought them all to her church.



Years later in 2017 through connections with those neighbors, God brought her a family of 4 wonderful children who needed a home and a family. On March 16, 2018, she adopted those children. She says, "Being a mother to them is the greatest blessing of my life. We all love Cornerstone so much and are blessed to be a part of the CCS family."

Fun Tidbit: Nina has only lived in 2 houses her whole life and they are only 2 blocks apart, with the exception of moving to college every year at Grace, which was about 5 minutes away from her home.

Favorite Scripture: Nina says, "I have 2 favorite verses: Psalm 18:29 was always my favorite growing up because I loved to climb everything: *"With your help I can advance against a troop. With my God I can scale a wall."*

But as a mother and teacher this verse is my heart's prayer for each of my own children and my students: Psalm 86:11 *"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."*

