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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

At a Christian school, the importance of prayer and intercession is vital to the process of decision-making and early in my time at Cornerstone, I began to seek the Lord's heart for the school. I would ask Mr. and Mrs. Kustka, the founders of the school, to come in and meet with me. My agenda for these meetings was always the same. They would sit down across the desk from me; I would lean forward and say, "Tell me the story. Tell me the story again. Tell me of how the school was started." They would recount days of struggle, prayerful planning, laborious hours, joyful results, and then many more arduous days. In my first years of serving at CCS, I would walk through the halls and barter with God, offering a life of service in exchange for His blessing. And He would draw me into His truth that He has a specific plan for the school, not because we had substantial enrollment and significant growth, nor had influence, nor remarkable standardized test scores, but because He loved us. He chose us not because of who we are, but because of who He is and He calls us to obedience. *"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today."* (Deuteronomy 7:6-8a, 9 and 11, ESV) The Lord also reminded me that He goes before us in each decision and task, and is always with us. *"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."* (Deuteronomy 31:8, ESV) With these promises, each school year, we step out in faith and follow His words and instructions.

This journey of creating and building and shaping a Christian school is not only one of research-based strategies, best practices for effective student achievement, analysis of data, comparisons of graduation rates, it is about lives changed, demonstrating what it truly means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is more than transcripts for successful completion of high school classes and requirements for entrance to college. It is relentless pursuit of academic excellence; it is a heartfelt passion for others; it is a school that educates children to become learners – equipped with Godly character and Biblical Truth. The distinctive culture of discipleship is a trademark of the school and plays an essential role at our school, and therefore it demands that this distinctiveness is marked by God's Truth. Essential to the purpose of the Cornerstone Christian School program is the understanding that each student has immeasurable and remarkable worth in the eyes of their Creator and that each has a remarkable plan and purpose- to the glory of God.

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21

Events & Info

Nov 1	PTF Meeting; 7pm		
Nov 5	Midterm		
Nov 11	No School; Veterans Day		
Nov 12	Midterm Grades Sent Home		
Nov 16	High School Orientation; 7pm		
Nov 17	Thanksgiving Meal Lunch		
Nov 22	Family Night Out Graley's Creamery; 3-8pm		
Nov 24-26	No School; Thanksgiving Break		
Nov 29	Beyond the Bell; K&1 Canvas Art		
Nov 30	Beyond the Bell; 2&3 Canvas Art		
		Dec 2	Fall Athletic Awards Night
		Dec 3	K-5 Christmas Program
		Dec 6	PTF Meeting
		Dec 10	MS/HS Christmas Program
		Dec 22	Second Quarter Ends
		Dec 22-31	No School; Christmas Break

Notes from the Front Office:

All students will be served a Thanksgiving meal for lunch on November 17th per CCS tradition! The lunch and one milk will be provided school-wide. There will also be options for students with special dietary needs.

More information to come on how you can participate in this tradition!

High School Orientation
November 16th at 7 pm
High School Chapel

This evening is for families with eighth graders. It will be an introduction to the CCS High School program. Teachers will be sharing what to expect and there will be Q & A. Please RSVP to the Front Office by e-mailing us at office@ccsnebraska.org.

Inclement Weather

School snow days and school closings will be announced on television stations WOWT (Channel 6) and KETV (Channel 7). Cornerstone follows the Bellevue Public School District in the closing of school due to inclement weather and icy roads. Whenever the weather is questionable, tune in to one of these stations.

Monday, NOVEMBER 22nd

Join us for a *SWEET* opportunity to support our school. Graley's Creamery will be hosting our *Family Night Out* from 3-8pm.
 147 N Washington St, Papillion

FAMILY NIGHT

IN THE CLASSROOM



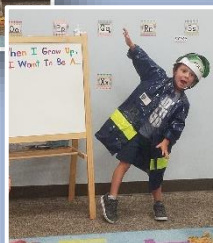
UNO, DOS, TRES!

The high school Spanish 4 class teaching 2nd graders how to say numbers in Spanish. The high school class prepared a song and a memory game to help us remember the numbers 1-10.



When I grow up...

CCS Kindergarteners put on a Fashion Show. Looks like we have a future Nurse, Rockstar, Veterinarian, Space Explorer and Police Officer in our midst!



Computer fun and GAMES!



The 7th and 8th graders are working on a program called Scratch. It was developed by MIT for young computer users to learn simple drag and drop block coding. Here, they are learning to create video games using Scratch.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Dorhout Elementary

Erika has been teaching PE at Cornerstone for five years. Before teaching, she worked as a personal trainer and in the gym childcare room. When the K-5 PE teaching position became available, it was the perfect job opportunity for her. She tries to make exercising fun for the kids.

Erika grew up in Thornton, Iowa, and attended Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. She and her husband Grant lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for ten years. They moved to Papillion in 2015. Grant is a financial advisor and owns Dorhout Retirement Services. They have three children, Evan 8th grade, Hunter 5th grade and Haley is in 3rd. Most of Erika's free time is spent at their various activities.

Fun fact: Erika's favorite sport is baseball. In high school and college, she worked for Newman and Northwestern's baseball teams as stat keeper. Now she watches her son Evan play for the Papillion Stormchasers.

Favorite Bible verse: Jeremiah 29:11-13. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."





IN FOCUS

PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS



3rd Grade Arbor Farm Field trip!



CHAPEL EXPERIMENTS!



Camp Calvin Crest Team!



HIGH SCHOOL MISSIONS



Colorado Team!



High Hopes Work Day

November

2021



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4 State Volleyball Championships @Lincoln, NE	5 State Volleyball Championships @Lincoln, NE	6 State Volleyball Championships @Lincoln, NE	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 MS Volleyball 8am/9:15am @Papillion Landing	14
15 Start of Winter Practice	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 ESU MS Quiz Bowl Meet	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3 Bball Girls 4/6:15pm Boys 5/7:30pm @HOME	4 Girls JV Bball 10am @Bennington	5

