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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

One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." John 13:23-24

I can just see this scene. The disciples are gathered in the upper room celebrating the Passover with Jesus, but there is a greater hush over the room. They know that Jesus' hour had come. Jesus stands to wash their feet and the conversation moves to the raw knowing that soon one of His own will betray Him. They are troubled and want to know if it is them and Peter, seemingly always quick to speak, leans over to John and says, "Ask Him. Ask Him. Who?"

Here is what I find remarkable in this scene, John describes himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved". That is not a statement of arrogance or presumption, but the deep, deep knowing of who he was- **He is dearly loved.**

We see another who is described in this manner. Daniel is distraught over the sin of God's people. With a heavy heart, he confesses his sin and that of his people and as he is praying, an angel appears.

"While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved." Daniel 9:20-23

Gabriel is sent to give Daniel God's prophecy about the timing of the captivity and the 70 weeks, strong and weighty words, but first the Lord needs him to know something-He is dearly loved.

Today, the Lord has something He needs to tell you, you are "God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved" Colossians 3:12a. Listen to His description of you, it is the description of His children. You are dearly loved. Sometimes the world's voice of condemnation and accusation overwhelms our hearts and we need to listen to the gentle whisper of the Holy One, the Most Righteous, "You are dearly loved, loved with an everlasting love.

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. Jeremiah 31:3

Events & Info

February

Beyond the Bell; LEGO (3-5) Feb 2

Feb 7 **PTF Meeting**

Beyond the Bell; LEGO (3-5) Feb 9

Feb 9 **NHS Annual Dodge Ball Fundraiser**

MS 6-7:30pm/HS 7:30-9pm

Feb 10 No School:

Parent/Teacher Conferences; 1-7pm

Feb 11 No School:

Teacher Work Day

PULSE Parents Night Out; 5-8:30pm Feb 11

No School; Presidents' Day Feb 21

Family Night Out 3pm-10pm Feb 23

Texas Roadhouse; Shadow Lake

High School Missions Trips!

Feb 21-27 **El Salvador**

Feb 24-27 **Urban Plunge**

Feb 24-28 **Engage Global**

March

Kindergarten Konnection Mar 4

Noon Dismissal for Kdg

Walk-a-thon Kick-off Mar 7

3rd Quarter Ends Mar 11

Mar 11 NHS Talent Show

Mar 14 No School;

Teacher In-service Mar 18

Grades sent home

Notes from the Front Office:

Dodge Ball Night February 9

The National Honor Society invites you to join in our annual dodge ball night fundraiser. The games will be held in the upstairs activity center on campus. Entry into the games will be \$5. The middle school session will be 6:00-7:30, and the high schoolers session will be 7:30-9:00. Concessions will be available for purchase. Please join us in a night of fun and community!



Another delicious way to support CCS! Come anytime between 3-10pm and mention that you're part of the CCS family!

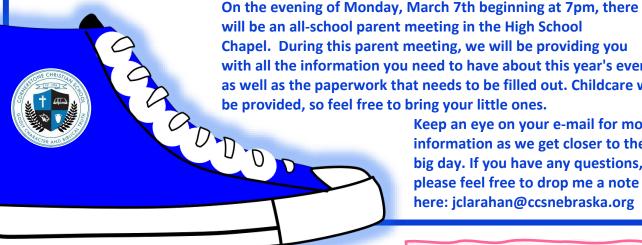
> **Shadow Lake Location** 7302 Olson Drive Papillion, NE 68046

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION MARCH 15th; 7PM

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 event is for PARENTS ONLY and is a great time to meet teachers and learn the routines and expectations of our CCS middle school!

Walk-a-thon Kick-Off by Mrs. Clarahan

Hey Everyone! It's that time again. It's time to start thinking about the BIGGEST event of the school year....the 20th Annual Walk by Faith Walk-a-thon Kick-off Pep Rally. This year's kick-off will be on Monday, March 7th at 2:30 pm. We will be starting the pep rally off with some music from our band students, some cheers from our cheerleaders, and many other fun things. Show your Cougar Spirit by dressing in our school colors...the more blue the better. This is an all-school event, so everyone is invited to join us.



will be an all-school parent meeting in the High School Chapel. During this parent meeting, we will be providing you with all the information you need to have about this year's event, as well as the paperwork that needs to be filled out. Childcare will be provided, so feel free to bring your little ones.

Keep an eye on your e-mail for more information as we get closer to the big day. If you have any questions, please feel free to drop me a note here: jclarahan@ccsnebraska.org

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 10th from 1:00 - 7:00 pm. Please be conscientious of your time with your student's teacher(s). If you would like to discuss a concern further which will require more time, please schedule an appointment with the teacher.

Elementary Conferences (Pre-K - 5th Grade) Elementary conferences will be held in 15 minute increments in your student's classroom. Sign up for conferences on our Sign Up Genius Link Here. (Our "specials" teachers will be available from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.) Please note: If you are unable to attend P/T conferences, please reply to this email.

Middle & High School Conferences

Middle & High School Conferences are on a first come, first served basis in "The Range." They are held in 5 minute increments and **no appointment is** necessary.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

February 11 5:30-8:00 Hosted by PULSE *free-will donation

You are invited to take a night off to enjoy a Valentine's Day date night! Drop off your kids at the Elem/MS cafeteria for fun, games, toys, snacks and more. Ages 3+.

REGISTRATION FOR 2022/2023

Student registration for next school year begins February. Registration will be submitted online via FACTS. CCS will open registration to the community on March 15th, so please have registration submitted as soon as possible to reserve your student's place for next year!

IN THE CLASSROOM







These adorable snowmen were done by the 3rd graders and they used a technique that Mrs. Clarahan had never used in the art room before. They painted with markers. Nice work 3rd graders!

6th grade students read the folktale "Pecos Bill and the Cyclone" in class.
Afterwards, students created comic strips to depict the main ideas and events throughout the story in a neat, artistic way!

-Miss Dick







STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Miss Dryden

2nd Grade

Miss Rachel Dryden joined our staff in January 2021 teaching second grade. Stepping into her classroom, it is evident she loves teaching, loves her students, and makes learning fun through hands-on activities and discovery experiences to reinforce her lessons. She loves teaching Bible, reading, science and history and watching her students' reactions to the discovery of new content and information.

She was born in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to a military family which has fostered her deep patriotism and love for American history. She lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming, before moving to Bellevue, Nebraska, in 2000. While in Wyoming, she attended public school for grades K-2. After moving to Bellevue, she was fortunate to attend Bellevue Christian Academy where a strong background in Christian education was instilled in her both as a student and as a teacher's kid. She attended Bellevue West High School and then graduated from Grace University with her BSE in Elementary Education, and endorsements in Early Childhood Development, ELL, and Biblical Studies.

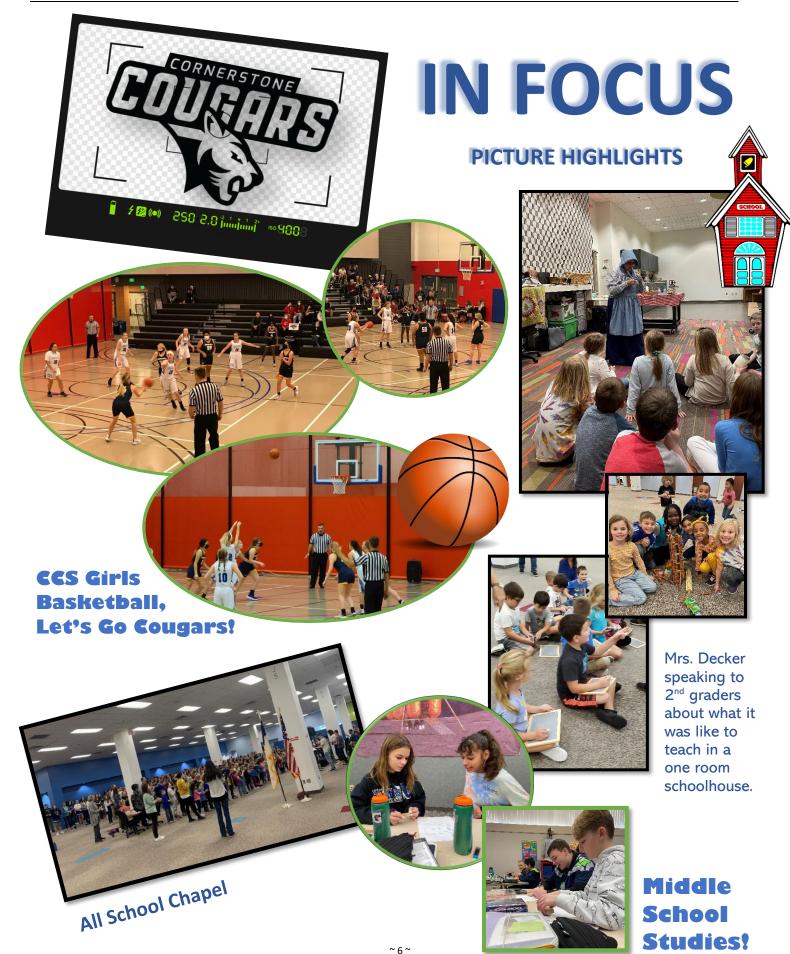
Before coming to Cornerstone, she was a substitute teacher for Bellevue Public Schools where she did several long-term substitute jobs for first and second grades. She also taught preschool and school age children at Noah's Ark Preschool in Bellevue.

Her favorite title is that of, "Aunt Ray Ray" to her three nephews and six nieces. She is very close to her family, dividing her free time between her three siblings and their families. Miss Dryden loves travel, music, and political science. Her favorite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."



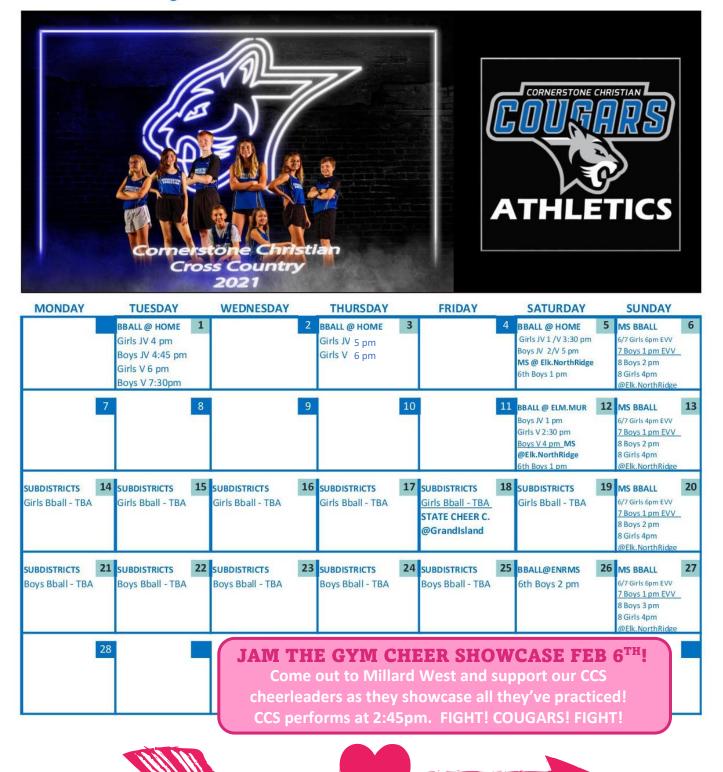






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