

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

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From the Superintendent's Desk

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Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The Christmas season brings the sweet strains of many beloved Christmas carols including many beautiful songs that we recall from youth. As children, we sang the simple yet profound truths of Christmas within the carols, songs of the "good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

In addition to the beautiful Christmas carols, comes the wonderful scents and smells that are part of our holiday traditions. It may be the fragrance of a fresh cut tree, the scent of hot mulled cider, and the aroma of gingerbread and sweet treats. But what scent was on Mary's mind as she recalled that first Christmas morning? It was not the fragrance of fresh pine or even cinnamon rolls, it was the odor of cattle, straw, and perhaps the smoke of a small fire. She welcomed the Messiah into a Bethlehem stable, cradling the Creator and King of Kings to her heart.

Within Scripture, the Lord has spoken of scents, aromas, and fragrances when we are instructed to "*spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him as we walk through our daily lives, appointed by the Lord as men of sincerity, commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.*" II Corinthians 2:17

This Christmas season, as commissioned and appointed by God, spread the aroma, the scent, the fragrance of Christ to your world. Be to those around you the sweet aroma that draws them to His heart of love and grace.

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. II Corinthians 2:14-15

December

Dec 1-2	Maker's Market
Dec 4	CCS Family Night Out; Panera
Dec 7	K-5 Christmas Program, 7pm
Dec 10	PTF Paint & Sip Fundraiser Orders Due
Dec 14	MS/HS Christmas Program, 7pm
Dec 19	2nd Quarter Ends
Dec 19	Class Christmas Parties
Dec 20-31	No School; Christmas Break

January

Jan 1-2	No School, Christmas Break
Jan 5	Grades Sent Home
Jan 6	Snow Ball; HS Winter Formal
Jan 15	No School; M.L. King Day
Jan 26	Midterm

Notes from the Front Office:

PTF PAINT & SIP

FUNDRAISER



ORDER DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 10
KIT DISTRIBUTION:
DECEMBER 15

COST \$15

THE PTF IS EXCITED TO HOST THE 4TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL PAINT AND SIP CLASS LED BY MRS. CLARAHAN. THE COST IS \$15 PER PAINT AND SIP PACKAGE. PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP:

[SIGN UP LINK](#)

CCS CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Elementary Program
December 7, 2023

MS/HS Program
December 14, 2023

Bellevue Christian Center

7:00 pm

Music Directors:
Mr. Mark Lambert
Mrs. Kimiko Hammons
Mrs. Monica Stryker

School snow days and school closings will be announced via school wide e-mail and on television stations WOWT (Channel 6) and KETV (Channel 7). Cornerstone 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.



IN THE CLASSROOM

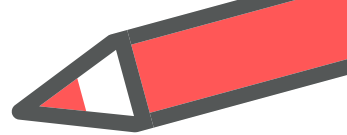
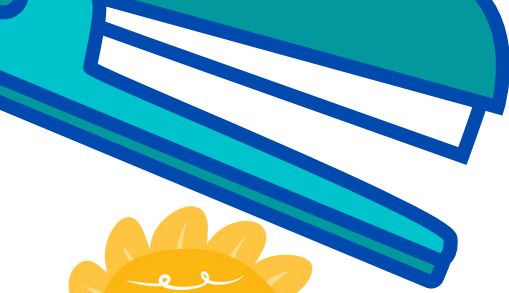
GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON THEIR YEARLONG PASSPORT PROJECT IN MRS. PELTIER'S 9TH GRADE GEOGRAPHY CLASS. AS STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THEY DOCUMENT WHAT THEY LEARNED ABOUT EACH COUNTRY ON IT'S DESIGNATED SPACE IN THEIR "PASSPORT." ONCE THEY FINISH LEARNING ABOUT THAT COUNTRY, THEY RECEIVE A STICKER (COUNTRY STAMP) JUST AS THEY WOULD IF THEY ACTUALLY WERE TRAVELING TO THAT COUNTRY. IT'S REALLY FUN AND INTERACTIVE!



MR. RING CAME TO TALK TO SECOND GRADE STUDENTS ABOUT VETERANS DAY. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY DURING VIETNAM AND DESERT STORM.

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VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED





STUDENT GALLERY



3RD GRADE TREE SILHOUETTES
A STUDY OF WARM AND COOL COLORS.



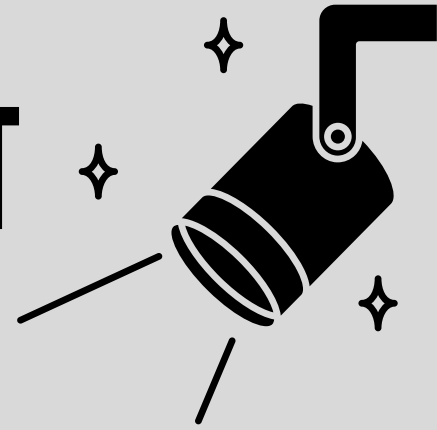
8TH GRADE ANIMAL SKULLS
BASED ON THE WORKS OF GEORGIA O'KEEFFE



4TH GRADE : AURORA BOREALIS

CORNERSTONE'S STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Katie Gruner *Librarian*



Mrs. Gruner grew up in a military family and lived here in Omaha for much of her childhood. Katie had a Christian education right here at Cornerstone Christian School from kindergarten until she moved in the 6th grade and was then home schooled until graduation. She considers it such a blessing to be able to see her own children grow up learning in the same school. Katie is married to Eric, and they have three kids who have attended Cornerstone since 2020: Logan is in 9th grade, Ben is in 5th grade, and Chloe is in 1st grade. They have lived in the Bellevue area for over 20 years, so it is home here!

In 2019, she began to have her eyes opened to how the world twists truth or subverts Biblical principles. All media was viewed with a different lens than before as God impressed upon her the importance of sharing books with her own children that would draw their minds and hearts to what is good and beautiful about God's world around them, and to build discernment in them. Mrs. Gruner started volunteering in the CCS library last year and accepted the position as librarian this year in faith that God had drawn her experiences and interests to this area years before taking the role. It has been a fulfilling time of reading to students and encouraging each student to be readers with the goal to ultimately be readers of God's Word.

Mrs. Gruner is also a registered nurse and works part time with Children's Nebraska in Home Healthcare. Newborns and lactation counseling are some of her specialties there. In her spare time, Katie also enjoys baking, gardening, decluttering and organizing spaces, reading, volunteering in Children's ministry at church, and spending time with family and friends.

Favorite verses from the Bible: Lamentations 3:22-24

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end; they are
new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, therefore
I will hope in him."





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PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS



Kindergarten
Shenanigans



2nd Grade Learning about invertebrates and
God's design of the earthworm.



3rd Grade
Derby Car Contest!

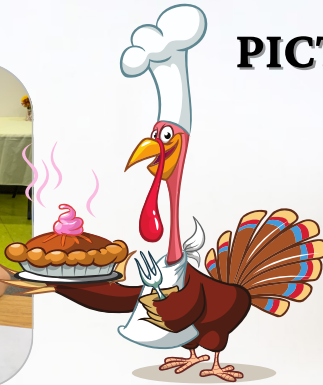


1st Grade
Gifford Farms
Field trip



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Thanksgiving Lunch PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS



THANKFUL
AND
BLESSED



THANK YOU



YUMMY





December



January 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 MS Basketball 7th Girls @Concordia 8am 6th Girls @ Lifegate 9:10am 8th Girls @ Holy Cross 1:40pm 6th Boys @ St. Gerald 1:40pm 8th Boys @ St. Columbkille 5:20pm
3 MS Basketball 7th Boys @St. Gerald 1:10pm	4	5 Girls Basketball vs Mead Boys BBALL vs Mead	6	K-5 Christmas Program 7	8	9 MS Basketball 6th Girls @St. Gerald 11:20am 7th Girls @ St. Plus 2:50pm Girls Basketball V vs Whiting Boys BBALL V vs Whiting
10 MS Basketball 6th Boys @St. Matthew 1:40pm 7th Boys @ St. Wenceslaus 3:30pm 8th Boys @Roncalli 6:20pm	11 Boys & Girls Basketball JV vs Iowa School for Deaf	12 MS Basketball 8th Boys @St. Cedar Bluffs 4pm Girls Basketball vs Parkview Boys BBALL vs. Parkview	13	14 MS/HS Program Boys BBALL V vs Heartland Christian	15 Boys & Girls Basketball V vs Wahoo Bishop Neumann	16 MS Basketball 8th Girls @Christ the King 1:40pm 6th Boys @ St. Wenceslaus 1:50pm 8th Boys @St. Robert East 12:40pm Girls Basketball V vs Guardian Angels Central Catholic
17 MS Basketball 7th Girls @St. Mary Omaha 12:15pm 7th Girls @ St. Mary Omaha 1:20pm 7th Boys @St. Mary Omaha 2:25pm	18	2 nd Quarter Ends 19	Christmas Break 20	Christmas Break 21	Christmas Break 22	23
24	Christmas Break 25	Christmas Break 26	Christmas Break 27	Christmas Break 28	Christmas Break 29	30
31 Christmas						

- All Dates & Times Subject to Change -

SATURDAY, DEC. 9TH
CCS QUIZ BOWL 2 CCS 9AM
ARCHERY @ ATLANTIC MIDDLE SCHOOL 7AM
SATURDAY, DEC 16TH
SWIMMING EKHORN INVITATIONAL

25 NAMES OF JESUS

Christmas Countdown



1

THE WORD
John 1:1

2

LIGHT OF THE WORLD
John 8:12

3

TEACHER
John 1:38

4

THE LAMB
Rev. 12:11

5

DELIVERER
Rom. 11:26

6

PRINCE OF PEACE
Isaiah 9:6

7

IMMANUEL
Matt. 1:23

8

SON OF GOD
John 1:34

9

RIGHTEOUS JUDGE
2 TIMOTHY 4:8

10

AUTHOR OF SALVATION
Hebrews 5:9

11

MAN OF SORROWS
Isaiah 53:3

12

FOUNDER & PERFECTER
Hebrews 12:2

13

CREATOR
Col. 1:16

14

GOOD SHEPHERD
John 10:11

15

KINGS OF KINGS
Rev. 19:16

16

CORNERSTONE
Isaiah 28:16

17

MESSIAH
John 4:25

18

ALPHA & OMEGA
Rev. 1:8

19

SACRIFICE
Eph. 5:2

20

HIGH PRIEST
Heb. 4:14-16

21

THE VINE
John 15:5

22

THE CHRIST
Mark 8:29

23

SAVIOR
1 John 4:14

24

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR
Isaiah 9:6

25

JESUS
Matt. 1:21