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May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. ~ I Thessalonians 5:23-24

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Administrator's News

"Discipleship is not an offer that man makes to Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Cornerstone Christian School is a discipleship Christian school dedicated to bringing the Lord glory through every aspect of our school. But what does it mean to be a disciple?

Jesus's call to discipleship is a threefold call. First, this is a call to know Him. This knowing is a personal commitment to the Lord, not just to know of Him, but to know Him by experience and depth of understanding. That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (Phil. 3:10-11)

Second, the call to discipleship is a call to follow Jesus. He demands complete, exclusive, and unwavering obedience to Him. And he said to all, If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me (Luke 9:23)

Third, the call to discipleship is a call to make disciples. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)

When asked "what does discipleship look like for a Cornerstone Christian student?"

the CCS teaching staff described their goals for students in this manner.

A CCS student will:

- Know Christ as the Truth
- Have a true repentance and humble obedience
- Study the Bible and have a consistent devotional life
- Be a leader and role model for others
- Be empathetic and "other" focused with quiet acts of honor and service
- Apply the Truth of God's Word to their lives and demonstrate the Truth
- Work for the glory of the Lord and not just for a grade or a score
- Demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit daily and outwardly
- Continue the cycle of making disciples

Our students are to be disciples who are not being conformed to the world, but are being transformed by the renewing of their minds. (Romans 12:2)



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 5 Elem Chapel, Carolyn Fast
- MS/HS Chapel, Pat Mingarelli
- Midterm
- 12 Elem Chapel, Michael Gilbert
- 12 School Board Meeting, MS/HS Campus, 6 PM
- 13 MS/HS Chapel, Matthew Anderson (Guys) Trinity Jensen (6-8 Girls) Carmel Sequin (9-12 Girls)
- 14 Mid-term grades sent home
- 17 Family Night Out Don & Millies, 4-8 PM
- 19 Elem Chapel, Mrs. Schrag

- 19 Thanksgiving Meal Lunch
- 20 MS/HS Chapel, Dave Parrish, Papio Creek Church
- **26-28** No School Thanksgiving Break

Hot Lunch Menu

Nov. 5 – Pizza

Nov. 12 - Chick-fil-A

Nov. 19 – Thanksgiving Meal Lunch

Events & Info

Thanksgiving Lunch – We are excited about our annual Thanksgiving Meal Lunch! Each year, the parents prepare a wonderful Thanksgiving meal for the entire student body, faculty and staff, and the staff of T!LC. The meal includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, a beverage and dessert! Students with special dietary restrictions (gluten-free, dairy-free and peanut-free), will be prepared a separate meal. Our students will be transported by bus to Calvary Christian Church located at 10100 Cedar Island Road in Bellevue.



This meal is made possible through donations made by parents. <u>Please Click here for the Sign-up Genius</u> to see how you can help. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office or email Elissa Vilter at <u>5vilters@cox.net</u>.

Absences and Tardies – If your child will be absent or more than 15 minutes late for school, please notify the office before 9 a.m. Class begins at 8:15 a.m. for Middle & High School and 8:30 a.m. for K – 5. If your child is late you will need to sign him/her in at the office before they are able to go to class. This prevents unnecessary phone calls from us inquiring if he/she is home ill. Notices will be sent home from the office for students who have excessive absences. Thank you for your help!

School Board Meeting

Please note change in date from monthly calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 6:00 p.m. at our MS/HS campus 16405 Clay Street Bellevue, NE

Parents are invited to attend.



Family Night Out

Join us for a family night out at **Don & Millie's** 2208 Pratt Avenue Bellevue, NE 68123

Please note change in date from monthly calendar

Monday November 17th from 4-8pm

CCS receives a portion of the proceeds.

Be sure to tell them you are from Cornerstone

Inclement Weather – School snow days and school closings will be announced on television stations KMTV (Channel 3), WOWT (Channel 6), and KETV (Channel 7.). Cornerstone Christian School 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.



Cornerstone Christian School Christmas Concert

Friday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Salem Baptist Church 3131 Lake Street, Omaha



We are very blessed by the local churches and their willingness to host our school events during this time of growth. In looking for a facility that could host our Christmas concert, we contacted every large church in the metro area as we anticipate over 800 guests for the upcoming Christmas program. CCS is blessed by the willingness of Salem Baptist Church to host our Christmas program on Friday, December 12. Mark your calendar for this special event.

A Limerick By Isaac, 4th Grade

There once was a cute fluffy cat, Who thought she was puffy and fat, 'Til she fell in the tub, Going blub, blub, blub, And found out she was skinny and flat.



Spotlight

Mrs. Eva Cloward



This marks Mrs. Eva Cloward's third year of teaching at Cornerstone. She is one of our beloved kindergarten teachers. She holds a Master's degree in early childhood education through the University of Phoenix.

Mrs. Cloward has three daughters, two are in middle school and the oldest is a high school junior. She recently married a wonderful man who has two sons so their Brady bunch family is always fun and a bit loud.

Fun Tidbit: Eva recently went skydiving and LOVED it!! She can't wait to go again. The next item on her bucket list is bungee jumping – which she hopes to do soon!

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 8:31 "What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Medication Information –

According to the Nebraska State Medication Act and school policy, written parental permission is required for any medication given at school, **including** non-prescription medication such as Tylenol, etc. All medication must be in the original container or prescription bottle.

If your child needs to take any medication while at school for longer than one week, or carries an inhaler at school, parental permission and a physician's signature is required to be on file at the school office. A medication permission form is available at the office. If you have any questions, please call the office (292-1030).

THANKS!

Thank you to our CCS families for their support of the high school girls' Bible study group and the bake sale at Parent Teacher Conferences. With your support, they raised \$421.54 for their attendance at the winter conference, "One Thing". Please continue to pray for our high school girls as they continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (II Peter 3:18)

Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Alyssa Dennis

We are blessed to Mrs. Alyssa have Dennis on staff at Cornerstone. She serves in multiple capacities. She teaches **Journalism** and 9th through 12th grade English. Mrs. Dennis also works with our students as the yearbook advisor. coaches Dance and Cheerleading and is the choreographer for Winter Guard!

Mrs. Dennis has been teaching for 10 years and with Cornerstone for 4 years.



She holds a B.A. in English from Creighton University and is working towards a Masters at Concordia University.

Mrs. Dennis has been married to her high school sweetheart, Eric, for 16 years. He is also in education as an Elementary School Principal. They have two children, William and Elizabeth both students at CCS.

Fun Tidbit: Alyssa was born in Hawaii – she loves to snorkel and travel. She wanted to be a Librarian when she was little.

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

