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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

March 2022

From the Superintendent's Desk

By Dr. Teri Lynn Schrag, Superintendent

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Revelation 7:9-12

> This week, our high school students completed six of six missions trip for this school year. As part of our commitment to discipleship, our high school students serve on a missions trip each year. Missions and discipleship is central at Cornerstone. It is a responsibility taken up by teachers in the classroom, students in the hallways, coaches at games and practices, and families at community events. While we believe that discipleship happens in every aspect of school, these missions trips both local and international are part of this purposeful nature of discipleship. And on these trips, I often pray that God breaks our hearts for what breaks the heart of God.

> This weekend I had the most wonderful blessing! I was on the trip to Minneapolis where we join Engage Global for a weekend of understanding God's heart for the unreached peoples in the 1040 Window. We visit the Somali and Hmong markets, engage with vendors and shoppers, and enjoy boba tea and mango smoothies. On Sunday, we were all enjoying a big bowl of pho, when I received a text from an alumnus. She and her husband have recently received a call to central Asia. They will be leaving this summer, and they wanted to meet with me as they prepare to leave. I had to let her know that I was elbow deep with my chopsticks in a bowl of pho and would need to text her when I got back into town. Here is the blessing- it was eight years ago on this very trip that she was called to missions and made the decision to walk in obedience to the Great Commission to go to the "very ends of the earth." She was so excited to hear that our students were hearing the same call for the gospel to be taken to the nations and she began praying that they would respond as well.

One of our intercessors gave us this promise last year and it resonates today:

"I created this school for the specific purpose of raising up men and women of God who will be strong and courageous in their pursuit of My call on their lives. They are to be teachers, the leaders, the creative and innovative men and women who will take My word, My will, My way, and My purpose, and they will proclaim it to the world, wherever I send them. These men and women are the vanguard of their generation, and some are already going out in obedient response to My call."

Praying completion of this promise, and His good work in the lives of our students! All for His glory!

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. II Thessalonians 1:11-12

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Events & Info

March Mar 4 **Kindergarten Konnection** Apr 1-2 **Spring Drama Performances**; **Noon Dismissal for Kdg** 7pm both days Mar 5 Mini Cheer Clinic; 9-11am PTF Meeting; 7pm Apr 4 Mar 5 Prom Aid; 7pm Apr 8 Midterm Mar 6 His Legacy Banquet; 5:30pm Apr 13-18 No School: Easter Break Mar 7 Walk-a-thon Kick-off Apr 19 **Grades Sent Home** Parent Meeting; 7pm Apr 22 **Spring Program; 7** (Chili Cook-Off; 6pm) Apr 23 Prom 3rd Quarter Ends Mar 11 Apr 25 Winter/Spring Athletic Mar 11 NHS Talent Show; 6pm Awards Night; 7pm Mar 14 No School: Standardized Testing Week; Apr 25-29 **Teacher In-service** Grades 4, 6, 8 & 10 Mar 15 MS Orientation; 7pm Beyond the Bell; Raptors K-2 Apr 26 Mar 18 **Grades sent home Beyond the Bell; Raptors 3-5** Apr 27 **Mar 18** PTF Family Movie Night: 6:30pm Mar 21 Beyond the Bell; Healthy Snacking K-2 Mar 24 Family Night Out; Godfather's Pizza Mar 28 Beyond the Bell; Healthy Snacking 3-5

Notes from the Front Office:

ALL-SCHOOL WALK-A-THON PARENT KICK-OFF

Monday, March 7th, beginning at 7:00 pm (High School Chapel)

It is very important for at least one adult from every family to be in attendance. At this meeting, we will be giving out the Family Fundraising Packets, providing you with important information, as well as answering all your questions. Child Care will be available during this meeting.



Kindergarten Konnection MARCH 4th; 1:30pm

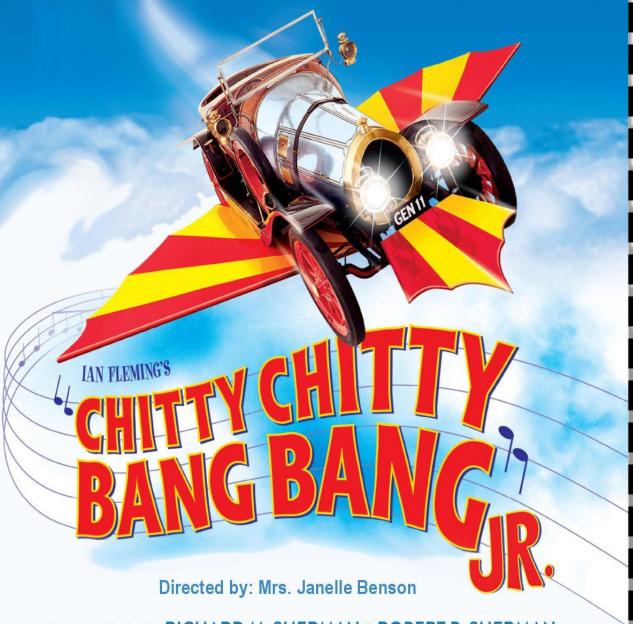
If you have a little one that will be in kindergarten next year, join us for our Kindergarten Konnection on Friday, March 4th at 1:30PM in the Elem/MS lunchroom. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to the office. Please note, students currently enrolled in kindergarten will dismiss at noon that day.

NHS TALENT SHOW

Friday, March 11th; 6 pm Middle School Range Admission: Free Will Donation Concessions Available

Join us for a night of celebrating our students' talents! All proceeds will benefit NHS and our new school in El Salvador.

Cornerstone Christian School Drama Club Presents.



Music and Lyrics by RICHARD M. SHERMAN & ROBERT B. SHERMAN
Adapted for the Stage by JEREMY SAMS & RAY RODERICK
Based on the MGM Motion Picture from the Children's Book by IAN FLEMING



April 1st & 2nd Free-Will 2020 7:00 pm Donation

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Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR.

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Student Creative Writing

IN THE CLASSROOM

Lilly Hughes: Flower English Sonnet:

Smiling faces look to the sky-high sun

Serene rows and fields, brimming with petals

Shining plots of mum, rose, and carnation

Baskets of bluebells, many in getal

Fat blissful dew rolls off waxy new leaves

In dark soil, lively worms burrow homes

Jubilant bees plucking the hive's needs

Pollen on fuzz where the carrier roams

Roots full of gaiety when fresh rain comes

Ravishing bouquets of carefree daisy

Acres of sunshine, jovially hum

Sun dips low and the flowers get lazy

All flora delights deeply in sleeping

Petals at rest until the sun's waking

Seamus Connelly:

Limerick - The Happy Old Lady

A happy old lady made tea
She sipped in serene harmony
Her hush home was pleasant
For dinner, roast pheasant
and listened to a symphony

God is everywhere

He is with me when I say my prayers

He is with me when I sleep

He is with me when I weep

He is with me when I am strong

He is with me lifelong

He is with me when I do homework

He is with me when I do housework

He is with me at Home

He is also on His throne

He is with me in my highs and lows

God is who I chose.

Meghan Morrison

Evann Kumar (a poem about the omnipresence of God)

Come, come, foes of old.
With your lies and plots, oh so bold.
But oh! Watch out! For my Lord is with me
With His grace and strength He won't ever leave me.

Father, Son and Spirit, oh my!
All in one while hearing my cry
Wherever I go, You are there
Even in evil's camp, the frightening lion's lair.

The world's designer comes to my aid, Saying, "Son, I am here, do not be afraid." Even when I mess up You anoint my head, You fill my cup. Aubrey Jantz: Reading Haiku

Reading narratives
Eloquent words, vision blurs
Tears of emotion





STAFF SPOTLIGHT





Mrs. Fasnacht Middle School School

Rebecca Fasnacht has been married for 23 years to Chris and together they have four children. Their oldest son, Jordan is a US soldier and a freshman in college at Concordia University - Seward, NE. The second oldest son, Jared is a freshman here at Cornerstone. Jayla is a seventh grader at Cornerstone and the youngest, Josiah, is a kindergartener at Cornerstone.

Rebecca was born and raised in small-town Clarinda, IA – ninety miles southeast of Bellevue. Post high school she'd lived in 4 different midwestern states before moving to Bellevue, NE this past August. She graduated college from South Dakota State University with a bachelor's in microbiology and chemistry. She is currently a student at Bellevue University working to complete my teaching endorsement. Rebecca previously worked in healthcare, science research, and owned a horticultural business.

The Fasnacht family was privileged to be a foster home for nine years in Iowa prior to their move to Nebraska. This was a time of great joy and reward. They became family to many young children and hope to someday continue that mission here in Nebraska.

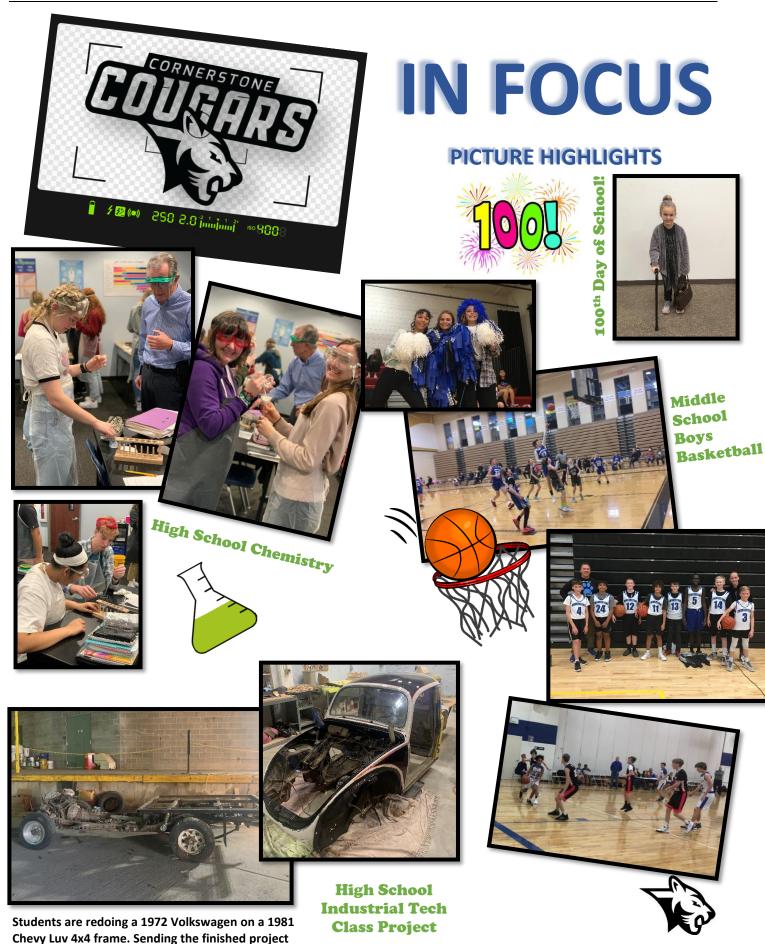
Rebecca started teaching at Cornerstone back in October 2021. She teaches 7th and 8th grade science. Prior to this time, she had no idea that she would be teaching, though always thought of trying it. As the Fasnachts were settling into Bellevue and enrolling children in Cornerstone, Rebecca felt God calling her to serve a role at this school. It soon came to her attention that the school needed a middle school science teacher, and God put the pieces together solidifying Rebecca's conviction to serve God through this school.

In her spare time, Rebecca loves the outdoors; specifically gardening and hiking!





to World of Wheel Auto Show, April 1-2!



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