

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

*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

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*Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her,  
You Are the God Who Sees. Genesis 16:13*

In the past months, the Lord has brought me to the story of Hagar over and over. The story of the Egyptian slave girl forced into bearing the child of Abraham. I cannot imagine her story, sold in the slave markets of Egypt and taken from her homeland, learning the customs and language of a new people, and then to become the concubine of the elderly Abraham. He had been called by God, the God of promises, the God of faithfulness and truth, and he was promised a son. But instead of waiting on the promises of the faithful God, he and his wife forced their human ideas and plans into the story. They did not trust the promise of the Most Faithful and instead turned to their own schemes and Hagar became pregnant, but God is the One who redeems!

Hagar whose name means "forsaken" was again forsaken by those who were to care for her and after conceiving a child, Hagar was treated with contempt. Running from her home, she collapses by a spring in the wilderness and then the most wonderful thing happens.

"Now the Angel of the Lord found her." Genesis 16:7 The Great I Am, the God of promise and the God of mercy finds her. Oh, to be found by God! She is found and the Lord speaks to her, and she is no longer forsaken. No, she is found. She is seen. Her sorrow and fears are known and she is loved!

Today, you may feel like Hagar, trapped in the sins of others, forsaken by the ones who were to care for you. You may feel like Hagar, unseen, forgotten, abandoned, and forsaken- unloved. But know this- you are seen, you are found by the One who loves you most.

*For she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi. Genesis 16:14*

The Lord reveals Himself to Hagar, and she sees the One who sees her. Dear friend, you are seen, you are known, and you are loved today. As He was with Hagar, the Lord who sees, is waiting to redeem you and show compassion on you. The Lord of Promise has a promise written for your heart.

*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet  
my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of  
peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.  
Isaiah 54:10*

## Events & Info

January

Jan 1-3 No School; Christmas Break  
Jan 4 First Day Back to School!  
Jan 6 Grades Sent Home  
Jan 9 Beyond the Bell; Let's Paint! K-1st  
Jan 10 Beyond the Bell; Let's Paint! 2nd-3rd  
Jan 11 Beyond the Bell; Let's Paint! 4th-5th  
Jan 16 No School; M.L. King Day  
Jan 23 PTF Meeting; 7pm  
Jan 26 Family Night Out; Chick-fil-a 5-7pm  
Jan 27 Midterm  
Jan 31 Family Skate Night; Skate City Bellevue

## February

Feb 9 No School; Parent/Teacher Conference  
Feb 10 No School; Teacher Work Day  
Feb 20 No School; Presidents' Day  
Feb 20 Guatemala Mission Trip Leaves  
Feb 21 El Salvador Mission Trip Leaves  
Feb 24 Urban Plunge Trips Leave

2023

### Notes from the Front Office:

## Registration for Fall 2023

Registration begins for the 2023-2024 school year on February 1st. Re-enrollment will be done online in the Family Portal. Stay tuned for more information.



SAVE THE  
*date*

Cornerstone Christian School's  
"His Legacy"  
Banquet

**March 12, 2023**

Information to follow.



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

**HEADING INTO 2023, WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS & SUBSTITUTES FOR LUNCH DUTY. WE ARE BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER A HOT LUNCH. OUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THE HOT LUNCH PROGRAM RELIES FULLY ON PARENT VOLUNTEERS.**

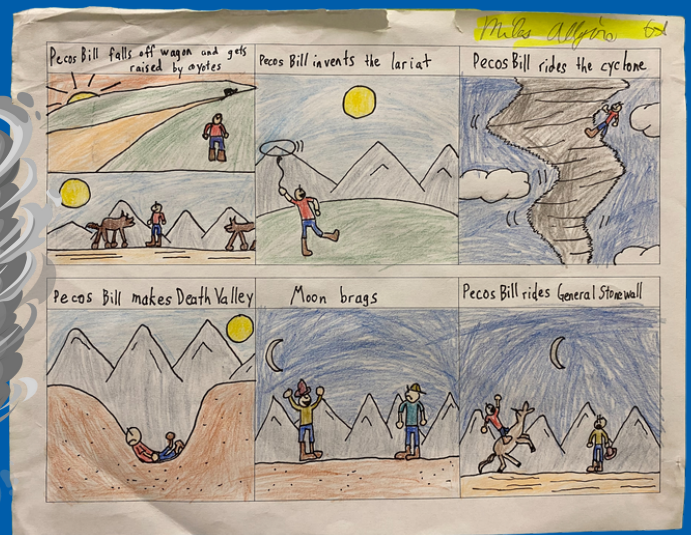
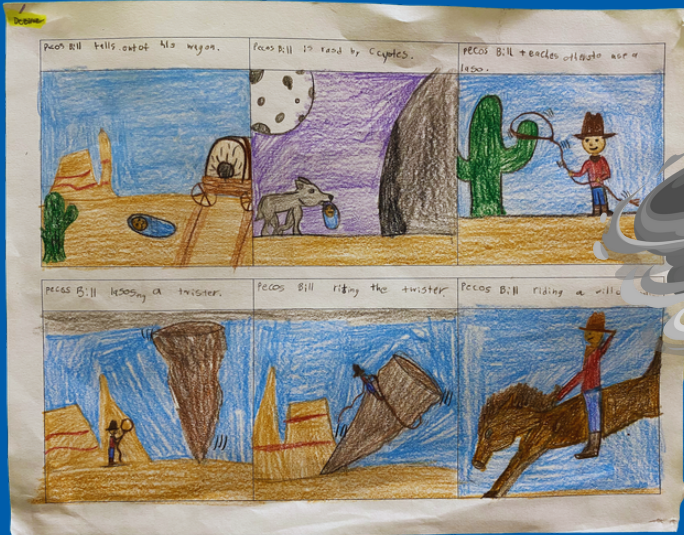
**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP VOLUNTEER IN THIS AREA ON A WEEKLY BASIS OR EVEN JUST AS A SUBSTITUTE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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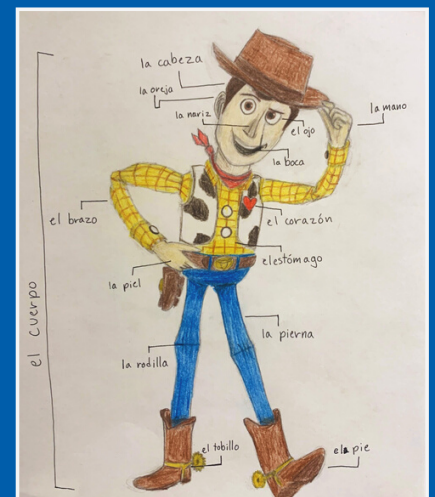
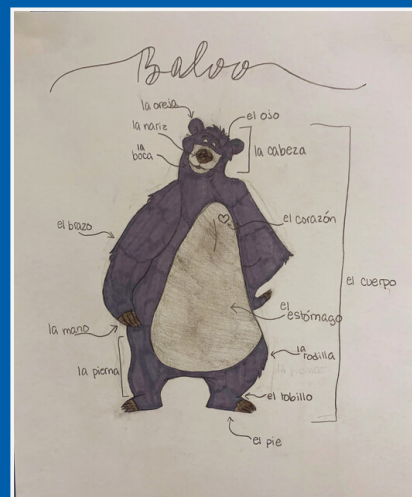
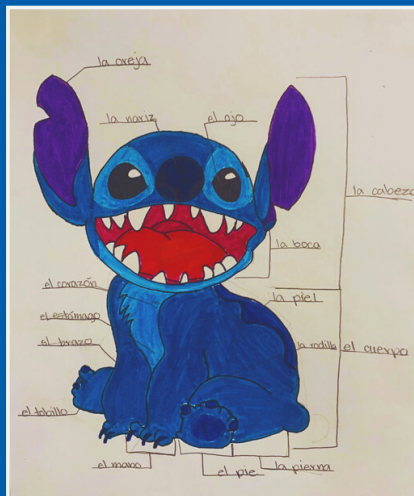




# IN THE CLASSROOM



6th grade students read "Pecos Bill and the Cyclone" and created comic strips that depict the story of the famous folktale.



Spanish 2 students had to draw a person and label their body parts. Most of them chose a character from a movie or show, so they had fun with it!



2nd Grade Students  
used line design to  
create these bears and  
added colorful  
sweaters to keep  
them warm!

# STUDENT GALLERY



HS ART STUDENTS USE MARKERS AND  
WATERCOLORS TO CREATE PORTRAITS OF  
NEBRASKA FISH.

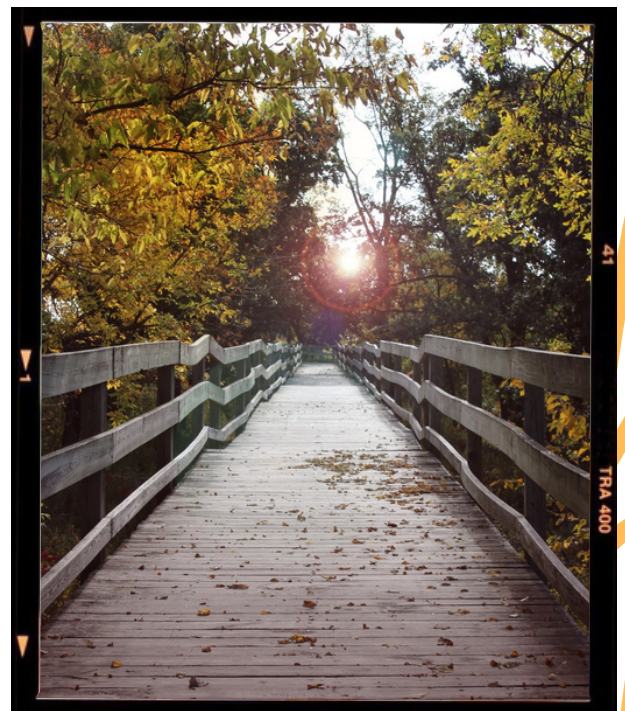


This fall, students from across the state of Nebraska entered a photo contest, hosted by Senator Ben Sasse and the four categories for submission were Agriculture Showcase, Nebraska Landscape, Celebrating Work, and Vibrant Nebraska Communities. Two of our CCS high school students' images were selected to be printed and displayed in the Senator's office!

Phil VanSickle, 11th Grade



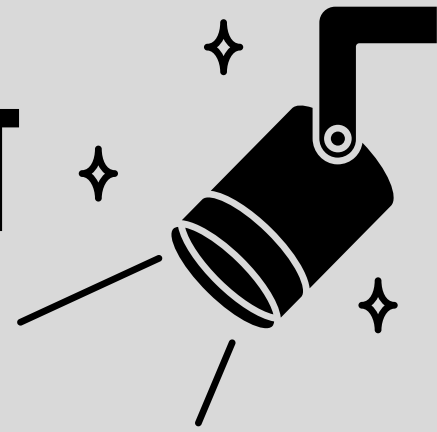
Candace Volker, 11th Grade





# CORNERSTONE'S STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## *Mrs. Stryker*



### Elementary and Middle School Music Teacher

Monica grew up in Dawson, Nebraska. Her family moved to Lincoln when she was 12. She graduated from Lincoln Christian School and then got her degree in music education from Doane University. While at Doane, she met her husband, Jake, in the college band. Jake is a physical therapist at the hospital clinic in Shenandoah, IA. They have five children: Kade in 8th grade, Cameron in 5th grade, Daniel in 3rd grade, Paxton in kindergarten, and Mariah in preschool. All five kids attend Cornerstone. They have lived in Lincoln, Omaha, and O'Neill, Nebraska. They have been in Plattsmouth for the past seven years.

This is Monica's first year teaching music at Cornerstone and her fourth year teaching music overall. She stayed home with her children and homeschooled them until Kade started at Cornerstone when he was in 4th grade. While living in Lincoln, she was the theater coach at Lincoln Christian and directed HONK! the musical in addition to other plays, melodramas, and one-acts.

Monica comes from a long line of teachers and decided she wanted to be a music teacher in fourth grade. Music class was awful that year and she thought kids should have a better experience learning music. She started her "teaching career" helping with kindergarten Sunday school when she was in junior high. Her favorite part of teaching is watching the students develop their skills and talents not only in music but, also in life. Music is just the vehicle to help guide students to become well-rounded men and women of godly character.

Favorite Verses: 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."*





# IN FOCUS IN FOCUS

## PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS



**Christmas Program!**



*Sophomore physical science students testing their trebuchets.*



**5th Grade Student Biography Presentations**







# January



Cornerstone Christian School

Educating children to become learners – equipped with Godly character and Biblical Truth

February 2023

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
New Year's 1	<b>New Location!</b> @Brownell 2 Bball Girls JV 4pm V 6pm Boys JV 4:45pm & V 7:30pm HOME Christmas Break	3 Bball Girls JV 4pm & V 6pm Boys JV 5pm & 7:30pm HOME Christmas Break	4	5	6 Bball Girls V 5pm Boys V 6:30pm @Whiting	7 8 <sup>th</sup> Bball Boys 10:10am @StBernard
8 8 <sup>th</sup> Bball Boys 4:35pm @StMary Girls 2:20pm @StStephen	9 Bball Girls JV 4pm & V 6:15pm Boys 5pm HOME	10	11	12 Bball Girls JV 4pm & V 6pm Boys JV 5pm & 7:30pm @OCA	13	14
15 8 <sup>th</sup> Bball Boys 3:30pm @StWenceslaus Girls 2:20pm @StGerald	MLK Day 16 No School, Martin L King Day	17 Bball Girls V 5:30pm Boys V 7pm HOME	18	19	20	21 8 <sup>th</sup> Bball Boys 10:10am @HolyCross Archery Hosted @CCS Girls Bball Frontier Athletic Conf. TBA
22 8 <sup>th</sup> Bball Girls 3:30pm @StPatrick	23 Boys Bball Frontier Athletic Conf. TBA	24	25	26	27 Quiz Bowl @ConcordiaMS/HS Archery Host:NStar 8 <sup>th</sup> Bball Boys 12:40pm @StRobertEast Girls 10:10am @StBernard	28
29	30 Bball Girls JV 4pm@CedarBlf Girls V 6pm & Boys V 7:30pm @HeartlandCh	31 Bball Girls JV 4pm & V 6pm Boys JV 4:45pm & V 7:30pm @CVA				

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



# CCS International

## 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.

## Apepa 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.

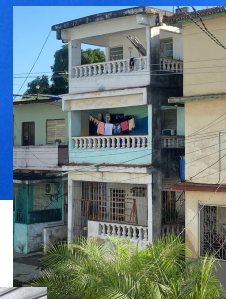


## Malawi Africa

## Havana & Alamar

### Cuba

Romans 15:13  
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.



## Sisabri

### India

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.

