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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*

April 2022

From the Superintendent's Desk

By Dr. Teri Lynn Schrag, Superintendent

*This is what the Lord says— **your Redeemer**, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God,
who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."
Isaiah 48:17*

I love the story of Ruth, a widow from Moab who chooses to follow her mother-in-law back into Israel. She leaves her family and her culture in exchange for a nation and a religion that was not her own. *"Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."* Ruth 1:16. And in this choosing, God restores to Ruth hope and love, and weaves her into the ancestry of the Lord Jesus. Moving back into Bethlehem, Naomi guides her to glean in the fields of Boaz, and it is there that Boaz is prompted to become her kinsman-redeemer. This custom of taking in the abandoned or forgotten or widowed is a beautiful foreshadowing of us and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are the abandoned, the forgotten, the widowed, and the One who loves us most redeems us to Himself.

To redeem means to buy back, to free from what gives distress or causes harm such as to free from captivity by payment of ransom, to restore, to exchange for something of value (www.merriam-webster.com). To redeem is giving value and honor to the rejected and dishonored, the one forgotten by the world. But God in His great mercy, redeems us as His own.

Yes, this is most wonderful picture of the Lord's love for us, over and over in His word He tells us that He is our Redeemer, the one who buys us back from the slavery of sin and draws us into His everlasting love. In Him, we are loved, secure, known, honored, and restored.

God gives us a graphic picture of His love for us and His willingness to buy us from the horror of our sin, the sin we choose and go back to over and over again. God comes to Hosea, his prophet, and gives a raw instruction. "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom", Hosea 1:2, and Hosea obeys and marries Gomer, a woman redeemed from the sex trafficking trade in the village. And then time and time again, Gomer goes back to her old life of sin and slavery. But God in His great mercy, sends Hosea again to buy her back, restoring to her honor and love. I can only imagine the humbleness and compassion of Hosea as he enters the market to buy Gomer back. This is what the Lord does. In complete humbleness and compassion, He walks into the marketplace of our sin and buys us back by His precious blood. We are redeemed to a life of hope and love and honor. All glory to God that He is our Kinsman-Redeemer, our Beloved, our Hope!

*I know that **my Redeemer** lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, Yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! Job 19:25-27*

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Events & Info

April

Apr 8	Midterm
Apr 8	WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day Theme: "Crazy Hats"
Apr 13-18	No School; Easter Break
Apr 19	Grades Sent Home
Apr 22	Spring Program; 7 pm
Apr 23	High School Prom
Apr 25-29	Standardized Testing Week; Grades 4, 6, 8 & 10
Apr 26	Beyond the Bell; Raptors K-2
Apr 27	Beyond the Bell; Raptors 3-5
Apr 29	WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day Theme: "Super Hero"
Apr 30	HS/8 th Grade Girls Lock In

May 2	PTF Meeting; 7pm
May 6	Walk-a-thon
May 13	Awards Night; MS & HS
May 17	Awards; Grades 1-5
May 19	Pre-K Grad, Last Day of Pre-K
May 19	Baccalaureate
May 22	Senior Graduation
May 23	Kindergarten Graduation
	Last Day of K; Noon Dismissal
May 25	Last Day of School Grades 1-8; Noon Dismissal
May 25	HS Finals; Noon Dismissal
May 26	HS Finals, Last Day of HS; Noon Dismissal

May

Notes from the Front Office:

You're Invited to
 Cornerstone Christian School's
2022 Spring Program
 Friday, April 22nd, 7pm
 Bellevue Christian Center

Walk A Thon Update!

We have had two amazing pep rallies and the students have really shown their school spirit. The next pep rally and dress up day is Friday, April 8th. The theme is *Hat Day!* The all school pep rally will begin at 2:55pm in the Range.

As of Friday, March 25th, Cornerstone has raised \$26,000. We are well on our way to hitting our \$200,000 goal. If you haven't turned in your packet, please do so .

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer or donate needed items. If you can help, please go to the sign-up genius link:

[WALK-A-THON Volunteer Sign Up](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail Mrs. Clarahan at jclarahan@ccsnebraska.org

REMEMBER,

God is Good...All the Time!

REGISTRATION REMINDER
 Re-enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year opened on Tuesday, February 1st. If you did not receive your re-enrollment email, please let us know.

Students On Mission

2021-2022 mission trips recap:

For me, the mission trip I took to Colorado this last fall was my best one yet. When we were there, we got to learn about a lot of different organizations and what they did to serve God and reach out to other people. But that wasn't necessarily the part that made the biggest difference in my life. For me, it was that I grew so much spiritually in my walk with God, and I also grew in my relationships with other people. Prior to going on the mission trip, I had struggled in my faith and was going through problems that I thought couldn't ever be solved. It was hard to live with faith over fear because I often would let fear win. And I didn't understand why God would allow me to go through the things that He did. But after going on the mission trip, I felt almost restored in a sense. I was able to understand that God had a plan for everything in my life and everything that I go through so that one day it could be used for His purpose and His glory. And there was no reason for me to fear! I also gained a few more people in my life that I now consider to be very dear to me. I shared my struggles with them. And they have been there to help me through any of my hardships, and they always encourage me to go back to God. I doubt I'd be where I am today without going on the Colorado mission trip. Getting to see God's work at hand in my life and in the people around me was just incredible. -Kaitlyn Holaway 12th Grade

Going to Kansas opened my eyes to how much we take for granted. We focused on helping the homeless, but by helping the homeless, helped me. I saw people grateful to get a granola bar and yet I complain if my food isn't well cooked. They are grateful for the smallest things. We painted some houses so that homeless people could stay in them. By painting one room and knowing that it will make a long-term impact for someone, made me want to work harder. God taught me that I don't always have to reap the benefits of my labor or see the results of my works to feel good or to make an impact. In its time, if your work is for the glory of God, it will always work out. It will always be part of His plan. I also worked in a food pantry. To be honest it was boring. Stacking food and putting it back. I thought to myself, "what is this going to do for others, how is me putting food in bags helping anyone?" I wanted to do something big. I was upset, but the next day I saw a homeless man with one of the bags that I put food in, in his hand. God gave me this picture and taught me a lesson. You don't always get to see the happiness or fruits of your labor but do whatever you do to the best of your ability because you never know what impact you can have on someone's life. Live like today is your last. Be kind to others, do your work to your best ability, but most of all honor God and He will honor you. So whatever you do to help others, whether you do see it or not, will help and impact their lives forever. So I will not give up on helping someone, or feel burdened to help someone, because God taught me to always put others in front of myself. Jonoah Lopez 10th Grade

My weekend in Minnesota was life changing. I saw just how dark the world is and how badly people need THE Light. I walked into this trip wanting to be out of my comfort zone and to try something new. Little did I know, how much God would take me out of my comfort zone. Saturday, we went to the Hindu temple, and it was eye-opening. So many people worshipping idols. When I walked into the temple, I got a headache and could feel Satan's power over those lost people so deep in darkness. One of the students felt a righteous anger and said, "They are taking away glory from our Savior." After that trip to the temple, I felt a battle waging inside of me, darkness vs. light. I felt broken and heavy. Mrs. Schrag told us to pray about what happened, for those lost souls, and also to pray that God would fix our brokenness and make us even more beautiful people than when we walked into the temple. My take from the mission trip was a challenge to step outside my comfort zone; darkness is everywhere and people are in desperate need for Jesus. Grace Linden 10th Grade

Students On Mission

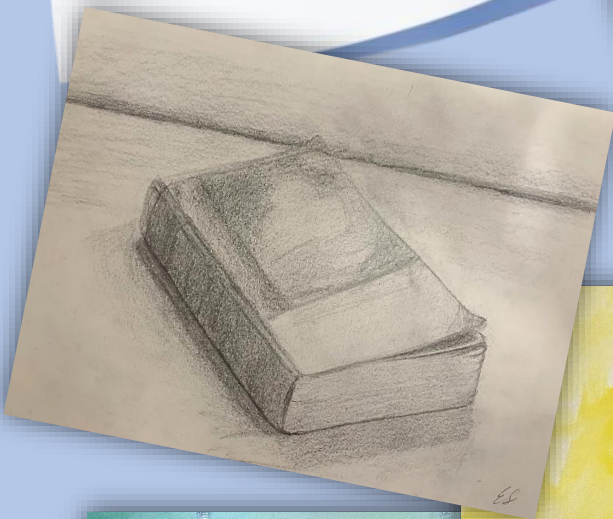
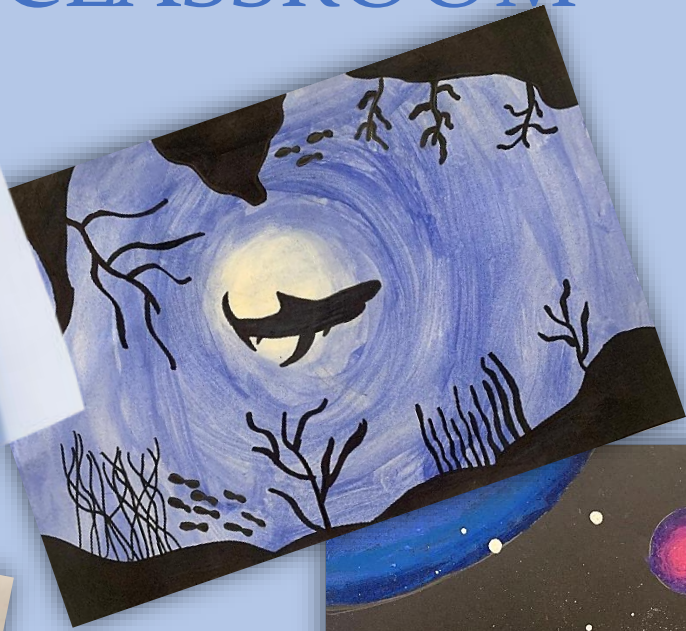
The mission trip to El Salvador was one of the best experiences of my life, so many people came to Christ. While we were there, we ministered through stories of hope to students ranging from 2nd grade to seniors in high school. These kids were especially hungry for not just Christ, but for social interaction after the quarantine in El Salvador. They were locked in their homes, much like us, but they had to get permits to go outside. I was able to learn about a different culture and at the same time help show people God and hope. I cannot recommend this mission trip enough; we did a lot of work but there is still much to be done. Lucas Hemsworth 12th Grade

I did not really understand what was so important about going to Des Moines, out of all the places we could go to, why Des Moines? I lived in Iowa for 13 years of my life, so I thought I knew it well, but I did not realize the true need there. I discovered just by driving through Des Moines the need. There are so many people homeless that we do not even realize they are there half the time because we are so focused on ourselves. We went to so many different ministries that needed help, we went from cooking to cleaning to organizing. One ministry we visited was the Freedom for Youth Center, but not to serve how we thought we were going to. We split up into three different groups. One group started in the kitchen making food. One group was making gospel tracts, which is our testimony on a piece of paper and the final group was washing each other's feet. Which scared a lot of us. We had been working that morning and we were sweating, and now we were supposed to wash each other's feet? I was filled with dread to go to that station, but not out of fear of touching someone's feet, but them touching mine. The dread came from the insecurities of letting people wash my feet, there was no hiding, and that was scary. It was also a huge humility moment of knowing where you hold yourself compared to others. We read John 13:1-17, where Jesus washes Peter's feet. Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet. Peter even replied, "You shall never wash my feet." Back then they wore open toed shoes, had dust everywhere. No Jew was allowed to wash the feet of another, and now Jesus was washing the dirtiest of feet at dinner time. This was unheard of. The King of the universe washed his feet. We were peers and we still did not want to do it. Jesus found us at our dirtiest and washed us clean. He found us in our messed up, wreck of a life and saved us. He gave us a clean slate. I was shown this in the most unexpected of places. -Sarah Merz 9th Grade

This was my second time to Camp Calvin Crest and I really enjoy being able to serve by building, fixing, or creating things for other people. I was asked to give a devotional and hesitated but part of me knew I needed to speak on unity, because as a group of 20 students, there needed to be unity to serve well as a team. Our group managed to accomplish a lot for Camp Calvin Crest; we cut down branches, separated wood, cleaned outdoors, built fireboxes and my favorite, was helping a thrift store sort out their donated items to be sold. At night we would have small chapel sessions and, in the morning, the speakers could feel the joy Cornerstone gave out and everyone felt proud about the effort they put into their work. Briseida Lopez 11th Grade

IN THE CLASSROOM

A collection of beautiful artworks from our elementary, middle school and high school students!



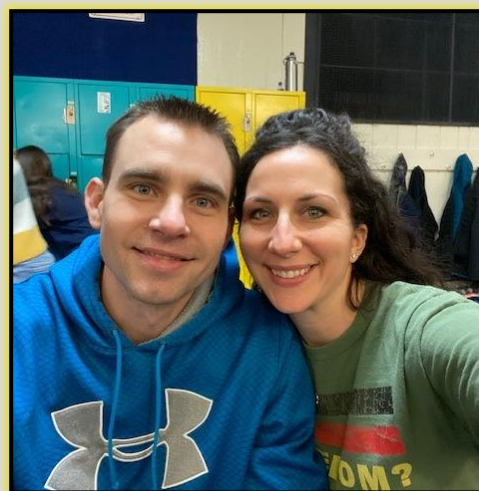
STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Peltier High School

This is Brittany's first year teaching at Cornerstone. She is the high school Advanced Placement US History teacher. In her spare time, she enjoys thrifting, reading nonfiction books, and playing with her two children. Brittany was raised in a military family that moved a lot when she was growing up. Las Vegas, Nevada is where her family lived the longest and where she considers home. After graduating high school, she went to the University of Arizona in Tucson where she received her bachelor's degree in history and her master's in education (GO CATS!). It was in Tucson where she met her future husband who was active duty in the United States Air Force. Her husband is still currently serving in the Air Force as a Navigator and is stationed at Offutt, AFB. Together, they have been stationed in six different places in the past 12 years. Her favorite place to live has been Japan. She misses the culture, the food, and the beautiful landscape. She has two children, Deacon (1st grade) and Arrie (Pre-K), both of which attend Cornerstone. Brittany's walk with Christ began when she was saved at VBS. Throughout her life, she has always felt God calling her to education and is thankful to be a part of the Cornerstone Family. God truly calls to Cornerstone!

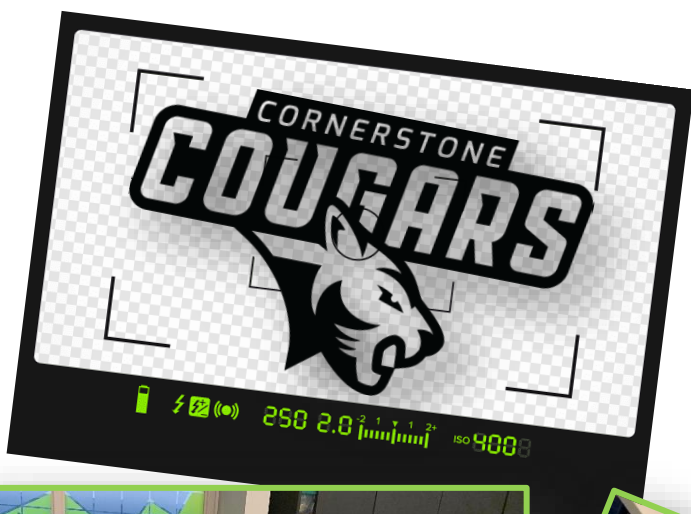
Fun tidbit: Her favorite dog breed is the Golden Retriever. She dreams of one day living on a farm full of them. She currently has a 10 year old Golden named Scout who enjoys coming to Cornerstone for afterschool pick up and getting to say hi to anyone who will pet him.

Favorite Scripture: *Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8*



IN FOCUS

PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS



Middle school science students dissect worms!



3rd Grade students design pillowcases to remind them to pray!



Mrs. Hartmann promoting PTF Family Movie Night!



NHS Talent Show!

April

2022



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 MS TRACK Boys AM/ Girls PM @NorrisMiddleSch. HS SOCCER Boys V Invitations! TBD @Seward	2
3						
4 HS SOCCER Boys V 4:30pm Boys JV 6pm @Gross Girls V 5pm Girls JV 6:45pm @Roncalli	5 HS SOCCER Girls V 4:30pm Girls JV 6pm @Gross	6 HS TRACK DC West Invite 10am @DCWest,Valley HS SOCCER Boys V 4:30pm Boys JV 6pm @Gross	7 HS SOCCER Girls V 4:30pm @Platteview GIRLS TENNIS 4pm @McCannField	8 MS TRACK Girls AM/ Boys PM @RalstonHighSchool HS SOCCER Boys V 12pm @Gross	9	10
11 HS TRACK 9:30am @Pawnee HS SOCCER Girls V 4:30pm/JV 6pm@Gross	12	13	14	15	16 Happy Easter Tulips	17
18 HS SOCCER Girls V 4:30pm Girls JV 6pm @Gross	19 HS TRACK Irish Invitational 9:30am@Syracuse HS SOCCER Boys V 4:30pm JV 6pm @Gross	20 GIRLS TENNIS vs. Omaha Benson 4pm @OmahaBenson HS SOCCER Girls V 6pm @ElkNor Boys V 4:30pm JV 6pm@Gross	21	22 MS TRACK Boys AM/ Girls PM @ElkhornMiddleSch.	23	24
25 HS SOCCER Boys and Girls Varsity RCC Tournament TBA	26 HS TRACK Pawnee City Invite 9 am @PawneeCity HS SOCCER RCC TOURNAMENT TBA	27 HS TRACK Frontier Conference @9am HS SOCCER RCC TOURNAMENT TBA	28	29 MS TRACK Girls AM/ Boys PM @OmahaBensonHS	30	

