

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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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

Faithfulness does not come from strength, but from sacrifice.

Recently, I was in a conversation with a friend who hears the Lord's voice clearly and we were sharing stories of the Lord's faithfulness in our lives and how we are drawn into a deeper faith in response to the Lord's grace and mercy. In the midst of this conversation, he said, "Faithfulness does not come from strength, but from sacrifice." We moved on with our conversation, but in the past days my heart has been drawn back to his words. I have pondered this phrase and have reflected on this truth in my own life. He is correct, my faithfulness to the Lord is not out of my own strength, but out of humble obedience and sacrifice.

The start of a new year is a wonderful time to consider the faithfulness of God, His everlasting love and compassion. I have seen God's faithfulness on the school and in the lives our students and teachers. We have seen a beautiful moving of the Lord in and through our students in the past months. And my response in trust and dependence on the Lord is a brokenness, a beautiful brokenness that is in awe of His work and His faithfulness. In my time of worship and reflection, my friend's words have been brought to mind over and over. "Faithfulness does not come from strength, but from sacrifice."

My prayer for you in this new year is a deeper, stronger faithfulness to our Lord, a faithfulness not from your strength or perseverance or determination, but a faithfulness stemming from humility and brokenness and sacrifice. A faithfulness that brings you nearer and nearer to Jesus.

I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word. I gave an account of my ways and you answered me; teach me your decrees. Cause me to understand the way of your precepts, that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds. My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law. I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws.
Psalm 119:25-30

Events & Info

January

Jan 1-4 No School; Christmas Break
 Jan 5 First Day of Second Semester
 Jan 7 Grades Sent Home
 Jan 10 PTF Meeting
 Jan 17 No School; MLK Day
 Jan 28 Midterm

Feb 7 PTF Meeting
 Feb 10 No School;
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Feb 11 No School;
 Teacher Work Day
 Feb 21 No School; Presidents' Day

February

Notes from the Front Office:



Save the Date

**Cornerstone
 "His Legacy" Banquet**

March 6, 2022

More Information to come
 Regarding Cornerstone's
 annual banquet.

ABSENT AND TARDY STUDENT POLICY

As partners in your student's education, we strongly encourage daily attendance. All school days, finals, field trips and special activity days are considered compulsory attendance days. Parents are required to call and 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.

- High School Office: 402-291-2260
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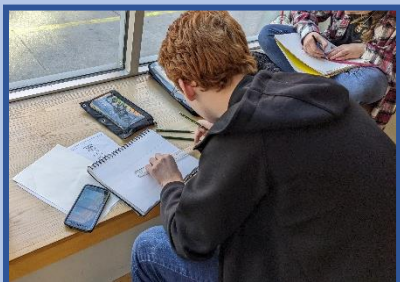


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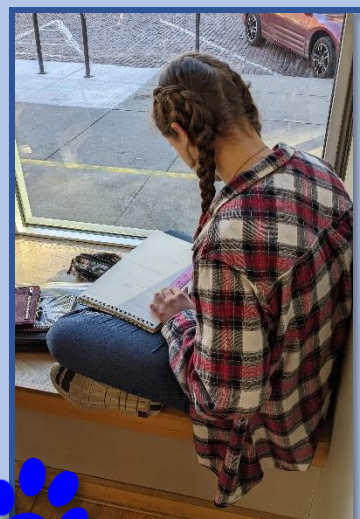
Registration begins for the 2022-2023 school year on February 1st. Re-enrollment will be done online in the Family Portal.

Stay tuned for more information.

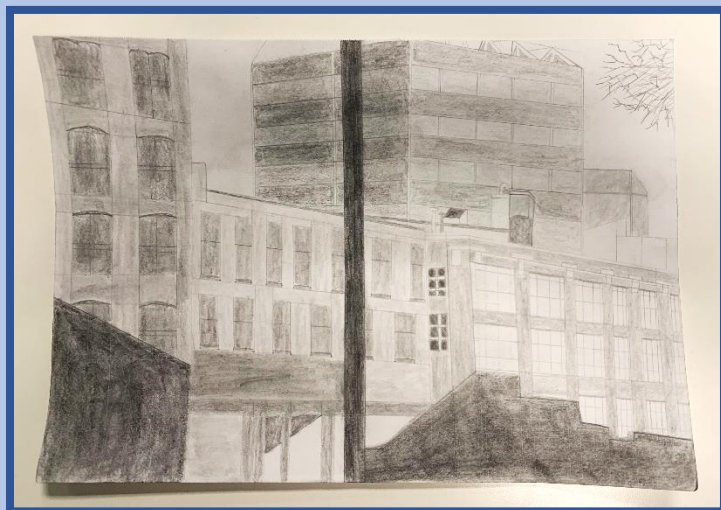
IN THE CLASSROOM



Art History students are learning how to use vanishing points and leading lines to create cityscape drawings in perspective. Students got to go downtown to portray the buildings of the City of Omaha from life.



ARTISTIC PERSPECTIVE



Davis Brollier 12th Grade

Emily Stout 9th Grade



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Deese

Pre-K



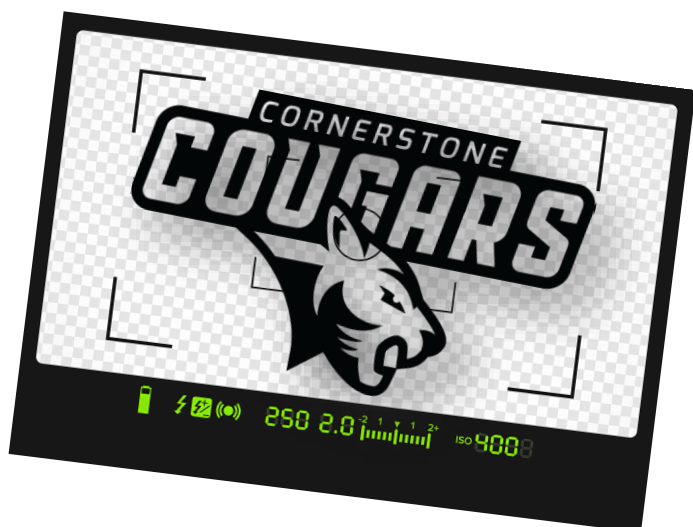
Heather was born and raised in Colorado Springs, CO. After getting her masters degree in Social Work at the University of Denver, she worked at a health clinic in Colorado Springs educating and counseling pregnant teenage girls. In 2003, Heather met her husband, Kevin, and they were married in 2004. The day Kevin put in his papers to get out of the Air Force, he received a call and later accepted a job as the College Pastor at Trinity Church (now Lifegate), Omaha, NE.

Kevin and Heather both have hearts for ministry and missions. They have been on and led trips to Morocco, Costa Rica, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Mexico, and Scotland. Heather was able to do art therapy/counseling with orphans right after the Tsunami of 2004. She loved counseling and worked in a private practice counseling group. Once they started having kids, Heather became a full-time mom. They have 5 children: Adalee 9th grade, Joah 7th grade, Cora 5th grade, Amaya 3rd grade, and Calum 1st grade.

Kevin and Heather have moved and helped plant 4 churches/ministries in Omaha, NE, Fort Collins, CO, and Fort Pierce, FL. In 2020, they moved back to Omaha and their kids started attending Cornerstone. Kevin currently manages a wedding and event venue in the Old Market. This is Heather's 2nd year as the Pre-K Paraprofessional. She loves working with her co-workers and the Pre-K students of Cornerstone. She believes it is a continuation of the call to ministry and living life on mission.

Fun Facts: Heather played soccer in high school. To this day she loves to workout, ski and hike in the mountains of Colorado. If she gets down time, she also loves to do puzzles. She loves watching her kids do the things they love too.

Favorite Bible Verse: James 1:2-4 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."



IN FOCUS

PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS

CCS CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS!



Elementary



Mrs. Burkett helping 2nd grade make Christmas ornaments.



MS/HS



Quiz Bowl Competition



8th Grade Technology students practicing interview and video editing skills.



By Jon Hood, Principal

On December 9th, High School Chapel went all day. Our speaker, Trevor Otto, challenged any of the students who felt lost - to go towards God. Sometimes when we feel lost from God, we focus on "I can't" and not "I can." We CAN because God is with us. Mr. Otto also challenged students to be disciple makers. He explained that discipling can be as simple as being in community/relationship with another person. To give them a chance to practice discipleship, students took a moment to pray for one another. He also had us pray over one of our students who broke her foot earlier this week.

As chapel ended, different pockets of students wanted to continue praying. Other students asked if we could do more worship later in the day. With some students continuing to pray with one another, we attempted to go on with school as normal. It was decided that we would have a time of worship during homeroom and lunch. People were not required to attend worship, but more and more students came to the chapel. Soon, prayer groups of all sizes were forming. And members of our worship team were singing.

I watched a group of 9th and 10th grade boys pray for each other, hug each other, and cry with each other. I soon found out that friendships were being restored and this led people wanting to grow closer to God. Young people were seeking prayer and seeking to pray for others. Teachers gave up class time to watch CCS students seek and worship God. The prayer and worship continued, and I felt led by God to not stop it. Finally, at 3pm I called everybody to chapel and read Luke 8 - the Parable of the Sower. So many seeds had been planted and it was important that we didn't grow fast with no roots or that we didn't let weeds/thorns choke us out. By the end of the day - nine people asked me if they could be baptized.

I have struggled to put into words all the work God did that day. It was too amazing, and God was too powerful for me to capture the scope of our all-day chapel. So many of your students sought God with their heart and lifted their friends to our Heavenly Father. The following morning, we had 7 baptisms! In a nutshell - our school will not be the same.

"But the seed in the good earth- these are the good-hearts who seize the Word and hold on no matter what, sticking with it until there's a harvest."

Luke 8:15 The Message



January

2022



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						
@CO.VIEW 3 Girls JV 4pm Boys JV 4:45pm Girls V 6pm Boys V 7:30pm	BBALL @ TRI.CTY 4 Girls JV 4pm Boys JV 5pm Girls V 6:15pm Boys V 7:30pm	5		6 BBALL @ HOME 7 Girls V 5pm Boys V 6:30pm	BBALL @ HOME 8 Girls JV 11:00am Boys JV 12pm Girls V 1:30pm Boys V 3pm	9
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17	BBALL @ CEDAR 18 Girls JV 3:30pm Girls V 6pm Boys JV 4:30pm Boys V 7:30pm	19	20	21 BBALL @ TBA Frontier Athletic Conference	22	23
Frontier Athletic 24 31 8th Grade 4pm Boys 4:30/7pm Girls V 5:30pm	25	26	27	28	29	30

