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For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5 ESV

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Administrator's News



By Mrs. Schrag, CCS Superintendent

Have you ever thought of the misnomer of "Lost and Found"? Truly, at a school, the bin needs to be labeled "Lost and Not Found". Your students can tell you that I despise lost and found. The bin seems to be overflowing with the odds and ends of school- seven gloves (none of them matching), sweatshirts, library books, water bottles, and even one glittery shoe. In fact, I have devised a clever way of getting rid of the lost and found at the high school; I put it in the doorway as they enter the lunchroom and they need to step over it to get to lunch. But even with this clever plan, the lost and found bin never is empty.

As I think of the dilemma of this never-ending problem, I am reminded that I could have a "lost and found" tag as well. John Newton, the reformed slave trader, said it well,

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

In notes from Newton's journal, March 21, 1748, was a day of great importance for him, for "On that day the Lord sent from on high and delivered me out of deep waters." Only God's amazing grace could and would take a rude, profane, slave-trading sailor and transform him into a child of God. And only God's grace can take us, a blasphemer of the Truth, an

enemy of God, and transform us from a wretch to a beloved son and daughter. Our new name in Christ can be "Was Once Lost, But Forever Found by His Grace and Mercy". What joy comes with His grace that overflows in Him!

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen! I Timothy 1:12-17



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JANUARY

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| <p>5 All School Worship Chapel
 6 First Semester grades sent home
 9 PTF Meeting, 7 PM
 10 MS Chapel – Eric Turner
 LifeSpring Church
 10 Beyond the Bell (1st – 3rd) Canvas Painting
 10 Family Night Out – Twin Creek Subway
 11 Elem Chapel – Dwynette Valenti
 12 HS Chapel – Tim Wiebe,
 Brookside Church
 16 No School – Martin Luther King Day</p> | <p>17 MS Chapel – Joya Kinney
 17 Beyond the Bell (K-2nd)
 Trish Place Puppets presents
 “A Tale of Two Bed Mice”
 18 Elem Chapel – Rich Rudd
 19 HS Chapel – Amy Kieser
 19 Science Fair, 6-8 PM
 24 MS Chapel – Luke Isaacson,
 Waypoint Church</p> | <p>25 Elem Chapel – Brad Knorr,
 King of Kings Church
 26 HS Chapel – Rich Rudd
 26 Pastor Appreciation Luncheon,
 12 PM
 26 Skate Night, 6-8 PM
 Skate City, Bellevue
 31 MS Chapel – Mark Dommel
 31 Beyond the Bell (3rd – 5th)
 Trish Place Puppets presents
 “A Tale of Two Bed Mice”</p> |
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Events & Info

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.



Absences and Tardies –

If your child will be absent or more than 15 minutes late for school, please notify the office before 9 AM. Class begins at 8:15 for High School, 8:20 for Middle School and 8:30 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!



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 are required to be on file at the school office. Medication permission forms are available at the school office.



Cornerstone Dress Code Reminder –

Jeans with holes that show either skin or undergarments are not permitted in our dress code. Jeans with frays, but no skin or undergarments showing are permitted. If your student chooses to come to school out of dress code, a phone call will be made requesting a different set of clothes and if you are unable to bring anything, your student will be given a P.E. uniform to be worn for the day. Our goal is to set a professional tone so that learning can take place during the school day.



Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

Cornerstone will host the annual pastors’ lunch on Thursday, January 26th at 12:00 noon at the Elem/MS campus. Pastors from the 65 churches represented at CCS have been invited. We are truly blessed by the prayer of these leaders for our students and the Lord’s work at CCS!

Don’t miss our next Cornerstone Skate Night



Skate City
 1220 S. Fort Crook Rd.
 Bellevue
 Tuesday, January 26th,
 6-8 pm

January School Board Meeting

January 25 at 6:00 PM
 at the Pre-K-8 campus
 Bellevue, NE
 Parents are invited to attend.





Mrs. Amy Kieser



Mrs. Amy Kieser is our staff spotlight for January. She has been married to Jeff for 30 years. They have three children: Josh (26), Caitie (21), and Lane (17). They also have one daughter-in-law (Kristin), a 6-year old grandson, plus a granddaughter due in March!

Amy holds a BA in social studies education and physical education from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. When asked how long she has taught, Mrs. Kieser said that it is almost an impossible question to answer! Although she retired to stay home with her children after seven years of teaching in public schools in Colorado and Omaha, she never left teaching. She home schooled her own children for 16 years, and she has taught in varying capacities for every age from pre-school to adults. She admits that teaching is like breathing to her. She has to do it!



This is Mrs. Kieser's 4th year at Cornerstone and her 2nd year full-time. This year she is teaching 9-12 grade Bible and psychology. She also serves as the high school guidance counselor. In the past at CCS, she has taught elementary P.E., middle school history, and middle school language arts. Amy's son, Lane, is in 11th grade and has been at Cornerstone since 7th grade.

Fun Tidbits: As an Air Force brat, Amy grew up all over the world, but married a man who was born and raised on the same Bellevue plot of land on which his father was born and raised. She is a sports fanatic and often astounds men by knowing more about football than they do! She has written Bible studies on at least 25 books of the Bible. Currently she is working on a study on the Song of Solomon.

Favorite Scripture verse: Amy tells me that her favorite verse is actually a favorite Passage (Phil. 3:7-14). But, the main part of it is verses 10-12 which say, *"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."*

Amy, we are so happy that you are part of the Cornerstone family.

New Cornerstone Staff

We are pleased to announce two new staff members at Cornerstone.

Mr. Nathan Dukes is joining our middle school teaching staff. He will be teaching seventh grade science for second semester. Nathan is a recent graduate of Grace University, has served as a substitute teacher at Cornerstone, and is currently a graduate assistant at Grace University.

Mrs. Mandy Matson will serving as the para for 1st -3rd grades on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning on January 4th.

Nathan and Mandy will be wonderful additions to Cornerstone and a blessing to our teachers and students!

WELCOME

Join us for Cornerstone's
Family Night Out



January 10th at Subway
Twin Creek, Bellevue

Thrivent Choice -

Cornerstone Cougars Inc. dba Cornerstone Christian School is now a participating organization in Thrivent Choice.

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year. Cornerstone Cougars Inc. dba Cornerstone Christian School is listed in the program's searchable online catalog.

The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program engages Thrivent members and chapters in providing grants that support charitable activities. By directing Choice Dollars®, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent.

If you have Choice Dollars available to direct, please consider directing to Cornerstone Christian School. We plan to use Thrivent Choice grant funding for the tuition assistance program. We will provide you with updates in the coming weeks.

To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice . Or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836.



PULSE

Almost half of Cornerstone's high school population are a part of the PULSE volunteer club. PULSE stands for People United Loving Serving Everyone. PULSE coordinator, Gindy Guido, reported that the students raised \$786 at their Baked Goods and Crafts sale this fall. They spent over \$500 supporting the children of recently released prisoners who would be seeing their kids for the first time at Christmas. PULSE was able to meet all of the requests. We appreciate parents, Kelly Will & Tracey Ackerman, also, for their help with the PULSE club.

- Thoughts for a Successful 2017 -

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:6-7 New Living Translation