And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." Acts 2:38-39

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#### From the Superintendent's Desk

By Dr. Teri Lynn Schrag, Superintendent

#### With Cords of Love

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. Jeremiah 31:3

February is the month of love. Restaurants are decorated with elaborate red hearts, displays of candies and cards greet you in the stores, and plans are being made for dinners out and red roses. But in the Scripture is given the most amazing love story of all time. Not Ruth and Boaz, or Joseph and Mary, but Hosea and Gomer.

In the Old Testament book of Hosea, we read the story of Hosea and his wife, Gomer, and we see a picture of God's amazing love for us. 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. Then time and time again, Gomer goes back to her former life of sin and slavery even after having children with Hosea. 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 from slavery. This is exactly what the Lord does. 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. 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 Redeemer, our Beloved, our Hope!

Yes, this story of Hosea and Gomer is the 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 tells us of His love, binding Himself to us and drawing us with cords of love.

It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them. Hosea 11:3-4

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## February

Feb 3 NHS Dodgeball Night MS 6pm/HS 7:30pm

Feb 9 No School; Parent/Teacher Conference

Feb 10 No School; Teacher Work Day

Feb 14 Elementary Valentine's Day Parties

Feb 20 No School; Presidents' Day

Feb 20 Guatemala Mission Trip Leaves

Feb 21 El Salvador Mission Trip Leaves
Feb 23 Family Night Out: Chick Fil A 5-7pm

Feb 24 Urban Plunge Trips Leave



Teacher Apreciation Week! 2/28-3/2

## March

Mar 3 Kindergarten Konnection; Noon Dismissal for Kidnergarten

Mar 6 Walk-a-thon Kick Off

Mar 10 Third Quarter Ends

Mar 13 No School, Teacher & Staff In-service

Mar 14 Middle School Orientation, 7pm in the Range

Mar 17 Grades Sent Home

#### Notes from the Front Office:

THE PTF IS HOSTING AN ICE SKATING FAMILY FUN NIGHT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH FROM 6:30-8:30 PM
LIBERTY FIRST CREDIT UNION ARENA (FORMERLY RALSTON ARENA).
FREE FOR CCS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. INCLUDES SKATE RENTAL.



Skip the dishes and join us for Family Night Out in support of our school!

Thursday, February 23rd

5-7pm at Chick-fil-A 2016 Cornhusker Rd, Bellevue



#### MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION TUESDAY, MARCH 14th 7PM IN THE RANGE

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!



# IN THE CLASSROOM

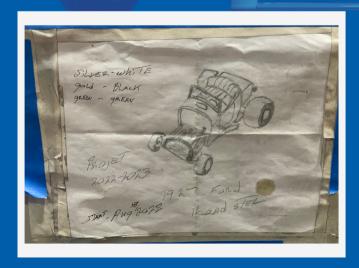






High School Small Engine Students have the unique opportunity to work from the ground up on a 1927 Ford Roadster with hopes of entering the finished product in the World of Wheels Exhibition this Spring!

#### **Design Concept:**





STUDENT GALLERY









8th graders were inspired by Van Gogh's Sunflowers in creating their own vase and flowers.







4th Graders use Q-tips to create these adorable snowmen!

#### **CORNERSTONE'S**

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT \*

# Mrs. Dougherty

#### Kindergarten Teacher

Leah was born and raised in Bellevue, Ne. She attended Bellevue Christian Academy and graduated from there to go onto to Grace University for a year. Mrs. Dougherty, then followed with a few different roles in nursing at UNMC. She was a school nurse for a few years for Bellevue Public Schools after both of her boys were in school. Then along came their "surprise" Scarlett, and Leah was blessed to be able to stay home with her until this past school year.

The Lord has opened doors and given her a desire to pursue teaching Kindergarten. What a blessing for her and for CCS! She is in her first year of teaching here at Cornerstone.

Leah has been married for 24 years and they have two boys and a daughter, one of her sons graduated from CCS last year and the others currently attend the school. In her spare time, Leah loves reading, drawing/painting, watching basketball, enjoying coffee, and being with her family.

#### **Favorite Bible Verse:**

"The Lord will fight for you, you only need to be still."

**Exodus 14:14** 





# IN FOCUS IN FOCUS

**PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS** 



2nd Graders
learning all
about
hedgehogs
with a fun in
class
encounter!







**High School Chapel!** 









## **February**



	March 2023							
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
26	27	28	29	30	31			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
			1	2	3	4		
				Girls Bball JV 5:30pm V 7pm @Boystown		Bball Girls JV 1pm & V 3:30pm Boys JV 2pm & V 5pm HOME		
8th Girls 5:40pm @St.MaryOmaha 6th Blue 3pm White 5pm 7th Girls 5pm/Boys 3pm @ENRMS	6	7	8	No School, PT Conference	No School, Teacher In	Bball 11 6th Girls 4pm & 6pm @ENRMS Girls JV 12pm & V 2:30pm Boys JV 1pm & V 4pm HOME		
8th Girls 1:20pm @St. MaryOmaha 6th Blue 5pm White 5pm 7th Girls 6pm/Boys 3pm @ENRMS	Girls Bball Subdistricts Boys JV 6pm &V 7pm Home	Valentine's Day 14 Girls Bball Subdistricts HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Girls Bball Subdistricts	16 Girls Bball Subdistricts	17 Girls Bball Subdistricts	Bball 8th Boys 10:10am @Holy Cross 8th Girls 10:20am @St.Stephen 6th Girls 7pm @ENRMS		
19 Bball 6th Boys Blue 5pm 6th White 5pm & 7pm 7th Girls 3pm/Boys 4pm @ENRMS	Presidents Day 20 Girls Bball Dist. Final Boys Bball Subdistricts No School, Presidents Day	<b>21</b> Girls Bball Dist. Final Boys Bball Subdistricts Quiz Bowl MS @LaVista	<b>22</b> Girls Bball Dist. Final Boys Bball Subdistricts	23 Girls Bball Dist. Final Boys Bball Subdistricts	<b>24</b> Girls Bball Dist. Final Boys Bball Subdistricts	Bball 25 6th Girls Spm 25 @ENRMS Boys Bball District Finals TBA		
26 Bball 6th Boys 4pm 7th Girls 6pm 7th Boys 3pm @ENRMS	27	28	Archery Meets on the following Saturdays: 11th, 18th, and 25th					

--- All Dates & Times Subject to Change ---

#### CCS Overseas

San Luis
Guatemala







Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.



Apopa El Salvador

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."







1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.



Sisabari





Havana & Alamar

Cuba

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Philippians 4:19-20 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.





India

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